

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When does the PWBA Tour season begin?

The 2023 national season starts with the PWBA Stockton Open at Pacific Avenue Bowl in Stockton, California, on May 4, 2023. The season will conclude with the PWBA Tour Championship, which will take place in August.

When does the PWBA Regional Tour season begin?

The 2023 regional season starts with the PWBA Greater Dallas Regional at JB's Allen Bowl in Allen, Texas, on January 21, 2023. The regional season will conclude with the PWBA Regional Showdown, which will take place in December.

Do I have to be a PWBA member to compete in an event?

No. Guests will be allowed to compete in all PWBA events in which they are eligible but will pay the full entry fee (see next question for entry costs). PWBA members are entitled to a \$100 discount for all PWBA events excluding major championships (USBC Queens and U.S. Women's Open) and the PWBA/PBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles.

How much does it cost to enter each event?

The entry fee for PWBA Standard events is \$300 for members and \$400 for non-members. PWBA Classic Series events are \$900 for members and \$1,000 for non-members. Entry for the USBC Queens is \$500 until April 16 and \$550 beginning April 17. The entry fee for players earning a spot at the U.S. Women's Open is \$500. The entry fee for a PWBA Regional event is \$100 for members and \$150 for non-members.

How much does a PWBA membership cost and what are the benefits?

A PWBA membership costs \$300 for the 2023 season. PWBA members will receive the following benefits:

- \$100 entry-fee discount for PWBA Standard/Classic events
- \$50 entry-fee discount for PWBA Regional events
- Entry priority for PWBA Standard/Classic events
- Discounted practice rates at official PWBA Practice Centers
- A free PWBA award ring for a player's first 300 bowled during a PWBA event
- The right to receive a PWBA champion banner for winning a PWBA national tour event
- The right to transport equipment on the PWBA Player Services truck (transport fees apply)
- A personalized membership card
- PWBA lapel pin
- PWBA phone wallet
- PWBA t-shirt
- Five PWBA bag tags
- The right to wear the logo of a pro shop or business they own (subject to PWBA Product Registration rules)
- Complimentary subscription to Bowlers Journal International and BowITV
- Discount on PWBA merchandise through ShopPWBA.com

Go to [PWBA.com](https://www.pwba.com) to learn more and to submit a PWBA application.

Is there a limit on the number of players for an event?

Yes, but the limit is based on the number of lanes in the host center and varies by event. PWBA members also have a 21-day priority over guests for all PWBA Standard events.

How do entries work at PWBA Regional events?

PWBA members and female guests who average 180 or higher (excluding past PWBA National Tour champions) may enter a PWBA Regional event.

The entry field for PWBA Regional events will be set to accommodate the maximum number of competitors, subject to the number of lanes available and no more than five (5) competitors assigned to any pair of lanes. PWBA members will enter PWBA Regional events at member pricing. Guests will enter at guest pricing. Entries will close 48 hours prior to the start of the event; however, the tournament director has the right to accept entries after the 48-hour deadline.

What equipment can I use during PWBA competition?

Only registered products may be used during PWBA competition. A complete list can be found on the Product Registration page of PWBA.com.

What rule changes were made for the 2023 PWBA season?

A complete copy of the Official PWBA Rules and Regulations can be found on PWBA.com. Here are some key rule changes that will be in effect at the start of the 2023 season:

Rule 1-H - Tour Championship Eligibility – It was determined by the membership to make the Tour Championship a members-only event. The eligibility has been updated to reflect the new qualifications.

Rule 1-J - Regional Showdown Eligibility – This event is returning with updated qualifications for 2023.

Rule 1-L - Tournament Standby List - A waiting list procedure has been implemented for occasions when a tournament sells out.

Rule 3. Bowl with the Pro Tournaments – The rule was modified to clarify how players are chosen to participate in the event. We also clarified the fine structure.

Rule 12. Special Rulings – This rule was re-organized and structured more effectively.

Rule 12-C. Slow Play During Televised Finals – This is a special part of our tournament. When we have televised finals, we employ a 25-second shot clock. This rule was added to keep the pace of play moving on the TV show.

Rule 14. Mobile/Electronic Device Policy – Our events are professional events. We want them to be viewed by everyone as the highest level of female bowling competition. In order to accomplish this, we added this rule to cover our Classic Series and Standard events. This also is consistent with the U.S. Women's Open and the Queens rules.

Rule 20. Conduct of All Tournament Competitors – We have reorganized our code of conduct rulings to make them clearer and more concise. Conduct is now classified into levels and each level has an associated fine or penalty.

Rule 21. Fines and Penalties – Any rule that has a fine or penalty can now be found in this rule.

Rule 23. Payment of Fines – This process was put in place to ensure fines are being paid in a timely and effective manner.

Rule 22. Appeals – We modified the amount of time a player has to appeal her fine. This is consistent with the Short Duration rules.

I see there will be an event near me. How much does it cost to attend a PWBA tournament?

Ticket prices are determined by the PWBA event host. The PWBA Tour schedule can be found [here](#), and more information can be found by clicking the "Details" link on the event.

How do I enter a PWBA event?

Links to enter PWBA events can be found on the tournament details pages under the Schedule section of PWBA.com. Tournament registration opens in early February for the first set of PWBA Standard events. Event registration links for the USBC Queens and U.S. Women's Open are available on BOWL.com when those events are open for registration.

Will there be any Bowl with the Pros events or appearances by players at each stop?

Yes, most events will have a Bowl with the Pros event for fans to meet the stars of the PWBA Tour. Check with the host bowling center for additional information.

Can I watch the PWBA Tour on TV?

The stepladder finals of three PWBA Tour events will be nationally televised on CBS Sports Network in 2023. Events not nationally televised will have the stepladder finals broadcast live on BowITV. BowITV also will have complete coverage of all preliminary rounds. The [PWBA Tour schedule](#) will have complete details on each event.

I think my center would be a great place for a PWBA tournament. How are venues determined?

If you or someone you know would like to host a PWBA tournament, please contact PWBA staff at PWBA@bowl.com

Our local association would really like to help. Do you need any volunteers?

PWBA host centers provide volunteers to help at PWBA tournaments. If you would like to volunteer, please contact one of the host centers by clicking [here](#) and let them know you would like to help.

If I have other questions, who can I contact?

We would love to hear from you. Click [here](#) to send us your thoughts.