

## **2026 U.S. Women's Open FAQ**

### **1. What are the 2026 U.S. Open dates and location?**

The 2026 U.S. Women's Open is scheduled for June 9-16 at Royal Pin Woodland in Indianapolis.

### **2. What's new for the 2026 U.S. Women's Open?**

The use of slow oil-absorbing high performance bowling balls is prohibited from use in competition.

The Product Registration program for the PWBA has been discontinued. This means that competitors can wear any ball brand logo on their jerseys including, but not limited to, brands previously restricted such as DV8, Radical and Track. Competitors can also wear accessories and logos of companies such as KR Strikeforce, Creating the Difference, etc. Guidelines are still in place for Commercial Partners, please see PWBA Rule 7, B. Commercial Partners.

### **3. What is the field size for the 2026 U.S. Women's Open?**

The 2026 U.S. Women'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.

### **4. What is the criteria for an invitation/exemption into the 2026 U.S. Women's Open?**

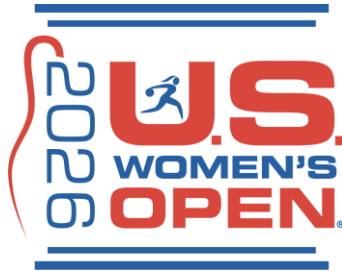
Bowlers may qualify for direct entry into the 2026 U.S. Women's Open based on the following criteria in the following order:

- Top 75 on the Professional Women's Bowlers Association (PWBA) Tour points list from the 2025 season.
- All Past U.S. Women's Open Champions.
- BPAA exemption (applications must be submitted by 4/1/2026).
- Remainder of field will be filled through an on-site pre-tournament qualifier.

### **5. What is the criteria for an invitation/exemption into the 2026 U.S. Women's Open PTQ**

Bowlers may qualify for direct entry into the 2026 U.S. Women's Open PTQ based on the following criteria in the following order:

- Individuals who are 76-100 on the PWBA points list for the 2025 season
- USBC Queens winners, last three years.
- PWBA Tour Championship winners, last three years.
- USBC Women's Championships Diamond All-Events winners, last three years.



- 2025 USBC Senior Queens winner.
- Intercollegiate Singles Championships women's winners, last two years.
- 2025 U.S. Women's Open, top five (5) finishers.
- 2025 Women's U.S. Amateur, top three women's finishers.
- 2025 Team USA (women) and Junior Team USA (girl) members.

Bowlers who do not pay their entry fees by **April 24, 2026**, will lose their spots in the field.

#### **6. 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. Women's Open.
- Maximum field is 108 bowlers.
- Entry fee is \$500.
- Players not making the field for the U.S. Women's Open will be returned half of their entry fee upon completion of the qualifier. The remainder will be placed in the U.S. Women's Open prize fund.

#### **7. 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 2026 U.S. Women's Open will be required to be current with SafeSport training prior to registering for the event.

#### **8. What does it mean to be current with SafeSport training? How long do I have to complete my training?**

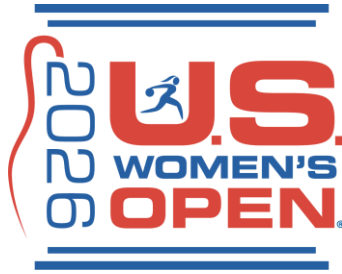
To be current with SafeSport training, one needs to have completed either the initial core SafeSport Training module or one of the refresher courses since June 17, 2025. Those who have taken a training class since then can register for the U.S. Women's Open. Training only needs to be completed once, and SafeSport Refresher Training, which takes approximately 30 minutes, must be completed annually thereafter.

Visit [BOWL.com/RVP](https://BOWL.com/RVP) for information.

SafeSport must be completed by May 26, 2026, or the competitor will lose his/her spot in the field.

#### **9. Will the 2026 U.S. Women's Open be livestreamed?**

Yes. The event will be livestreamed on BowlTV.



**10. Can I get a refund if I have registered and choose not to bowl?**

Yes. The following guidelines will be used for issuing refunds:

- 1.** A bowler who withdraws prior to the start of the first official practice session will be issued a refund less a \$50 cancellation fee.