

USBC INTERCOLLEGIATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Intercollegiate Singles Championship (ISC) Sectional Qualifiers are certified by the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) and shall be administered by the USBC Collegiate office and applicable USBC rules will be observed.

Squads – Rule 600-Collegiate

There will be separate divisions for men and women. The men's division will start at 8:30 a.m. and the women's division will be conducted at 3:30 p.m.

Eligibility – Rule 601-Collegiate

Participants in the USBC Intercollegiate Singles Championships (ISC) must meet the following USBC Collegiate eligibility criteria:

1. Full-time student enrolled in the Spring semester at a higher education institution (minimum of 12 hours undergrad or six hours graduate).
2. Be a USBC Collegiate member for the current season or pay a non-member participation fee of \$25 to the tournament manager.
3. Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale) as determined by the college they are enrolled in.
4. Student-athletes have a maximum of four years eligibility in the USBC Intercollegiate Singles Championships.
5. Participants in the ISC are not required to be a member of an intercollegiate bowling team.
6. ISC advancers will be required to submit a completed USBC Collegiate eligibility form to the USBC Collegiate office by May 1.
7. An individual who is classified as a touring and/or resident professional by a professional bowling organization is not eligible for USBC Collegiate membership. If an organization's title uses the word professional, individuals applying for membership or holding membership in that organization shall not be eligible for Intercollegiate Singles Championships.

Entry Fee – Rule 602-Collegiate

ISC entry fees postmarked by January 30 are \$50 per participant. Entries postmarked after January 30 are \$75 per participant. The ISC Sectional Qualifier entry form must be completed, signed and submitted along with the entry fee (non-refundable) to the USBC Collegiate national office and postmarked no later than March 4. Entries are based on a first-come, first-serve basis. USBC Collegiate reserves the right to decline entries based on availability. Walk-in entries will *not* be accepted and any cancellation spots will not be filled on site. USBC Collegiate does not charge an award fee.

Participation – Rule 603-Collegiate

Multiple entries are not accepted. Participants may bowl in any ISC Sectional Qualifier location.

Participation as an individual in the Intercollegiate Singles competition does not constitute a year of USBC Collegiate intercollegiate team eligibility. There is no limit to the number of participants from a university.

Athlete Requirements – Rule 604-Collegiate

Submitting the ISC Sectional Qualifier and ISC National entry form and fee means that all student-athletes agree to abide by all event and competition rules and policies. Any event and/or competition rule or policy violation could result in disqualification.

Sectional Qualifier Format – Rule 605-Collegiate

All participants will bowl six (6) games of competition, moving pairs with total pinfall determining final standings. A total of twenty-four (24) men and sixteen (16) women will advance to the Intercollegiate Singles Championships. A minimum of four (4) men will advance to the ISC from each sectional site. The remaining eight (8) advancer's in the men's division will be allocated based on the size of the field at each sectional.

Ties – Rule 606-Collegiate

Sectionals: In the event of a fourth-place tie after the completion of the six games of the ISC qualifying competition, a ninth and 10th frame roll-off will be utilized until the tie is broken. The individual bowling the highest first three-game total will select the starting lane. The competing student-athletes will receive two practice balls on each lane. The student athlete on the left lane will begin the roll-off.

In the event that a qualifier needs to be replaced and there is a tie to determine who will advance to the ISC, the high game from the qualifying scores will determine the student-athlete to advance. If the high score for each student-athlete is the same, each subsequent high score will be used until the tie is broken.

Nationals: In the event there is a tie for any position at the completion of qualifying, the athlete with the highest game in qualifying will be assigned the higher seed. If a tie exists at the end of any match in the match-play portion of the event a ninth and 10th frame roll-off will be utilized until the tie is broken.

Dress Code – Rule 607- Collegiate

Participants in the USBC Intercollegiate Singles qualifying must be professional in appearance and meet the following USBC Collegiate dress code rules:

The official uniform must be loose-fitting and not made of denim, fleece, nylon or spandex-like material. No jeans, warm-up suits or hats of any kind are permitted. All student-athletes are required to have a neat appearance in both clothing and personal grooming. Team uniforms and use of advertising/logos on equipment, uniforms and apparel for the USBC Intercollegiate Team Championships and Sectional Qualifier competitions must adhere to the following:

