

## 2024 U.S. Open FAQ

## 1. What are the 2024 U.S. Open dates and location?

The 2024 U.S. Open is scheduled for Jan. 27-Feb. 4, at Royal Pin Woodland in Indianapolis.

## 2. What is the field size for the 2024 U.S. Open?

The 2024 U.S. Open will feature a 108-player field. Players have earned, or will earn, spots/invitations based on their on-lane performances during the previous year(s), direct qualifiers and the pre-tournament qualifier conducted on-site before the start of the tournament.
3. What is the criteria for an invitation/exemption into the 2024 U.S. Open?

Bowlers may qualify for direct entry into the 2024 U.S. Open based on the following criteria, in the following order:
U.S. OPEN WINNERS (last 10 years)

USBC MASTERS WINNERS (last three years)
PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS (last three years)
PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS WINNERS (last three years)
PBA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS (last three years)
USBC OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS REGULAR ALL-EVENTS WINNERS (last three years)
2023 USBC SENIOR MASTERS WINNER
2023 PBA50 SENIOR U.S. OPEN WINNER
2023 JUNIOR GOLD U20 BOYS WINNER
INTERCOLLEGIATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS MEN'S WINNER (last two years)
2023 U.S. OPEN TOP FIVE FINISHERS
TOP 75 ON THE PROFESSIONAL BOWLERS ASSOCIATION (PBA) 2023 NATIONAL TOUR POINTS LIST AS OF OCT. 1, 2023
2023 TEAM USA (MALE) AND JUNIOR TEAM USA (MALE) MEMBERS
2023 U.S. AMATEUR TOP THREE MEN'S FINISHERS
TOP FINISHER FROM EACH OF THE 2024 U.S. OPEN REGIONAL QUALIFIERS
BPAA EXEMPTION

An on-site pre-tournament qualifier (PTQ) will fill any remaining spots.
Bowlers who do not pay their entry fees by Dec. 15, 2023, will lose their spots in the field, and the spot will be awarded to the PTQ.

## 4. What is the PTQ format, field size and cost?

- The pre-tournament qualifier will feature one eight-game block with total pins determining finishing position and qualification into the U.S. Open.
- Maximum field is 108 bowlers.
- Entry fee is $\$ 500$.
- Players not making the field for the U.S. Open will be returned half of their entry fee upon the completion of the qualifier. The remainder will be placed in the U.S. Open prize fund.

5. Why is there a SafeSport requirement for any participant over 18? As the National Governing Body (NGB) for the sport of bowling, and to improve athlete safety across the U.S. Olympic \& Paralympic Committee's efforts (USOPC), requiring those over 18 to complete SafeSport training improves the mission of ensuring a culture of safety through awareness, education and training programs. It all is part of helping to protect everyone involved.
*Note: Any competitor who will be 18 years of age or older as of the completion of the 2024 U.S. Open will be required to be current with SafeSport training prior to registering for the event.
6. What does it mean to be current with SafeSport training? How long do I have to complete my training?
To be current with SafeSport training, one needs to have completed either the initial core SafeSport Training module or one of the refresher courses since Feb. 4, 2023. Those who have taken a training class since then can register for the U.S. Open. Training only needs to be completed once, and SafeSport Refresher Training, which takes approximately 30 minutes, must be completed annually thereafter.

Visit BOWL.com/RVP for information.
SafeSport must be completed by Dec. 15, 2023, or the competitor will lose his/her spot in the field.

## 7. Will the 2024 U.S. Open be livestreamed?

Yes. Our plan is to offer livestreaming of the event on BowITV.

## 8. Can I get a refund if $I$ have registered and choose not to bowl?

 Yes. The following guidelines will be used for issuing refunds:- A refund will be given, less $\$ 50$ cancellation fee, to a bowler who withdraws prior to the start of the first official practice session.

