

2018 Bowlerstore.com NAIA Invitational Team Championship Rules

This event will be certified by the USBC and will be conducted on a Sport Compliant condition.

Entry Fees

The entry form must be completed, signed and submitted along with the \$325 entry fee (non-refundable) to the tournament management by date designated on entry form. If paid online the fee will be \$335

All schools are limited to one team in the men's division and one team in the women's division. A mixed team will compete in the men's division.

Team Requirements

At least One Coach from a competing school must be a current due paying member of the NAIABCA.

Submitting the entry forms means that all coaches and athletes agree to abide by all event and competition rules and policies of this tournament. Any event and/or competition violation could result in disqualification as determined by tournament manager.

Bowling Equipment

All teams competing must submit a ball registration form prior to the start of competition.

All equipment must meet USBC specifications. The number of bowling balls a student-athlete can use is limited to five (5) bowling balls, including practice and competition. Once the equipment registration is completed, no additional equipment may be added. A bowling ball may only be listed once on a ball card. A student-athlete can only use equipment listed under his/her name.

A bowling ball may only be replaced if the tournament manager declares that the bowling ball is damaged beyond repair. A replacement bowling ball can be submitted to the tournament manager who will have that ball checked, approved and listed on the Equipment Registration form before it is used in competition. A bowling ball may be repaired if approved by the tournament management.

Penalty for first offense: Individual and team are warned.

Penalty for additional offenses: Bowler is disqualified from the event and all game(s) in which the violation occurred are forfeited.

Team Uniforms and Use of Advertisement and/or Logos on Equipment, Uniforms and Apparel

The official uniform must be loose-fitting and not made of denim, fleece, nylon or spandex-like material. No jeans, warm-up suits or hats of any kind are permitted. All student-athletes require a neat appearance in both clothing and personal grooming. Team uniforms and use of advertising/logos on equipment, uniforms and apparel for the competition must adhere to the following:

1. Team Shirts— Each student-athlete must wear shirts that are identical in style, color, print and design. All shirts must consist of collared, v-neck, rib-lined, or banded necklines only. T-shirts are not approved for competition. Each team member must have the school name, initials, or registered trademark logo in letters a minimum of 1-inch high on the shirt's back. Hand -printed lettering is not allowed (professional airbrush excluded) . Removable plaques with school names are permitted. All lettering must be legible, in English, and identical to each student-athlete's shirt.

2. Logos— A student-athlete may wear apparel that bears a trademark and/or logo provided the following criteria are met:

- a. No more than four logos (team logo or sponsor) are permitted on a team uniform.
- b. Logo(s) can be placed only on the right or left shirtsleeve, shirtfront chest and/or the front of the student-athlete's skirt, culottes, skort, walking short or trouser.

- c. Logo(s) cannot exceed 2 inches in height and 3 inches in width including any additional material surrounding the normal trademark or logo (i.e. patch/emblem). School trademark, logos, name are exempt from this policy.
- d. All team members must have the same logo advertisements on their shirts. Logos must be placed in the identical location on all team members.
- e. In the event the event has major sponsorship, the student-athletes will be required to wear an event logo and/or sponsor advertisement during the entire event. Event management will determine placement of this advertisement.

3. Women's Apparel – Female student-athletes are required to wear trousers, skirts, culottes, skorts or walking shorts. All skirts, culottes, skorts or walking shorts must be no shorter than one-half the distance from the inseam to the top of the knee in length and/or no shorter than the finger tips when arms are at their sides while standing. Each student-athlete must wear trousers, skirts, culottes, skorts or walking shorts similar in color and the same in print or design. Trousers must not contain drawstring waists or elastic bottoms (ankles). Mixing of team apparel (skorts and skirts) is not permitted.

4. Men's Apparel – Male student-athletes are required to wear trousers. Trousers must not contain drawstring waists or elastic bottoms (ankles). Each student-athlete must wear trousers similar in color and the same in print or design.

Student-athletes must comply with these rules at all practice sessions and competitions. The tournament director will enforce these guidelines and questionable apparel must be referred to the tournament director for approval before it is worn. Bring alternative team uniforms that follow the dress code in case approval is denied.

