

## **2024 U.S. Open PTQ Rules**

- The 2024 U.S. Open PTQ (pre-tournament qualifier) is USBC-certified. The game of American tenpins will be played.
- All U.S. Open rules apply unless otherwise modified herein.
- Participants will be required to submit a waiver/release prior to competition.
- All athletes 18 years of age and older as of the last day of U.S. Open competition, who are competing in either the PTQ or U.S. Open, must be current on their SafeSport training.
- Entries will close 48 hours prior to the start of the PTQ.
- If the number of entrants in the PTQ is equal to or less than the number of spots available in the U.S. Open, the PTQ will not be held, and all entrants in the PTQ will advance to U.S. Open competition.

### **THE FOLLOWING ARE SPECIFIC TO THE PTQ:**

#### **PRE-TOURNAMENT QUALIFIER**

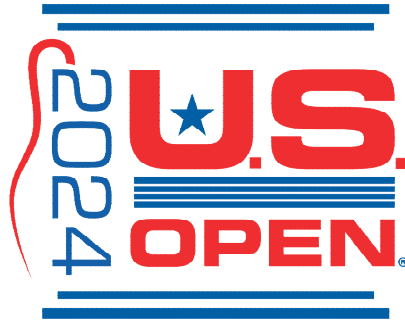
- The pre-tournament qualifier will feature one eight-game block with total pins determining finishing position and qualification into the U.S. Open.
- Maximum field is 108 bowlers.
- Entry fee is \$500.
- Players not making the field for the U.S. Open will be returned half of their entry fee upon the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

#### **LANE OIL PATTERN**

- The pattern will be posted at the tournament venue no later than the start of the official practice session.
- That pattern will be Sport-compliant.

#### **PRACTICE SESSION**

- Official practice will be 30 minutes.
- The lanes will be reconditioned prior to competition.



- There are no lane assignments for the practice session. Bowlers are free to move around the venue.
- Tournament dress code applies to the practice session.
- Bowlers will be permitted 10 minutes of warmup on their starting pairs prior to the start of competition.

### **TIEBREAKERS**

- If there is a tie for the final position needed to complete the U.S. Open field, one complete game shall be bowled on a neutral pair selected by the tournament director. The bowler with the highest game score will choose the starting lane, and the bowler on the odd lane will start. Bowlers shall be permitted two balls on each lane prior to beginning the tiebreaker.
- If a tie still exists at the end of the tiebreaker game, a one-ball roll-off shall determine the outcome. The higher seed shall determine starting lane and position for the roll-off. The next-highest seed shall select their position and so on until all positions are determined. The competitors shall bowl on the same lane and then alternate lanes in the same bowling order until the tie is broken.