



2023 U.S. Women's Open FAQ

1. What are the 2023 U.S. Women's Open dates and location?

The 2023 U.S. Women's Open is scheduled for June 13-20 at ABC Gates Bowl in Gates, New York.

2. What is the field size for the 2023 U.S. Women's Open?

The 2023 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.

3. What is the criteria for an invitation/exemption into the 2023 U.S. Women's Open?

Bowlers may qualify for direct entry into the 2023 U. S. Women's Open based on the following criteria, in the following order:

U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN WINNERS (last 10 years)

USBC QUEENS WINNERS (last three years)

PWBA TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS (last three years)

PBA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS (last three years)

USBC WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS DIAMOND DIVISION ALL-EVENTS WINNERS (last three years)

2022 USBC SENIOR QUEENS WINNER

2022 JUNIOR GOLD U20 GIRLS WINNER

INTERCOLLEGIATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS WOMEN'S WINNER (last two years)

2022 U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN TOP FIVE FINISHERS

TOP 75 ON THE PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S BOWLING ASSOCIATION (PWBA) 2022 NATIONAL TOUR POINTS LIST AS OF DEC. 31, 2022.

2022 TEAM USA (FEMALE) AND JUNIOR TEAM USA (FEMALE) MEMBERS

2022 U.S. AMATEUR - TOP THREE WOMEN'S FINISHERS

WINNER FROM EACH OF THE 2023 U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN REGIONAL QUALIFIERS

BPAA EXEMPTION

2023 PWBA EVENT WINNERS (if not already qualified)

- PWBA Stockton Open
- PWBA GoBowling! Spokane Open
- USBC Queens
- PWBA Grand Rapids Classic
- PWBA BowlTV Classic
- PWBA Great Lakes Classic
- PWBA Bowlers Journal Cleveland Open

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

*PWBA members could bypass the PTQ if:

- A direct entry declines or does not pay her entry by the registration deadline.
- PWBA member must enter PTQ by registration deadline.
- Entry priority will be determined by 2022 PWBA points list.

Bowlers who do not pay their entry fees by April 28, 2023, will lose their spots in the field, and the spot will be awarded to the PTQ or PWBA member on the PTQ list.

Any bowler wishing to compete in the U.S. Women's Open must enter the PTQ (see information under format). PTQ field size is determined by lane availability.

4. 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 80 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 the completion of the qualifier. The remainder will be placed in the U.S. Open prize fund.

5. 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 2023 U.S. Women's Open will be required to be current with SafeSport training prior to registering for the event.

6. 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 20, 2022. 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://www.bowl.com/rvp) for information.

SafeSport must be completed by April 28, 2023, or the competitor will lose her spot in the field.

9. Will the 2023 U.S. Women's Open be livestreamed?

Yes. Livestreaming of the event will be 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:

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