Penalty– Failure to comply with any dress code will result in a verbal warning and apparel change (if applicable).

Second offense will result in a verbal warning, apparel change (if applicable), and/or possible disqualification for that block and following blocks until rectified.

Coaches' Attire and Use of Advertisement and/or Logos on Apparel

Coaches' attire and use of advertising/logos on apparel for the event must adhere to the following:

1. Coaches must wear appropriate attire during all practice sessions and competitions. Apparel must fall under the following guidelines. The tournament director will enforce these guidelines. Penalty– Failure to comply with this rule will result in a verbal warning and apparel change (if applicable). Second offense will result in a verbal warning, apparel change (if applicable), and/or possible ejection from coaching that block and following blocks until rectified.
2. Coaches' apparel must be loose-fitting and not made of denim, fleece, spandex-like material. Sweatshirts are not permitted. No jeans, painter's pants or trousers with drawstring waists or elastic bottoms (ankles) are allowed. No T-shirts or hats of any kind are permitted. Women choosing to wear skirts, culottes, skorts or walking shorts must make sure they are no shorter than one-half the distance from the inseam to the top of the knee in length and/or no shorter than the fingertips when arms are at their sides while standing. A neat appearance in both clothing and personal grooming is required by all coaches.
3. Shirt Lettering– Coaches are allowed to have the school name, initials or registered trademark logo in letters a minimum of 1-inch high, on the shirt's back. Hand-printed lettering is not allowed (professional airbrush excluded). Removable plaques with school names are permitted. All lettering must be legible.
4. Advertising and Logos– If coaches choose to wear athletic apparel that bears the trademark and/or logo of athletic equipment or apparel manufacturer or distributor, it must follow the guidelines established for team uniforms.

Practice

There will be a 15-minute practice session prior to qualifying and 10 min practice prior to matchplay competition. Bowlers not present forfeit their time. Substitutes will receive no additional practice balls before entering competition. Tournament participants are not permitted to practice at the bowling center hosting on days scheduled for competition, except during designated practice sessions. Violators will be disqualified from tournament play.

Re-Racks

Each team is allowed a total of two re-rack per Baker game. Violations will result in a forfeit of all pinfall for that frame. Tournament management may grant additional re-racks.

Team Score Verification

Coaches or team representatives are responsible for verification of their team's score. Any scoring corrections must be made prior to signing the recap.

Awards

Awards will be issued for the first, second, place teams in each division. The tournament will recognize a men's and women's most valuable player. Athletes are eligible for the All Tournament Team only in the division that they compete. A woman competing in the men's division on a mixed team is only eligible for the men's All-Tournament Team.

Coach Designation

Each team will be allowed to designate two coaches per team. The coach listed on the official entry form will be the official representative of the team for all matters and will receive all applicable event amenities. The assistant coach's name must be provided to the tournament officials during team registration. During competition, only the two designated coaches and the eight designated athletes will be allowed in the settee area.

Equipment Alterations

Altering the surface of a bowling ball by the use of abrasives, cleaners, or polish is prohibited during competition. In addition, no substance may be placed on the outer surface of the bowling ball. The outer surface of the ball may only be cleaned with a dry towel once the bowler has begun competition. Competition is defined as anytime teams are bowling for score. No modifications can be made to affect the balance of the bowling ball (i.e. additional weight holes, modification of existing holes, etc.) Surface adjustments to equipment will be allowed prior to scoring in any round of qualifying or matchplay. In the event of the equipment rules are broken tournament manager reserves the right to use remedies to below as penalties:

First offense: Individual and team are warned and the ball is removed from that competition (qualifying block or match).

Second offense: Forfeiture of game in which the violation occurred.

Lane Courtesy

To maintain a consistent pace of bowling, it is proper etiquette to observe one-lane courtesy and deliver the bowling ball within a reasonable amount of time as determined by the tournament manager. Additional courtesy or delivery time is inappropriate, delays the pace and hinders the completion of competition on time. Official team warnings will be issued by tournament management directly to the designated coach.

First offense: Team receives a warning.

Second offense: Team will receive a score of zero for all remaining frames in the game.

