



## 2025 U.S. Open FAQ

### **1. What are the 2025 U.S. Open dates and location?**

The 2025 U.S. Open is scheduled for Jan. 27-Feb. 4 at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis.

### **2. What's new for the 2025 U.S. Open?**

The 2025 U.S. Open will feature two days of television coverage as part of a nine-player stepladder finals.

With the elimination of the fourth qualifying round, the top nine competitors after 48 games of qualifying and round-robin match play will earn a spot in the stepladder finals. Athletes that qualify from the No. 5 through No. 9 seeds will compete in a traditional stepladder format Feb. 3 live on FS1. The advancer will join the top four seeds for the second stepladder Feb. 4 live on FOX. The winner of the 2025 U.S. Open will take home the major title and \$100,000 top prize.

The 2025 U.S. Open format still will feature three eight-game qualifying rounds, but now the field will be cut to the top 24 athletes for round-robin match play after Round 3.

Previous editions of the event cut to the top 36 athletes after Round 3, with advancers bowling eight additional games before a second cut was made to the top 24 for round-robin match play.

### **3. What is the field size for the 2025 U.S. Open?**

The 2025 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.

### **4. What is the criteria for an invitation/exemption into the 2025 U.S. Open?**

Bowlers may qualify for direct entry into the 2025 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

2024 USBC Senior Masters winner

2024 PBA50 Senior U.S. Open winner

2024 U22 Masters winner

Intercollegiate Singles Championships men's winners, last two years

2024 U.S. Open, top five finishers

PBA Members – Exempt Field and Points list:

- a. PBA Member Exempt field for the 2024-2025 Season
- b. Individuals who are 44th-63rd on the PBA points list as of Oct. 1, 2024

Note: In 2026, only the exempt field will automatically qualify for the U.S. Open

2024 Men's U.S. Amateur, top three men's finishers

2024 Team USA (men) and Junior Team USA (boys) members

Winner of each (up to 2) U.S. Open regional qualifier

BPAA exemption

The remainder of field will be filled through an on-site pre-tournament qualifier.

- Individuals who are signed up for the pre-tournament-qualifier who are bowling on the PBA TV show the day before the event.

Bowlers who do not pay their entry fees by Dec. 12, 2024, will lose their spots in the field.

## **5. 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 100 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.
  - Direct entries will be awarded individuals who are 64<sup>th</sup>-75<sup>th</sup> on the PBA Points List as Oct, 1, 2024

PBA members within the top 75 in points could bypass the PTQ if:

- A direct entry declines or does not pay for their entry by the registration deadline.
- PBA member must be entered in the PTQ by the registration deadline.
- Entry priority will be determined by the 2024 PBA points list.

Individuals who are awarded the Direct Entry into the PTQ who do not pay their entry fee by Dec. 12, 2024, will lose their spots in the PTQ field.

## **6. 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

2025 U.S. Open will be required to be current with SafeSport training prior to registering for the event.

**7. 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.2, 2024. 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](http://BOWL.com/RVP) for information.

SafeSport must be completed by Jan 15, 2025, or the competitor will lose his/her spot in the field.

**8. Will the 2025 U.S. Open be livestreamed?**

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

**9. 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. A refund will be given:
  - i. less \$50 cancellation fee, if written notice is received prior to Dec. 26, 2024
  - ii. less a \$100 cancellation fee, if written notice is received between Dec. 26, 2024, and Jan. 19, 2025.
- b. No refund will be given if written notice is received after Jan. 19, 2025.