

MIC Mini - 2026 Tournament Rules

1. The MIC Mini will be an unsanctioned 10-pin bowling tournament.

- a. Except for rules restricting the entry of transgender competitors, all USBC tournament rules will be in effect for this tournament.
- b. The MIC Mini 2026 Tournament is a mixed handicap competition for persons 18 years and older.
- c. Tournament events will consist of (1) 3 game doubles competition and (1) 3 game team competition. Additional jackpots will be made available at the bowling center.
- d. Teams may be comprised of any combination of four bowlers.
- e. Bowlers are limited to one entry per event.

2. Awards and Prizes

- a. In a sell-out tournament (30 teams), the tournament guarantees a \$1,000.00 payout to the first-place team and a \$1000.00 payout to the first-place doubles pair. If there is no sell-out (30 teams), tournament management will adjust the prize fund as necessary.
- b. Cash prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of all events, and jackpots will be paid as they are announced.
- c. Payout ratio shall be a minimum of 1:10 for the doubles and team events.

3. Averages, Handicap and Adjustments

1. Any bowler entering the MIC Mini 2026 Tournament must establish a (10) ten-pin or string pin average acceptable to USBC. (Per USBC Rule 319)
2. Bowlers must use the highest qualifying average regardless of which hand the average was earned determined in the following order of priority:
 - a. Current Tournament Average with at least 21 games from the IGBO Tournament Average Database (TAD) as of 30 days prior to the start of the MIC Tournament.

- b. If (a) is not available, use the 2025 – 2026 book average (minimum 21 games). If bowler competed in more than one league, the bowler MUST submit the COMPOSITE average of all leagues bowled with at least 21 games.
 - c. If (b) is not available, use the 2024- 2025 book average (minimum 21 games). If bowler competed in more than one league, the bowler MUST submit the COMPOSITE average of all leagues bowled with at least 21 games.
 - d. If (c) is not available, use the 2025 final summer league average (minimum 21 games). If bowler competed in more than one league, the bowler MUST submit the COMPOSITE average of all leagues bowled with at least 21 games.
 - e. If none of the above is available, a current season league average (minimum 21 games) as of the entry deadline will be accepted. Bowler will provide the highest league average recap sheet. Failure to provide the sheet results in Section IV(2)(g) being in applied.
 - f. Bowlers who cannot meet any of the above criteria, shall use a minimum of 130 and must submit all league averages and tournament scores (for the 12-months immediately preceding the entry cut-off date) for possible average adjustment.
 - g. If none of the scenarios above is apply, the entering average shall be 230. USBC Rule 319a (2) does not apply.
 - h. The above averages MUST be verified by one of the following methods:
 - i) League standing sheet, signed, and dated by League Officer, or
 - ii) Letter from League President or Secretary, or
 - iii) Verification through the IGBO database (TAD) or USBC database (Bowl.com), or
 - iv) Photocopy of book average (with year noted), signed and dated by League Officer.
 - i. Averages from “Sports Condition” leagues are not acceptable at any time.
3. The per-game handicap for the tournament shall be based at 90% of the difference between the bowler’s entering average (see Rule 16) and a scratch score of 230. Negative handicap will NOT apply.
4. USBC rules regarding the BOWLER's responsibility to verify the accuracy of his/her entering average, whether submitted by the bowler, the team captain, or any other individual, applies to all bowlers. Failure to use proper average shall disqualify scores if the submitted average is lower than the actual average, thereby resulting in a lower classification for more handicap. Event placement and/or prize winnings shall be based on the higher average should the submitted average prove to be higher than the bowler's actual average. (USBC Rule Book, Rule 319)

4. Registration/Attendance/substitutions

- a. Registration will be available online only, opening on March 8th, 2026, and closing on May 15th, 2026.
- b. Registrations are considered incomplete until payment is received. Bowlers will not have a spot until full payment is submitted.
- c. The tournament shall be limited to 30 teams (120 bowlers).
- d. Registrations will be processed individually and in time-stamped order.
- e. Bowlers are responsible for ensuring an on-time arrival for competition. Bowlers will receive zero(s) for any missed frames.
- f. If a bowler cannot make the event, it is the responsibility of the team to replace the bowlers.

g. Entry Fee

Lineage	\$ 18.00
Doubles PF	\$25.00
Singles PF	\$25.00
Lunch	\$7.00
MIC Donation	\$5.00

Total **\$80.00**

5. Scoring/Protest-

- a. All protests must be brought to the tournament management prior to the start of payout. Low to cash will be announced for each event with a five-minute call for a protest.
- b. Tournament management shall have the final say on any protest or challenges.

6. Miscellaneous/Other

- a.** Tournament management reserves the right to deny entry or remove from competition any bowlers found to violate tournament rules. No refunds will be granted.
- b.** Bowlers who use foul, abusive, or otherwise derogatory language or act unsportsmanlike will be removed from the competition.