



Inter-Office Communication

January 4, 2021

To: Regional Directors

From: Rory Gamble

Subject: 2021 International UAW Finals Bowling Championship Tournament

The International UAW Finals Bowling Championship Tournament will take place on Saturday, August 21, 2021, at Thunderbowl Lanes located at 4200 Allen Road, Allen Park, MI, 48101.

The 2021 theme will be "Rolling Forward" as we continue the tradition of providing this long-time UAW recreational and social event, intended to engage and build solidarity amongst our members through fun and fellowship. Following is a tentative schedule for the tournament:

8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.	Singles Registration Check-In
10 a.m.	Singles Tournament
11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Team Check-In
1 p.m.	Team Tournament

To protect the health and well-being of all bowlers, the following changes and precautions are being taken:

- Instead of a family lunch, bowlers will be issued lunch tickets to purchase food and beverages at their convenience.
- Family games and Glo Bowling will be eliminated from this tournament.
- Bowlers are encouraged not to bring visitors, as the bowling alley has limited capacity due to COVID-19 safety guidelines.
- Hand sanitation stations will be placed throughout the Thunderbowl Lanes Bowling Alley.
- All common areas will be sanitized every two hours by the bowling alley staff.

If your region is hosting a tournament, please appoint a Regional Bowling Coordinator as soon as possible and notify the International Bowling Coordinator, Don Godfrey at dgodfrey@uaw.net. Don will follow up with each Regional Bowling Coordinator to ensure our regional and finals tournaments are successful.

Regional tournaments must start after January 1, 2021 and be completed by July 17, 2021. Only teams who have participated in the regional tournament can advance to the UAW Finals.

Upon completion of the Region's tournament, the Region's Bowling Coordinator should complete the "Regional Tournament Information". Log into LUIS, go to the conference tab, go to bowling registration, and select the option to submit. The International will contact the teams for completion of Bowler Information and Release forms and collection of registration fees.

The 2021 UAW Finals tournament fees are \$275 per team, and \$40 per single bowler. These fees cover the cost of tournament expenses. Entry to advance to the Finals is limited to UAW members in good standing, retirees, and their spouse/partner. It is the responsibility of the respective local union's Financial Secretary to verify the qualifications of participants in the regional tournament.

To assist with your regional tournament, we are offering the assistance of Bowling Coordinator, Dick Smith. A summary of his services is attached, and his costs include:

- a \$100 flat rate fee for the tournaments, plus \$1.80 per bowler
- a \$100 travel fee, for travel more than two hours (one way)

Also attached are copies of:

1. Rules and Regulations
2. Bowler Information and Release Form for Regional Tournament (for Regions to adapt for their registration process)
3. Team Entry Form for Regional Tournament (for Regions to use in their registration process)
4. Regional Tournament Information Form (for Regions to complete at the end of their tournament to advance their teams to the Finals)
5. Bowling Coordinator Scope of Service

International UAW Finals Registration Process:

After the Regional Bowling Coordinator completes the Regional Tournament Information form, the International UAW Finals Coordinator will:

- Email the team captains a form to provide the contact information of their teams, as well as remind the team captains that they are responsible for submitting the team registration fee of \$275.
- Upon receipt of the team information, each team member will be emailed a separate link to complete their bowler information profile, which will include: their bowling statistics, release of liability, and other pertinent information. The link will also provide information on how to register to bowl in the singles tournament.

Payments, Regional Tournament Qualifier Form, Team Entry Forms and completed Bowler Information and Release Forms must be submitted **by Friday, July 23, 2021**, to the UAW Recreation Department, 8000 E. Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, MI 48214. Checks should be made payable to *International Union, UAW*. Payment for both team and singles tournaments can be combined in one check.

We thank you for your continued support of this historic and fun annual event. If you have any questions, please contact Don Godfrey, UAW International Bowling Coordinator, dgodfrey@uaw.net, (313) 926-5474.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

