

KEY POINTS

- USBC will begin registration for the 2024 USBC Open Championships (OC) and USBC Women's Championships (WC), starting with coordinators.
 - o Registration for OC coordinators starts Feb. 3.
 - o Registration for WC coordinators starts March 24.
- Public registration for the 2024 events will open on March 3 for the Open Championships and April 21 for the Women's Championships.
- You will have until Oct. 15, 2023, before remaining balances for team spots are due.
- You will have until Dec. 15, 2023, before all remaining balances, including doubles/singles, are due.

FREQUENTY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. Where are the 2024 events happening, and what are the squad times for the Championship Tournaments?
 - a. OC Team and Doubles/Singles will take place at the South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas, from Feb. 23-July 28 (last day of team competition, unless extended).
 - i. Team squads will be held at 2 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. (combo squad)
 - ii. Doubles/singles squads will be at 7 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. (combo squad)
 - iii. The 9:30 p.m. squad will have 30 lanes for team and 30 lanes for doubles/singles.
 - b. WC Team and Doubles/Singles will take place at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada, from mid-April to mid-July, with specific dates and squad times to be announced at a later date.
- 2. When will we have to pay our balance due?
 - a. Balance due information can be found in the Key Points above.
- 3. What are the requirements to be included in the 2024 Captain's Club?

To qualify for the Captain's Club, one must maintain five or more teams. Those who qualify are referred to as coordinators.

Coordinators receive advanced access to pre-register teams for future tournament dates, discounts, merchandise, complimentary hotel rooms and more. To learn about the program in more detail, please visit BOWL.com.

4. During which tournament did I have to be a coordinator for those levels to qualify me for early registration for 2024?

To qualify for the deferred payment benefits of the programs, you qualify based on the prior year's team counts. For new coordinators who meet the various levels, they would register



their teams, and based on the number of teams registered by Dec. 31, 2023, they would begin receiving all the other program benefits leading up to their 2024 tournament competition.

5. Is it too late to join the Captain's Club, or rejoin if I have fallen below the team requirement?

No. If you want to add or bring additional teams that would push you over the lowest threshold to participate, you are welcome to do so. To be added or reinstated, please notify us by email for consideration at:

<u>USBCOpenChampionships@bowl.com</u>; or USBCWomensChampionships@bowl.com

6. As a team coordinator and a member of the Captain's Club, how does preregistration work?

- a. **OC -** Coordinators who oversee five (5) or more teams will go through a preregistration process like past years. USBC will email all Captain's Club members who qualify. You will fill out the pre-reservation form, selecting your preferred dates and times, and a USBC staff member will process your registration.
 - i. Coordinators will receive forms no later than Friday, February 3, and preregistration will be completed on Wednesday, March 1.
- b. **WC -** Coordinators who oversee five (5) or more teams will go through a preregistration process like what is being done for the Open Championships.
 - i. Coordinators will receive forms no later than Friday, March 24, and preregistration will be completed on Thursday, April 20.

After that date, any coordinators who have not registered will select their team squads along with all other captains during the public registration period. For any changes after the pre-registration period, coordinators simply can move their teams and make other changes on their own by visiting REG.BOWL.com.

Please understand, if you no longer qualify for the minimum levels required to maintain your status, we ask you to wait until public registration opens.

7. What is the breakdown of the entry fees?

- a. Open Championships
 - i. 2024 entry fees = \$225 entry | \$133 prize fund (59%) | \$92 expenses (41%)
 - ii. USBC also collects a \$25 per team processing fee.
- b. Women's Championships
 - i. 2024 entry fees = \$180 entry | \$100 prize fund (56%) | \$80 expenses (44%)
 - ii. USBC also collects a \$20 per team processing fee.

8. Why is USBC charging a processing fee for the Women's Championships but did not before?

When USBC launched online registration years ago, there was a 2% fee to cover credit card and processing expenses. Later, a change was made removing the 2% fee, replacing it with a \$25 per team fee for the Open Championships, while Women's Championships processing fee was absorbed in the entry.



As part of the 2022 changes, we made the Women's Championships consistent with the Open Championships and having a \$5/bowler processing fee for both tournaments.

9. Who is responsible for making decisions related to the tournament operations? All decisions are made by the USBC staff with the support of the USBC Board of Directors. In times of larger strategic decisions, such as increasing the entry fees, recommendations are prepared by the staff, and all final decision are made by the board.

10. Can new teams still enter?

This information all pertains to the start of the registration process for the 2024 USBC Open and Women's Championships.

There will be a period for Captain's Club members to enter their teams, then the portals will open to the public. Those timelines are listed at the top of this document.

Entries also still are being accepted for the 2023 events. The Open Championships will be taking place in Las Vegas this year, and the Women's Championships will be held in Addison, Illinois. Please visit BOWL.com/OpenChamp and BOWL.com/WomensChamp for more information and entry deadlines for 2023.

11. Can I email my requests for 2024 dates and times?

No, not at this time. The best way to proceed is to read all emails pertaining to 2024 registration and fill out the forms that are included. If you do not receive an email at the expected time, please contact our offices.

You can change your dates and times, enter roster information, etc., immediately once the tournament registration portal opens for public registration.

12. Is USBC planning for any social distancing or COVID-19 protocols for the 2024 events?

Not at this time, but USBC will continue to follow local and state guidelines for Nevada. As more information becomes available, we will inform tournament coordinators and publish information on BOWL.com.

Who should I contact if I have additional questions?

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