

Calling all inventors: USBC seeks device measuring friction on bowling lanes

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In an exclusive opportunity, the United States Bowling Congress is offering the chance to influence the future of bowling through a new technology contest.

USBC will award a **\$5,000 first-place prize** to the individual or team submitting the best design for a device that can measure the amount of friction on a bowling lane. Second prize is \$2,000.

The apparatus would be used to measure the coefficient of friction on bowling lanes to determine compliance with USBC guidelines for certified competition.

Registration may begin immediately. Deadline for submission to USBC is Dec. 10. Anyone over age 18 is eligible to participate in the contest.

Visit the Specifications and Certification section of bowl.com for the complete rules and registration information.

"This is a chance to help shape the future of bowling," said USBC Technical Director Neil Stremmel. "Going forward, USBC would like to solicit input and involve great minds inside and outside the bowling industry."

The USBC Equipment Specifications and Certification testing facility is an eight-lane center in a climate-controlled building where team members regulate and standardize bowling equipment by concentrating on pin and product testing, research work, bowling center certifications and lane dressing inspections. The team of engineers, technicians and support staff provides lane-conditioning support for a variety of tournaments and Sport Bowling events.