2021 INTERNATIONAL UAW BOWLING TOURNAMENTS



1. Any UAW-sponsored (10-pin) tournament affiliating with this event must be standardized to include a Team Event and have identical average and eligibility rules and the same handicap systems. All team members must be an active or retired UAW member or their spouse/partner to be eligible.
2. A bowler can participate only once in a UAW regional tournament and in **only one** UAW regional tournament.
3. Regional competition will be three games across two lanes. Qualifying scores will be based on total score for three games with handicap added.
4. International Championship competition will be three games across two lanes, for both Single and Team competition.
5. Teams may be composed of all men, all women or mixed with a playing strength of five. USBC and eligible non-USBC members may participate in a moral support tournament with high score recognition automatically extended to USBC members.
6. Eligible non-USBC members can obtain high score recognition by purchasing an unattached membership card prior to bowling paid by check only. Upon receipt of fee, USBC will issue an unattached individual membership card.
7. Use highest league average -- **21 GAMES OR MORE IN 2019-2020** (refer to City or appropriate Association Yearbook). Averages established in summer leagues will be acceptable only if such averages have been recorded and maintained by the local association secretary and are verifiable. Bring verification from league secretary.
8. In case of no 2019-2020 average, said bowler may establish an average by bowling 21 games or more as of December 31, 2020. If average is established in this manner, the highest established current average as of the start of the tournament will be used. Bring verification from league secretary. All others bowl scratch: men 200, women 165.
9. When the previous season's average is used, and at the time of scheduled date 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. Bring verification of current average from league secretary.
10. Bowlers are cautioned to familiarize themselves with the re-rating requirements of USBC Rule #319E and Rule #319. Rule #319 applies to all participants.
11. Any bowler whose average has been re-rated by their local association must use their re-rated average in this tournament.
12. Any bowler who has qualified for a prize of \$300 or more in any event in a tournament within the previous 12-month period must report their actual score, position and amount won at the time of entry and is subject to possible re-rating before bowling. Failure to accurately report averages and/or prize winnings received the previous 12 months can result in disqualification. If contestant reports a higher average than true average, no correction will be made and they will be handicapped accordingly. If a lower average than the true average is submitted, contestant may be disqualified and subject to suspension from USBC membership.

13. Handicap basis – 100% (difference between team average and 1,100, 3-game total) added to total score. Singles – 90% (difference between average and 220, 3-game total) added to total score.
14. All Regions participating in the tournament have the option of advancing at least three teams to the UAW Finals Bowling Championship Tournament. Or, a Region may advance teams based upon the following formula: one for every five entries in the Regional Tournament (or a fraction thereof).
15. It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average. It shall be the team captain's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their team averages, whether originally submitted by the bowler, the team captain, or others. Failure to use the proper average or make a correction prior to or at the time of bowling may disqualify team score if submitted average is lower than actual average. Prize winnings shall be based on the submitted average if it is higher than actual average (Rule 319A-3).
- 16. The Tournament Director will re-rate averages based on prior tournament scores.**
17. Any issue not covered by these Tournament rules will be covered by USBC rules. The Tournament Director reserves the right to settle all disputes not covered by these rules or USBC rules.
18. Prizes will not be paid until averages of all winners have been verified. Prize fees will be returned 100% on a ratio of at least one prize for each eight entries or major fraction thereof.
19. IN CASE OF ABSENCE, YOU MAY SEND A SUBSTITUTE. To be eligible, the substitute must be a person who bowled in the regional tournament. The verified average and name of the substitute should accompany team entry. For a substitute to be eligible for the singles event, he/she must replace a member in the team event. Substitution is limited to three and should be made one hour before starting time.
20. Bowlers MUST indicate their choices of different times. Scheduling will be done on a first-come, first-served basis. The Tournament Director reserves the right to schedule when choices are not given.
21. Any person or persons who violate the rules of this Tournament individually or collectively shall forfeit their paid fees and any and all rights to claim or hold a prize awarded in this Tournament.
22. For conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Tournament, the Tournament Director may impose such penalties as he/she shall deem necessary, including suspension from the Tournament.
23. If any of the eligibility rules are not adhered to, you and your team will waive the right to any prize money and forfeit all fees paid.
24. All bowlers will be checked to determine their UAW Local and Region eligibility (spouses and retirees included). A non-union member will forfeit his entire team from the qualifying tournament.
25. It shall be the responsibility of each individual to complete the "International UAW Individual Eligibility and Release of Liability" form or Substitute Form, as applicable.

Qualifiers' averages must be verified by regional tournament secretaries, then submitted in a block to the Finals Championship Secretary by July 17, 2021 (including substitutes), OR AS SOON AS REASONABLY POSSIBLE AFTER COMPLETION OF YOUR REGIONAL TOURNAMENT. Tournament scheduling will be done on or before August 13, 2021.

Local unions and bowlers should note that there is no obligation for locals or regions to pay expenses for qualifiers to the regional tournament or the International UAW Finals Bowling Tournament Championship.