1. Team Shirts – Each student-athlete must wear shirts that are identical in style, color, print and design. All shirts must consist of collared, v-neck, rib-lined, or banded necklines only. T-shirts are not approved for competition.
2. Logos – A student-athlete may wear apparel that bears a trademark and/or logo provided the following criteria are met:
 - a. No more than four logos (team logo or sponsor) are permitted on a uniform.
 - b. Logo(s) can be placed only on the right or left shirtsleeve, shirtfront chest and/or the front of the student-athlete's skirt, culottes, skort, walking short or trouser.
 - c. Logo(s) cannot exceed 2 inches in height and 3 inches in width including any additional material surrounding the normal trademark or logo (i.e. patch/emblem). School trademark, logos, name are exempt from this policy.
 - d. In the event the USBC Intercollegiate Singles Championships and/or Sectional Qualifiers have major sponsorship, the student-athletes will be required to wear an event logo and/or sponsor advertisement/logo during the entire event. Event management will determine placement of this advertisement/logo.
3. Women's Apparel – Female student-athletes are required to wear trousers, skirts, culottes, skorts or walking shorts. All skirts, culottes, skorts or walking shorts must be no shorter than one-half the distance from the inseam to the top of the knee in length and/or no shorter than the fingertips when arms are at their sides while standing. Each student-athlete must wear trousers, skirts, culottes, skorts or walking shorts similar in color and the same in print or design.
4. Men's Apparel – Male student-athletes are required to wear trousers. Trousers must not contain drawstring waists or elastic bottoms (ankles).

Student-athletes must comply with these rules at all practice sessions and competitions. The tournament director will enforce these guidelines and questionable apparel must be referred to the tournament director for approval before it is worn.

Penalty – Failure to comply with any dress code will result in a verbal warning and apparel change (if applicable). Second offense will result in a verbal warning, apparel change (if applicable), and/or possible disqualification for that block and following blocks until rectified.

Equipment Alterations – Rule 608-Collegiate

Altering the surface of a bowling ball by the use of abrasives, cleaners, or polish is prohibited during competition. In addition, no substances may be placed on the outer surface of the bowling ball. The outer surface of the ball may only be cleaned with a dry towel once the bowler has begun competition. Competition is defined as any time teams are bowling for score. No modifications can be made to affect the

balance of the bowling ball (i.e. additional weight holes, modification of existing holes, etc.).

Penalty for first offense: Individual is warned and the ball is removed from that competition (qualifying block or match).

Penalty for second offense: Forfeiture of game in which the violation occurred.

Code of Conduct – Rule 609-Collegiate

All participants in the ISC must adhere to the USBC Collegiate Code of Conduct. Failure to comply will result in immediate disqualification.

Participants in the ISC Sectionals are prohibited from drinking alcoholic beverages, smoking or using tobacco products at the host center, whether they are competing or not. In the event a student-athlete is witnessed possessing alcohol or behaving in a manner unbecoming of an ISC Sectional participant, he/she will be immediately disqualified for the remainder of the event and subject to suspension.

Practice – Rule 610-Collegiate

There will be a 10-minute practice session prior to the start of competition. Bowlers not present will forfeit their time.

Settee Area – Rule 611-Collegiate

Only student-athletes competing in the USBC Intercollegiate Singles qualifying are allowed in the settee area once competition starts. Individual coaches are not permitted in the settee area.

Re-Racks – Rule 612-Collegiate

Participants are allowed a total of one re-rack per game. Violations will result in a forfeit of all pinfall for that frame. Tournament management may grant additional re-racks.

Lane Courtesy – Rule 613-Collegiate

To maintain the pace of bowling, it is proper etiquette in this event to observe one-lane courtesy and deliver the bowling ball within a reasonable amount of time. Additional courtesy or delivery time is inappropriate, delays the pace and hinders the completion of competition on time as determined by the tournament manager.

First offense: Individual receives a warning.

Second offense: Individuals will receive a score of zero for all remaining frames in the game.

Third offense: Individual will be removed from the event.

Score Verification – Rule 614-Collegiate

Participants are responsible for verification of their score. Any scoring corrections must be made prior to signing the recap sheet.

ISC National Format – Rule 615-Collegiate

All twenty-four (24) men and sixteen (16) women in each division will bowl six (6) games of qualifying to determine the seeding for the match-play brackets. The top eight athletes in both divisions after six (6) games of qualifying will receive byes in match play.

Athletes qualifying first through eighth in the men's division will be seeded into Round 2 of match play. Athletes in the women's division qualifying fifth through eighth will be seeded into Round 2 of match play and the athletes first through fourth will be seeded into Round 3 of match play. For match play, participants will compete in a three-game total pinfall single-elimination bracket with the higher-seeded athlete selecting the starting lane. The participant on the left lane will start the match. Athletes will switch lanes after each game of the match, and alternate who starts each game.

Declined Invitation – Rule 616-Collegiate

In the event a participant declines an invitation to the USBC Intercollegiate Singles Championships prior to May 1, the next-highest finisher in that Sectional Qualifier will be invited. If the invitation is declined after May 1, the spot may not be filled.

Expenses – Rule 617-Collegiate

USBC Collegiate will cover reasonable travel expenses for the participants to the USBC Intercollegiate Singles Championships including transportation and hotel.

