

Canadian Championships – June 11 – 14th, 2026

1. ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1 This tournament is sanctioned by CTF. CTF participants not 18 years of age as of Sept 1 are ineligible to compete in the National Tournament. Non-CTF entrants must pay the \$50.00 for the CTF Affiliate Registered Participant fee. **All participants must present a valid CTF membership card at check-in if they cannot be pre-verified.**
- 1.2 The tournament will consist of teams, mixed doubles, open doubles, men's and women's singles, and men's and women's optional handicap all-events. All event entries must be paid prior to bowling your first event. Mixed Doubles will be mixed with 1 person of the opposite gender.

2. AVERAGE / REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1 Entrants must use their highest CTF/USBC-sanctioned league average based on a minimum of 21 games for the current season (As of April 1, 2026) or previous season. If no sanctioned league average for the previous season, or current season (April 1, 2026), a scratch average will be used
- 2.2 CTF rules 319d & 319e do not apply for this event.
- 2.3 Re-entries will be accepted .5 hour before the start of the squad selected with a completed re-entry form and payment of entry fees, subject to squad/shift availability at the discretion of the Tournament Manager.
- 2.4 Entry fees will be \$50.00 (\$29.00 prize fee; \$19.80 bowling fee; \$1.20 expense fee) per person, per event. Entries will be based on lane availability.
- 2.5 Handicap will be 100% of 240 for all Singles handicap events.
- 2.6 Handicap will be 100% of 480 for all Doubles handicap events, based on the total of both entrants' averages.
- 2.7 Handicap will be 100% of 960 for all 4-Member team events, based on the total of all 4 entrants' averages.
- 2.8 Optional Handicap All Events will be 10.00 (\$10.00 prize money, \$0 expense fee).
- 2.9 Multiple participation is allowed in each event. Four-player team event – cannot cash with the same team combination more than once. To place more than once in the team event, at least one player on the team must be changed. Doubles Events – cannot cash with the same person more than once. Singles Events – cash once with a higher score. When multiple participation is allowed, the bowler's first appearance in each event counts toward the all events total. (CTF rule 317)
- 2.10 Prize Ratio will be one for every 6 entries in each event.

- 2.11 In the event of a tie for first place in any event, co-champions will be declared. Ties for any placing will result in equal prize money being awarded for all positions concerned.
- 2.12 Prize fees will be returned 100% within each event.
- 2.13 Full payment of entry fees must be submitted at time of entry.
- 2.14 Once confirmation of dates is received, there will be no refunds of entry fees unless re-rate of average by Tournament Manager on-site causes withdrawal. Illness will be considered.
- 2.15 Entries received fourteen days prior to the tournament will receive a verification of entry. Email will be used where applicable.
- 2.16 Violations of any of the rules may result in immediate disqualification.
- 2.17 By entering this tournament all participants are giving authorization to advertise winners on social media and website.
- 2.18 All Prize Fees will be paid via e-transfer.

3. BOWLING EQUIPMENT

- 3.1 Every bowler must have his/her own bowling ball and bowling shoes.
- 3.2 All bowling balls must meet USBC specifications. It is the player's responsibility to ensure all equipment is eligible for competition.
- 3.3 All bowling balls must be on the USBC-approved list on BOWL.com prior to being introduced into play.
- 3.4 Plugged bowling balls are allowed.
- 3.5 Random bowling ball checks may be done as deemed necessary by tournament management.
- 3.6 Bowlers may request to have their bowling balls checked prior to competition.
- 3.7 If a competitor uses a bowling ball not on the USBC-approved list, or one that does not meet USBC specifications, the bowler will be disqualified from the tournament.
- 3.8 Use of Abrasives on Ball Surface or Other Modification

Once the competition begins, no abrasives, cleaners or polishes may be used on equipment. The use of abrasives, cleaners or polishes is permitted during practice and warm-up, but never during competition. In addition, all sanding products must be removed from the competition area (i.e., Abralon, sandpaper, etc.).

- If an abrasive, cleaner or polish is used, the ball is removed from play for the remainder of the round.
- If an abrasive, cleaner or polish is used, and the ball is thrown in competition, the player is disqualified.

NOTE: The tournament director may allow a player to remove foreign substances from the bowling ball surface with authorized cleaners on a case-by-case basis.

3.9 Ball Checks: Bowling ball checks may be done as deemed necessary by the tournament director.

3.10 Powder: No substance, including, but not limited to, talcum powder and EZ Slide, can be applied to the bottom of a player's shoes.

4. DEAD BALL SITUATIONS

The tournament director must be called and will make all decisions regarding dead ball situations.

4.1. Bowling on the Wrong Lane

- CTF Rule 9 will apply when bowling on the wrong lane

4.2. Bowling Out of Turn

- Bowling out of turn is a dead ball situation (CTF Rule 8).

4.3. Dead Wood

- If a pin is in the channel, the pin should be removed before the next delivery. If any other competitor feels the pin is in play, it must be removed before a shot is thrown.
- If the competitor attempts a spare conversion while a pin is in play, and the ball contacts the dead wood before leaving the lane surface, he or she shall receive zero for the shot.
- If the competitor attempts a spare conversion while a pin is in play and any pin after coming in contact with the dead wood knocks down one or more pins, he or she shall receive zero for the shot.