Bowler Information and Release: Regional Tournament

First Name*	Last Name*	Email*	Cell Phone*
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Street*	City*	State*	Zip*
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Region*	Local*	Membership Status*	Social Security Number*
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
		<small>(Active Member, Retired Member, Spouse, Partner)</small>	<small>(This is required to payout any prize money earned from the tournament)</small>

Bowler Data			
USBC# (Leave blank if you do not have one)	Bowling Average 2019-2020 Season	Did you bowl in the 2019 International UAW Finals Bowling Championship?	I am a substitute:
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
My team captain is: <input type="text"/>			

Release of Liability
<p>Must check to be eligible to participate.*</p> <p><i>In consideration of acceptance to participate in the UAW Regional Bowling Tournament and the International UAW Finals Bowling Championship Tournament, should my team advance, I do hereby for myself, my heirs, and representatives, release the International Union, UAW and its officers, employees and agents from any and all responsibility or liabilities from injuries resulting from my participation in the tournament, including those caused by negligent acts or omissions of any of those mentioned or others acting on their behalf.</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I acknowledge I have provided the above captioned individual eligibility information and read and agree to this Release of Liability.</p>

*Fields are required

Team Entry Form for Regional Tournament

Please fill out the team's contact information. Each team member is also responsible for completing a separate Bowler Information and Release form.

Team Member 1 - Captain

First Name	Last Name	Email	Cell Phone
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Team Member 2

First Name	Last Name	Email	Cell Phone
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Team Member 3

First Name	Last Name	Email	Cell Phone
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Team Member 4

First Name	Last Name	Email	Cell Phone
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Team Member 5

First Name	Last Name	Email	Cell Phone
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Substitute

First Name	Last Name	Email	Cell Phone
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

I, as the local union financial secretary, certify that the players above are bona fide active or retired members or their spouse/partner. Consult with your Region for the registration fee(s) for the Regional Tournament.

Name: Local:

Region:

Regional Tournament Coordinator Name:

Coordinator Clerical Support Name:



Where did the tournament take place? (Name & Address):

How many teams participated?

How many teams are advancing?

Your Region can advance 1 of every 5 teams that participated in the regional tournament.

Teams advancing to International Tournament

Team Captain (First & Last Name)	Local	Email	Cell Phone	Total Score

I, Regional Tournament Coordinator, certify that everyone participating in this tournament meets the criteria set forth in the rules of the International Tournament. Specifically, they all bowled in the Regional Tournament and they are all either active or retired members or they are the spouse/partner of either active or retired members.

Dick Smith
Bowling Coordinator Services

PRIOR TO TOURNAMENT

1. Review the tournament rules, as set forth by the International Recreation Department, with Regional Director or Tournament Coordinator to make sure they are understood.
2. Review the entry forms with the Regional Director or Tournament Coordinator. All dates and times should be correct, and the expense items balanced. Tournament rules should be included.
3. Tournament must be certified with the USBC in order for all honor scores to be awarded and the purse guaranteed.
4. Work with the regional support staff to obtain team captains, rosters, and averages.
5. Obtain list of team captains, rosters and averages a minimum of 5 days prior to tournament. Coordinate with bowling center to assign lanes.
6. Prepare lane assignments. Try to pair teams of similar averages. Other than that lane assignments are random. Lane requests or pairings are not acknowledged. Bowling center needs final draft 3 days prior to tournament. Send copy to region.

TOURNAMENT DAY

1. Bowling center should be technically prepared to play national anthem.
2. Arrive 1 1/2 hours prior to tournament start. Make sure tournament office is set up and ready to go.
3. Work with Regional support staff on tournament registration. They have been previously prepped on job responsibilities. Registration should open 1 hr. prior to start.
4. **TIME SENSITIVE**---Coordinate all changes (names, averages, substitutions) with the support staff and the bowling center. This **MUST** be complete prior to start so the recap sheets can be printed and the UAW is provided with the correct information.
5. Welcome bowlers, short speech by Regional Director or designated speaker, national anthem, 15 min. of practice.

TOURNAMENT

1. I have no responsibility for the running of the tournament. I am available to the tournament director for any actual or perceived problems especially rules questions.
2. Continuous walking of the concourse to ensure tournament progress. Work with bowling center to handle mechanical difficulties. Make sure tournament director is aware of all problems.
3. Do not get involved with jackpots or brackets.
4. Upon completion wait until bowling center can provide complete recap sheets.

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POST TOURNAMENT

1. Double check all scores and arithmetic. Correct any and all errors.
2. List by scores, from top to bottom, team captains with each game total, handicap, and grand total.
3. Review averages for those teams placed in the money.
4. Provide above information along with original recap sheets to Regional staff maximum 3 business days from tournament.
5. Be available to Regional Director and support staff to answer questions if required.
6. Support staff must file financial to report to USBC within 30 days.
7. Make sure Regional Director and support staff are aware of number of qualifying teams for the International Tournament and act accordingly to facilitate that number of invitations.
8. Constructively critique tournament operation for improvement.

Any additional miscellaneous details during the course of the event.

The cost for service is \$100 flat rate and an additional \$1.80 per bowler. This rate does not include travel costs. A \$100 travel fee, for travel more than two hours (one way) will be added. If travel is less than two hours (one way), the travel fee will be omitted.

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