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United States Bowling Congress

2025 BAKER

Tournament

Sponsored by the Passaic County USBC & USBC Certified

T-Bowl II Lanes

300 Preakness Shopping Center

Wayne, NJ 07470

973 – 684 – 5800

Sunday, March 2, 2025

One Qualifying Round

Starts at - 10:30 AM

Entry Fee: \$135.00 per Team

This fee is for all pre-paid teams.

A deposit of \$35 or Full Payment must be received by February 21, 2025.

Any reserved “no-shows” will not receive their deposits back.

Teams walking in on the day of the event will pay \$150.00

Prize Fund - \$72.00 per paid Team - Lineage & Expenses - \$63.00 per Team

Walk-in Fees will be retained by the Association for expenses.

The combined Entering Average of each team may not exceed 630.

**Handicap will be 100% of the difference of the
Team’s Entering Average and 630**

**The tournament will require a minimum of Eight (8) registered teams by
February 21, 2025 in order for the tournament to be held.**

1st ANNUAL BAKER TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP - RULES

All the games bowled in the Passaic County USBC Baker Team Tournament are subject to the current rules of the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) unless waived, amended, and/or listed below. This Tournament is governed and certified by USBC rules. The Tournament Manager reserves all rights to cancel or reschedule the event for any reason he or she deems fit. He or she also reserves the right to re-rate an average or reject any entry. Either must be done prior to the bowler starting his or her first game.

ELIGIBILITY – Participation will require PC USBC membership. All 2024 – 2025 USBC sanctioned bowlers are eligible to participate in this event. Non-USBC members may enter, but they are required to purchase a full sanction at the cost of \$25. Non-Members of the Passaic County USBC will be required to pay a \$10 affiliate fee at time of check-in. You will be required to show your current USBC Sanction Card at time of check-in or proof of being sanctioned.

TEAM ELIGIBILITY – The combined total of the three eligible bowlers entering averages may not exceed **630**.

HANDICAP – The handicap will be **100%** of the difference between the team's combined entering average and **630**. During the nine-game qualifying round your team will get that handicap x's Three (3) as your total handicap for the qualifying round.

AVERAGES – Each bowler will determine the average to use in descending order. The first average you qualify for will be the correct entering average for this event.

1. Your 2023-24 Composite USBC Certified Average bowled if 21 or more games.
2. If your Composite USBC Certified Average from 2022-23, was 10 pins or more higher for 21 or more games you will use that average.
3. If any of your current 2024-25 current USBC sanctioned league averages are 10 pins or more higher than either of the above two choices as of February 1, 2025 you will use this average. Your League Secretary or Manager must verify this average and submit the proper documentation.
4. If no qualifying average from the first two choices, you will use your current and highest Certified USBC Winter League Average from Passaic County as of February 1, 2025, provided you have a minimum of 21 games bowled. The League Secretary or Manager must verify this average, and a copy must be attached to your entry form or handed in at time of check-in.
5. If no qualifying average from the first three choices, you will use your current and highest Certified USBC Winter League Average from any county as of February 1, 2025, provided you have a minimum of 21 games bowled. The League Secretary or Manager must verify this average, and a copy must be attached to your entry form or handed in at time of check-in.
6. If you do not have a qualifying average from the previous four choices, you will be assigned an average of 210.

VERIFICATION OF AVERAGE – We will be using USBC Rule 319a. item 2, the 10 pin or higher rule as outlined above in the AVERAGES section. The Tournament Manager reserves the right to make all average corrections either up or down prior to the final distribution of the prize list.

FORMAT – All teams will bowl 9 Baker games during qualifying. Three games will be bowled on your starting pair with the odd number team bowling two games, the first and the third on the left lane and the second game on the right lane. After the third game bowled each team will move two pairs. The odd number team will move to the left two pair of lanes and the even number team will move two pairs to the right. The odd number team will bowl game four on the right lane and bowl game five on the left lane. Game six will be bowled on the right game. After the sixth game is completed, the teams will once again move in the same direction. Odd number team left two pairs and the even number team right two pairs. The final rotation will have the odd number bowling on the left lane for game seven, the right lane for game eight and finishing the set bowling on the left

The top Four Teams depending on the entry count will advance to a bracket style final. The Top Seed of the Tournament may choose with of the lower three seeds they bowl in the first round. The remaining two seeds will be paired against each other.

The format for the finals will be determined in the following manner. Should we have 8 to 12 entries a two-team match-play final shall take place using the best 3 out of 5 game match as explained below. If we have 13 to 17 entries a three-team stepladder final will be used. The first round would be best of three and the finals best of five. With 18 or more entries the finals format as listed below will be used. The Prize fund will pay a 1 in 5 ratio based on entries.

The first round of the final will be a best 2 out of 3 match. Each team will receive one third (1/3) of their team's handicap based on their entering average for the match. Any fraction of this total will be dropped. The higher seed has starting lane choice then will alternate starting lanes throughout the match.

The finals will feature the two winners of the first round bowling each other in a best 3 out of 5 match. The same handicap format as the first round will be used. The higher seed will choose which lane they want to bowl the first match on and then alternate until completed.

The consolation match between the two losing teams from the first round will also take place at the same time as the finals. Their format will be the same except they will bowl a 2 out of 3 game match to determine who finishes in third and fourth place.

If a tie occurs for the final qualifying spot for match play a Three Frame roll-off (the 8th, 9th and 10th frames) between those teams will take place immediately after the qualifying round to determine which team advances to the final. The assigned handicap will be 1/3 of the team's individual game handicap.

REPORTING PRIOR PRIZE WINNINGS – USBC Rule 319d. is waived for this event.

PRIZE RATIO – shall be at least 1 for every 5 entries. The prize money portion of the entry will be returned 100%.

ENTRIES – PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT. All entries must be submitted via email, mailed, or via verbal confirmation with the tournament director who will make the proper arrangements to have payment made to him prior to the start of the event. A minimum of eight (8) entries must be received prior to the posted deadline for entries on the front page of this application for the event to take place.

Walk-in entries will be welcome provided we have not reached our maximum entry count of 30 by the entry deadline. Walk-ins will be required to pay an extra fee. The extra fee will be retained by the association for expenses. Entries close for this event one half hour prior to the listed start time. All entrants are asked to check-in a minimum of 30 minutes prior to the squad. ***All entries must be paid in full by Friday, February 28, 2025, to avoid being charged the walk-in entry fee. No refunds for confirmed paid entries who fail to check-in or notify the tournament manager 48 hours prior to his or her squad.***

BAKER TEAM EVENT - Entry Form

Paid in Advance

FEE: \$135 / Team - \$45 / Bowler

\$72.00 to Prize Fund - \$63.00 to Lineage & Expenses

Walk-Ins Day of Event

FEE: \$150 / Team - \$50 / Bowler

\$72.00 to Prize Fund - \$78.00 to Lineage & Expenses

Team Name:
(Optional)

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Bowler ID Number	Print Bowler's Name - First Name / Last Name You will bowl in the order listed below	Highest Eligible Average	Assoc. where avg. bowled
	1		
	2		
	3		

Team Captain - Please read and sign below:

*I have read the tournament rules and agree to abide by them.
All the information listed is correct to the best of my knowledge.*

x

Team Captain's Signature

All checks to be made payable to: **PASSAIC COUNTY USBC**

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Questions??? Please Call
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Please Note: Email your intentions to bowl when sending in the application to confirm your reservation.