Bowling Equipment – Rule 618-Collegiate

The number of bowling balls a student-athlete can use in the USBC Intercollegiate Singles Championships and Sectional Qualifiers is limited to five (5) bowling balls, including practice and competition.

Termination/Release Clause

To the Chief Operating Officer of the United States Bowling Congress: I hereby make application to participate in the USBC Intercollegiate Singles Championships event listed and tender the entry fees required therefore. I warrant that I am a USBC Collegiate member or have paid the \$25 non-member participation fee. I agree to abide by all tournament playing rules and regulations prescribed by USBC, including all provisions set forth on this form. I specifically agree for myself and any replacement chosen by me or for me that if I am not eligible for participation and/or cannot bowl in the USBC Intercollegiate Singles Championships, then my prize, bowling, and expense fees shall be forfeited and all sums tendered by me as prize, bowling and expense fee may be retained by USBC as liquidated damages. The entrant whose name appears hereon or my authorized replacement hereby agrees that the USBC, its officers and agents shall be liable only to the extent of returning entry fees, less expenses, if and when that entrant shall be prevented from bowling any event in the tournament through premature termination of the tournament, which may be brought about by war, national emergency or emergencies or causes relating thereto resulting there from fires, labor difficulties, terrorism or threats of

terrorism, or other causes beyond the control of USBC. I further agree that USBC may use my name and likenesses (including video) for promotional purposes at no cost to me and with no fees being paid by me. The entrant whose name appears on this application and/or authorized replacement hereby agrees that the USBC, and its officers and agents, shall not be liable for any injury resulting from participation in bowling in the USBC Intercollegiate Singles Championships, absent willful or gross negligence on the part of USBC.

CODE OF CONDUCT

USBC Collegiate and National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association

Philosophy

USBC Collegiate, the national governing body of intercollegiate bowling, in conjunction with the National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association, provides collegiate bowling opportunities to enhance students' academic, athletic and personal development. Given this perspective, USBC Collegiate and the NCBCA accept responsibility to provide a competitive environment that stands for the highest ideals in competition, character, ethics and sportsmanship.

Membership with USBC Collegiate and participation in a certified intercollegiate bowling program is considered a privilege. In order to maintain that membership, student-athletes and coaches are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship, honesty, integrity and respect for others as well as abide by all applicable rules, policies, regulations and laws. These include federal and state regulations and laws, city ordinances, USBC Collegiate rules and policies, and the student-athlete's institution team rules and policies.

Collegiate bowlers and collegiate coaches, as representatives of the bowling community, are among the most visible players in the industry. Because of America's fascination with sports and those who play, a unique platform exists to be a role model, mentor or spokesperson. USBC Collegiate, the bowling industry and your institution benefit from this exposure. However, this platform brings with it a set of privileges and responsibilities both on and off the lanes.

To this end, USBC Collegiate in conjunction with the NCBCA has adopted a standard of ethical conduct and behavioral expectations for all USBC Collegiate and NCBCA members in accordance with basic policies set by institutions across the country and other collegiate athletic governing bodies. A balanced student-athlete will be a responsible citizen who achieves academically and performs athletically. The code does not constitute an exhaustive list of punishable misconduct but rather prescribes standards to guide individual choices. Student-athletes who violate these standards will be subject to disciplinary action by USBC Collegiate as well as the

institution they represent in order to promote their own personal development and to protect and maintain order and stability in USBC Collegiate.

Alcohol Philosophy

USBC Collegiate does not condone the use of alcohol and promotes an environment in which choosing not to drink alcoholic beverages is preferred and socially acceptable. USBC Collegiate and the NCBCA firmly believe the use of alcohol can be detrimental to the physical and mental well-being of student-athletes. The use of alcohol can seriously interfere with the performance of individuals as students and as athletes and can be extremely dangerous to the student-athlete and his/her teammates.

Alcohol abuse is a progressive disorder in which physical and psychological dependency can develop. The negative physical and mental effects of the abuse of alcohol are well documented. Even low levels of alcohol impair brain function, judgment, alertness, coordination and reflexes. It is the responsibility of all student-athletes and coaches to know the risks and damaging effects associated with alcohol use and abuse.

USBC Collegiate and NCBCA Policies

The following policies are in effect during activities associated with any USBC Collegiate event:

Alcohol Policy

USBC Collegiate and NCBCA members are expected to abstain from the possession, use or distribution of alcoholic beverages. Student-athletes and coaches participating in any event conducted by USBC Collegiate are prohibited from consuming and/or possessing alcohol. Teams also must adhere to this policy at the USBC Intercollegiate Team Championships Sectional host bowling center as well as at the Intercollegiate Team Championships and Intercollegiate Singles Championships host bowling centers and host hotels. This policy applies from the tournament scheduled date of arrival through the tournament scheduled date of departure.

