



25th Annual Volunteer Doubles Challenge Tournament 2024 Tournament Rules and Regulations

FORMAT

1. A) In Center Qualifying - Teams may qualify at any participating Tennessee BPA Bowling Center by using a three-game league score and paying a \$10 per team entry fee (\$2 center expenses, \$6 state prize money, \$2 state expenses, or by bowling a three-game set during times set by each individual center. For additional opportunities to qualify outside of league play, please ask bowling center manager for details.
- B) 1 of 6 teams competing at the center level advance to the State quarterfinals.
- C) State Quarter Finals – All bowlers (adult and youth) in the state quarterfinals bowl a three-game set with an advancement ratio of 1 in 6 teams and all ties for the last spot advancing to the State semi-finals.

The state quarter finals in the youth division will be a USBC youth certified event and a Junior Gold Qualifying event for the 2025 Junior Gold Championships. The advancement ratio for the youth division of the Volunteer Doubles will be 1 in 6 teams advancing to the semi-finals and finals. All bowlers that advance to the semi-finals and finals are guaranteed scholarship money.

Scratch scores for each individual youth bowler (3-game set) in the quarterfinals only will be used for advancement in the Junior Gold qualifying event. The Junior Gold qualifying event will have six divisions: Girls – U18, U15, U12 and Boys – U18, U15, U12. The advancement ratio for the Junior Gold qualifying event will be a 1 in 5 youth bowlers advancing to the 2025 Junior Gold National Championships. If there are less than 5 entries in a division, the divisions will be combined. If there are less than a total of 5 bowlers in the combined divisions, the fees will be refunded. Bowlers will have the option of receiving a refund if they prefer not to bowl in the combined division. An additional fee of \$20 (U12), \$30 (U15) or \$40 (U18) will be charged to any youth bowler at the state quarter finals for entry into this special qualifying event. To be eligible to participate in this qualifying part of the tournament youth bowlers must be a current USBC youth membership and be a USBC Junior Gold member or purchase both memberships online or at the site of the event prior to competing. USBC Membership fees are \$4 for all divisions and an additional fee for Junior Gold membership is as follows: \$10 for U12 division, \$30 for U15 and U18 divisions.

- D) State Semi-Finals - Bowlers in the State semi-finals will bowl a three-game set with the top 5 teams advancing to the State finals. In case of a tie for any of the top 5 spots a 9th and 10th frame roll-off, with each team receiving 20% of their handicap, will be held to determine standings. All teams advancing to the State semi-finals cash.
- E) State Finals - Finals consist of a 1 game TV style roll-off with the winning team advancing to the next match. (5th bowls 4th with winner bowling 3rd etc.) In the case of a tie a 9th and 10th frame roll-off, with each team receiving 20% of their handicap, will be held.

DATES

2. A) In Center Qualifying – January 1, 2024 – April 12, 2024 (adults & youth)
- B) Adult State Quarter Finals – April 27, April 28, May 4 @ Bowling World in Cookeville, TN
- C) Adult State Semi-Finals – May 5, 2024, 9:00 AM @ Bowling World in Cookeville, TN
- D) Adult State Finals – May 5, 2024, immediately following the State Semi-Finals @ Bowling World in Cookeville, TN
- E) Youth State Quarter Finals – May 18, 2024 @ Bowling World in Cookeville, TN
- F) Youth Semi-Finals – May 19, 2024 @ Bowling World in Cookeville, TN
- G) Youth Finals – May 19, 2024, immediately following the State Semi-Finals @ Bowling World in Cookeville, TN

ELIGIBILITY

3. A) Participation in the adult division is open to any adult bowler at any participating Tennessee BPA Bowling Center who is 18 years of age or older and does not hold a USBC Youth membership. Participation in the youth division is open to any youth bowler at any participating Tennessee BPA Bowling Center.
- B) Participants must be a league bowler and have a minimum of 21 games toward a league average.
- C) Entrant may not be a member of any professional bowling association. (PBA, PWBA, or any group the Committee considers professional)
- D) Any entry may be refused for any reason by the Tournament Committee.

TEAM COMPOSITION

4. A) Teams may be composed of 1 male & 1 female, 2 male, or 2 female as long as eligibility requirements in rules 3.A) thru 3.D) are met.

AVERAGES

5. A) The average used for in-house competition shall be the highest current 2023-2024 league average of at least 21 games at time of entry. Bowlers without at least a 21-game average must bowl scratch (225).
- B) The average used for bowlers who advance to State Quarter Finals, Semi-Finals, and Finals shall be the highest current 2023-2024 league average of at least 21 games as of April 1, 2024, or the average with which they qualified, whichever is higher. Bowlers without at least 21 games as of April 1, 2024, must bowl scratch (225). Each bowler who advances to the State semi-finals is required to bring an average verification form signed by the tournament coordinator of the center in which they qualified.

HANDICAP

6. A) The team handicap at all levels of competition is 90% of 450.

MULTIPLE PARTICIPATION

7. A) Multiple participation is permitted for individuals and teams at the house level...however, the same team may qualify only once for the State Quarter Finals.
- B) A bowler may qualify for the State Quarter Finals a maximum of four (4) times with different partners.

GENERAL PLAYING RULES

8. A) This tournament is administered through a Tournament Director appointed by the Tournament Committee.
- B) Any matters not covered by these rules are decided upon by the Tournament Director and/or the Tournament Committee and all decisions are final.
- C) This tournament is conducted in accordance with the general playing rules of the United States Bowling Congress where the above rules are not specified.



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ESTIMATED PRIZE FUND \$9,000

*Announcing a new youth division for the
2024 event that includes a Junior Gold
Qualifying event!*

IN-CENTER QUALIFYING

JANUARY 1, 2024 - APRIL 12, 2024

STATE QUARTER FINALS

(ADULTS) APRIL 27 & 28 AT 9 AM & 2 PM


(ADULTS) MAY 4 AT 9 AM, NOON, 3 PM & 6 PM


(YOUTH) MAY 18 AT 9 AM, NOON & 3 PM

STATE SEMI FINALS & FINALS

(ADULTS) MAY 5, 2024 STARTING AT 9 AM

(YOUTH) MAY 19, 2024 STARTING AT 9 AM

 **Bowling World, 545 Neal Street,
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