

RULES FOR 2026 WILLOW CREEK CLASSIC:

1. United States Bowling Congress (USBC) Rules and Regulations will govern the Tournament

2. Team handicap based on 85% of 1,150 scratch. Singles handicap is based on 85% of 230. Team handicap is based on the sum of individual handicaps. Maximum team total handicap is 1,000. Singles maximum handicap is 300.

3. Entrants will use their highest USBC final certified official book average based on a minimum of 21 games for the 2024-25 season. If no average last year, use highest USBC average this year at the time of bowling provided you have 21 games or more bowled. Men not covered by above rule must use 230, women will use 215.

4. Squad leaders are responsible for submitting and updating all bowler information and collecting and remitting all payments. Information needs to be submitted 2 weeks in advance of your scheduled shift.

5. Deposit of \$100/team/shift is required by November 1st to secure your reservation. Failure to make deposits could result in losing your spot. For next year's event, squad leaders may reserve no more than the total number of spots their teams bowled in this year's tournament. Additional spots can be secured with paid deposit.

6. 10-pin rule in effect at time of bowling. (When the previous season's average is used, and at the time of bowling an entrant has a current average for 21 or more games that is 10 or more pins higher than the prior season's average, the current average must be used).

7. Lanes will be re-dressed for all shifts of the tournament.

8. Sport Bowling members must comply with the requirements outlined in Chapter 5 (USBC Sport Bowling) of the USBC rule book. A Sport league average adjustment must be reported to tournament official at check-in table prior to bowling. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

9. If you are reporting an average from a challenge, tough-man, or any lane condition more difficult than the normal house condition that is not a certified sport league, you must report this to tournament officials at check-in prior to bowling in this tournament. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

10. RULE 300c will apply in its entirety. (Tournament eligibility)

11. RULE 308 100% of all prize money will be returned to entrants.

12. RULE 313 will apply in its entirety. (free or reduced entry)

13. RULE 314 After an entry has been received, dates are assigned by tournament management. If these times are not refused before preparation of the schedule, the entry fee cannot be refunded.

14. RULE 315b In order to place more than once in the team prize list for position standings, at least two players in the line-up must be different.

15. RULE 319a, 1, 3 and 4 will apply.

16. RULE 319c The average of a bowler may be adjusted upward before entrant bowls. If the assigned average is not accepted by the bowler, the entry fee shall be refunded.

17. Rules 303, 319d, 319e, 320a, 320b, 321, 322a, 322b, 324b and 325 will apply in their entirety. Tournament director reserves the right to refuse any entry.

18. If USBC, your local association, or any tournament has re-rated your average, you must use the re-rated average. If you have been barred or disqualified, or you refuse to re-rate, you must report the fact to the tournament official at time of check in, prior to bowling, for a possible re-rate in this tournament. Failure to do so will result in disqualification. This rule includes reporting of all certified and uncertified tournaments, including those using a modified format of American Ten Pins (ex. 9 pin tap)

19. Bowlers need not report previous tournament winnings.

20. In case of mechanical failure, contestants may be moved to the next available pair of lanes.

21. Prize money will not be paid until requested verification forms are filled out, signed by the league and association secretaries and returned. Failure to return verification forms in the allowed time will result in disqualification.

22. Only two professional bowlers in any professional bowling association (PBA, PWBA, etc.) per team.

23. A bowler may compete unlimited times in each event. In the Team Event, a team may cash only once with the highest score of the same 5- person team. A team must change at least 2 bowlers to be eligible for prize list. In Singles a bowler can only cash once.

24. Offensive language, inappropriate apparel or destruction of bowling center equipment will not be tolerated. Tournament officials can disqualify any bowler for any of the above reasons.