Illegal Drug Policy

USBC Collegiate and NCBCA firmly believe that the use of illegal and/or performance enhancing drugs (excluding those prescribed by a physician to treat specific medical conditions) is totally inconsistent with the purpose of intercollegiate athletics and can be detrimental to the physical and mental well-being of student-athletes and teammates. The use of drugs can seriously interfere with the performance of individuals as students and as athletes and can be extremely dangerous to the student-athlete and his/her teammates. The use of illegal drugs by student-athletes is strictly prohibited at all times.

Tobacco Policy

USBC Collegiate and NCBCA do not condone the use of tobacco, including the use of smokeless tobacco. USBC Collegiate and the NCBCA firmly believe the use of tobacco

products can be detrimental to the physical and mental well-being of student-athletes. The negative effects of tobacco abuse are well documented. USBC Collegiate and the NCBCA strongly encourage all student-athletes and coaches to completely abstain from the use of tobacco products. Coaches and student-athletes are prohibited from using tobacco products during all practice, competition and related events, whether they are competing, and/or while in team uniform at any time.

Sportsmanship Policy

One of the primary objectives of competition is to develop and foster respect for fellow participants, coaches, game officials and spectators. Participants and coaches should recognize their responsibility for proper conduct at the Sectional Qualifiers and Championship events. Coaches and/or athletes should recognize and assume responsibility for the actions of themselves and their team members.

USBC Collegiate and NCBCA members are ambassadors of collegiate bowling and enjoy certain privileges of such status. They also bear the responsibility of behaving with dignity and sportsmanship. Coaches and student-athletes shall conduct themselves at all times reflecting the high standards of honor and dignity that should characterize participation in competitive intercollegiate sports. Coaches and student-athletes shall conduct themselves in a manner reflecting positively on the reputation of themselves, their representative institutions, the USBC Intercollegiate Team Championships, Intercollegiate Singles Championships and USBC Collegiate.

Officials, coaches, participants and spectators shall act in the highest ideals of sportsmanship at all times. Unsportsmanlike conduct includes actions which are unbecoming to an ethical, fair and honorable individual. It consists of, but is not limited to, acts of deceit, disrespect, vulgarity, verbal or physical abuse and taunting or unseemly celebrations. Officials, coaches, participants, parents, athletic administrators, program directors and spectators should keep in mind that actions which are done in a manner to disconcert or be derogatory toward the opposing team(s) or a specific opponent or individual is considered inappropriate. While intense and emotional game action and conduct are certainly a responsible part of intercollegiate sports contests, cheering and other support should always be positive in nature.

Violations of Code of Conduct

It is the personal responsibility of all student-athletes and coaches to adhere to all applicable rules, policies, regulations and laws concerning the use of alcohol, drugs, tobacco and sportsmanship at all events conducted by USBC Collegiate. Ignorance of the rules is not an excuse. Student-athletes are expected to know the rules to protect their eligibility, the eligibility of their teammates and that of the institution they represent. Student-athletes and/or teams who are found responsible for behavior that violates any of these policies may be subject to disciplinary action by USBC Collegiate as well as the institution they represent.

Violations of the Code of Conduct by a student-athlete, team, and/or coach may result in immediate disqualification of the individual and/or team from the event in which the violation occurred. Any disqualification from a USBC Collegiate recognized event will be reviewed by USBC. Violations by the student-athlete or coach may result in loss of membership with USBC Collegiate for a minimum one of year. Student-athletes who are suspended by USBC Collegiate lose collegiate eligibility equal to the time they are suspended. The institution also may be subject to loss of membership in USBC Collegiate and denied participation in all events conducted by USBC Collegiate beginning the following season for one full year. If a student-athlete opts to transfer from the suspended institution to an eligible institution, an additional year will be added to the standard USBC Collegiate Transfer Rule.

USBC's administrative decisions may be appealed to the chairman of the USBC Legal and Legislative Committee. The appeal must be filed in writing within 10 days of the date of the letter notifying the student-athlete of the administrative decision. A statement of the reasons for the appeal must be included. The appeal should be forwarded to USBC Headquarters, Attention: USBC Collegiate.

All persons involved in collegiate bowling must continue their efforts to facilitate its growth in a positive way, which includes the development of student-athletes, better coaching and officiating with a continuing emphasis on good sportsmanship by student-athletes, coaches and spectators. USBC Collegiate and the NCBCA will continue their responsibility to provide a competitive environment that stands for the highest ideals in competition, character, ethics and sportsmanship. We will do this by continuous review, development and enforcement of conduct standards, rules and policies in the best interest of the overall sport, each program and competition, including regular and post-season play.