4.4. Missing Pins

- If it is determined that any pins were missing from the rack at which a competitor shot, he or she must redo that shot.

5. DEADLINES

To be determined upon approval of tournament rules

6. DRESS CODE

6.1 Entrants are expected to wear suitable attire. Examples of prohibited attire include, but are not limited to:

- Hats (medical reasons only)
- Tank tops, halter tops, bare midriffs, spaghetti strap tops, etc.

- Workout attire, short skirts, jeans that are not neat, clean or in good condition
- Shorts are allowed during competition. Athletics, jeans or cargo shorts are not allowed.

Bowlers will be required to change if attire is deemed inappropriate by tournament management or designee. Tournament management or designee decision will be final.

7 FOOD, DRINK & SMOKING

7.1 Outside food will NOT be permitted in the bowling center. Hard candy, mints and gum are allowed. This includes from the start of practice to the last ball thrown for score on each squad.

- Bowlers with a medical condition who must eat more than what is mentioned above during competition should notify the tournament office prior to bowling.
- Failure to comply may result in disqualification.

8 FOULS

8.1 CTF rules regarding fouls will be followed. Should at any time during a shot the foul light flash, it must be scored as a foul. If the player wishes to protest the foul, a ruling by tournament management must be called for by the end of the game. The tournament management's decision shall be final.

8.2 In the event of an intentional foul, tournament management should be immediately notified. The player shall receive no pinfall for that delivery and shall receive no additional deliveries in that frame.

- An intentional foul is a foul caused by anything unnatural to a normal delivery and intentionally done, such as kicking at the foul line. If in the act of intentionally fouling the player's action is deemed conduct unbecoming, he/she will be subject to the penalties provided for this offense.

9 LANE ASSIGNMENTS

9.1 Lane assignments will be posted in the tournament venue no later than one half hour prior to each squad.

10 LANE OIL PATTERN

10.1 The pattern will be posted at the tournament venue no later than the start of the first official shift for each event.

10.2 One Standard oil pattern will be used in in the tournament

11 LATE ARRIVAL

11.1 Any participant arriving late for the qualifying blocks will begin play in the frame then being bowled. A bowler will not be credited with any pins for missed frames.

12 PERSONNEL IN THE COMPETITION AREA

The tournament director will define the competition area prior to the start of competition.

12.1 Authorized Personnel

- Only tournament competitors, CTF staff and tournament volunteers are permitted in the competition area during the competition. Media personnel covering the event may be permitted into the competition area on a case-by-case basis.

12.2 Incoming Squads

- Competitors on incoming squads may not enter the competition area until both their starting and adjacent pairs are finished.

13 PRIZE PAYOUTS AND AWARDS

13.1 Prize Payouts will be sent by e-transfer within 30 days after the conclusion of the tournament (CTF Rule 309) unless permission is granted to extend by CTF tournament certification.

13.2 In the event of a tie in any division, prize money will be equally divided.

14 PROTESTS

14.1 Protests concerning scoring accuracy must be filed with tournament management immediately.

14.2 Complaints concerning approach conditions or other equipment must be brought to the attention of the tournament director. An inspection will be made and, if needed, corrections will be made. If a complaint is determined to be unwarranted, the contestant must proceed to bowl, or the games will be declared forfeited.

15 SQUADS

Tournament management reserves the right to change the number of qualifying squads in the tournament as late as seven days prior to the first day of qualifying, based on entries.

16 START OF COMPETITION

The definition of the “start of competition” is when any participant’s first ball is thrown for score during competition. This includes qualifying and the advancers round.

17 TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT

Tournament management has the final authority to make interpretations of any tournament rules and make decisions regarding anything not covered in the rules.

18 WITHDRAWING AFTER THE TOURNAMENT HAS STARTED

18.1 In order to withdraw before the start of the tournament, the competitor must notify the tournament director.

18.2 Any competitor who wishes to withdraw while the tournament is in progress must notify the bowlers on his or her pair and then receive permission from the tournament director.

MASTERS (SENIOR) TEAM CANADA QUALIFIER

- A. Optional Masters (Senior) All Events: \$100.00 (\$100 expense fee). All Monies will be used towards entry fee and uniforms for Masters and Coach Expenses.
- B. Participants may also enter handicap or scratch All Events.
- C. Participants over the age of 50 in the year of the tournament are eligible to enter the optional Men's & Women's Masters (Senior) Scratch All Events. CTF is not responsible if this event or any division is canceled.
- D. Qualifying will use the following format.
 - Entrants must bowl 12 games in the Canadian Championships, consisting of the total of four (4), three game scratch series that must include the first series bowled in each event - Team Event, Mixed Doubles, Open Doubles and Singles. The top four (4) men and women will form the 2026 Masters (Senior) Team Canada.
 - Entrants must select the event and squad selection on the entry form and pay the additional optional fee.