Third offense: Team is removed from the event.

Format

Each division will begin competition bowling 24 Baker System matches. Teams will bowl six four game blocks on preassigned lanes and there will be no position round. Two full baker games will be bowled on one lane and then alternating to the other lane on the pair. The total pinfall for 24 Baker games will determine the 1– 20 rankings going into the double elimination competition.

All 20 teams in each division will participate in the true double elimination competition, consisting of a best three-out-of-five Baker System match. The top 12 teams will receive a bye in the event of fewer teams. The tournament manager will adjust schedule as necessary. Bracket assignments will be determined by the qualifying scores. From the second round on, the winning teams of each match will remain in the winner bracket and the losing teams will move into the non-winner bracket. For a team in the non-winner bracket to advance in the tournament, they must keep winning. Once a team in the non-winner bracket incurs a second loss, that team is eliminated from the tournament.

Lineup

Any team making an illegal lineup change during a Baker game will forfeit the entire game in which the change occurred. A lineup change made between Baker games does not prohibit the team from using the extra player during the following game as a substitute.

Match Play Lane Selection

The top seeded team will select the starting lane for each match and/or roll-off. The teams will switch lanes for each game in the match.

Ties

Qualifying: In the event, there is a tie for any position at the completion of qualifying, the team with the highest qualifying game will be assigned the higher seed. If there is a tie for 24th place after qualifying and tiebreaking rule there will be a one ball roll-off to determine the advancing team. Tournament management will determine the roll-off lane. Coin flip will determine the order of bowling.

Match Play: If a tie exists at the end of any double elimination match, (2.5 pts each) a 9th and 10th frame roll-off will break the tie. The team can select from any two players on the team to bowl the 9th and 10th frames. If a tie still exists after the first 9th and 10th frame roll-off, the same players will continue rolling 9th and 10th frames alternating lanes until the tie is resolved.

Use of an Ineligible Athlete

The use of an ineligible player will result in the team being disqualified from the event.

Bowling Equipment Regulations

1. The tournament will not conduct an equipment weigh-in. A student-athlete will be required to register all bowling balls (up to a maximum of five bowling balls) with the event. Only balls listed on the Equipment Registration Card may be used in competition. Each bowling ball can only be registered once with the event and only used by the student-athlete who registered it. All balls must be registered prior to beginning the official practice session on Thursday morning. The event management team will handle emergency situations on a case-by-case basis.
2. Student-athletes are limited to use of a maximum of five (5) bowling balls, including practice and competition. No additional balls may be added once the ball card is submitted to the tournament manager. Each bowling ball registered must contain official manufacturer identifying mark, logo, and trademark or product name imprinted over the heaviest portion of the ball prior to being drilled. If your equipment does not have any of these identifying markings, you must have the bowling ball's official paperwork. The paperwork must say the manufacturer, name of bowling ball, verification that it meets USBC specifications and signed by the manufacturer with their title and telephone number. If you are unable to acquire the official paperwork, you will not be able to use that bowling ball in the tournament. A student-athlete or team cannot register undrilled equipment.
3. Changes to equipment may be made between blocks, provided the bowling ball meets USBC specifications. All alterations must be done by a USBC approved pro shop or in the paddock area of the host bowling center. Bowling equipment cannot leave the competition premises once it has been registered with the event. If you prefer to alter your own equipment, space will be provided in the paddock. However, you must have your own equipment to make alterations or receive permission to use someone else's equipment.
4. Tournament staff may conduct spot checks in order to verify the bowling balls being used in competition are listed on the Equipment Registration Card. In the event that a bowling ball is found not to meet USBC specifications after competition has begun, the ball will not be permitted in competition until it has been modified and meets the specifications.
5. Any student-athlete or team not following these rules may be disqualified from the event at the event management's discretion. Event management shall determine all matters not covered.

Eligibility

All participating student-athletes and coaches must meet the eligibility requirements of the USBC Collegiate Division. Failure to meet USBC collegiate eligibility requirements will disqualify any team using an ineligible player.

Any items not covered in these rules will be governed by USBC Collegiate Rules. All decisions made by tournament management will be final .