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USBC CONVENTION

Annual Convention & Open Meeting

This year's USBC Convention and Annual Meeting is May 5-8, 2025 and being held at the South Point Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, NV. Local and State associations from around the country will send delegates to participate in various events. The Greater Richmond USBC will be sending Vickie Rengers, Raymond Clark, and Bret Loeb as representatives of the GRUSBC. Events include:

- ✓ Daily Seminars designed to educate members to take back to their associations and apply the things they learned.
- ✓ Vote on candidates applying for positions on the USBC board.
- ✓ Participate in the annual meeting where delegates will get a breakdown of the USBC happenings including financial information, the status of current programs, and planned programs.
- ✓ During the meetings, all delegates will vote on proposed amendment changes that may involve national, state, and local level rules. This year, we will have four proposals to vote on.

Each association can send a specified number of delegates to the annual convention and it generally depends on the size of their membership. However, many associations, including the GRUSBC, scale down their delegates due to the travel costs involved and budget constraints. If you're a current GRUSBC member and will happen to be in the Las Vegas area during the convention and are interested in being a delegate, reach out to Raymond Clark who can add you as a GRUSBC delegate allowing you to vote on issues and participate in the various events. We do our best to represent our local bowlers, learn what we can, and vote on what's best for the association.



CONGRATULATIONS

Our annual Hall of Fame celebration dinner took place on March 1st where the class of 2025 was inducted. Congratulations to all inductees.



Rhonda Walker (Meritorious)
Robert Brownie (Achievement)
Betty Gleason (Meritorious)
Juliana Kerrigan (Youth Achievement)
Tracie Edmonds (Achievement)



SUMMER LEAGUES

Membership Fees

As the fall leagues begin to wind down, summer leagues are gearing up and getting ready to start. Often times, bowlers ask what additional membership fees will be due if bowling in a summer league.

Bowlers who participated in a USBC certified fall league would have been required to purchase a standard membership for the season for \$25.00. That membership will carry through into the Summer league immediately following their fall league. Memberships expire on July 31st of each year, but if the summer league extends past that, your current membership will be valid until the summer league ends.

If a bowler has not purchased a standard membership for the season and is bowling in a USBC certified summer league, bowlers can choose to purchase a standard membership and be awarded the full benefits of the membership. Or, they can purchase a Basic Membership at a reduced rate of \$10.00. However, there are certain restrictions that go with the basic membership and include:

- ✓ The summer league must be 16 weeks or less.
- ✓ The bowler does not qualify for any USBC or local awards.
- ✓ Can only bowl in one league.

Basic memberships expire at the end of the summer league and a new membership must be purchased for the 2025-2026 season.

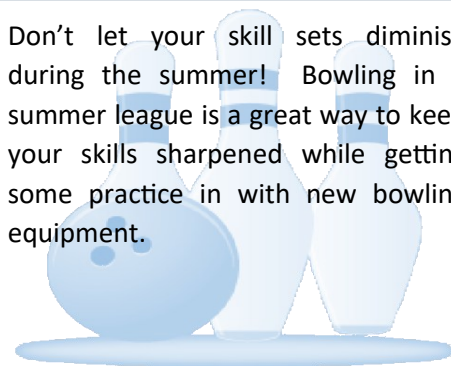
Check your local bowling center's website for available summer leagues.



Summer League

Now Forming

Don't let your skill sets diminish during the summer! Bowling in a summer league is a great way to keep your skills sharpened while getting some practice in with new bowling equipment.



Trivia Questions

Answers on page #3

Below are some common questions among bowlers. Do you know the answer?

- 1) True or False: A bowler has run into a personal situation and has to resign from the league. Per USBC rules, the bowler must give 2-weeks' notice and is responsible for payment unless a replacement is found.
- 2) True or False: A bowler threw his first ball leaving a single pin. It was immediately brought to the bowler's attention that a pin was missing and there was not a full rack. The bowler must accept the pin count because he already threw his ball.
- 3) True or False: It is not OK to use Easy Slide on the bottom of a bowler's shoe if it causes residue to be left on the approach affecting the slide condition of the other bowlers.



CALENDAR

Upcoming Events

April 5 - May 11, 2025: VA State Women's Tournament. Team is at Valley Lanes, S&D at Staunton Lanes.

April 26, 2025: GRUSBC Open meeting at 10:00am at the VFW in Mechanicsville, VA. Election of Officers & Directors, Committee Reports, Financials, 2026 tournament location, Tournament payoffs and awards presentation.

May 5 - 8, 2025: USBC National Convention in Las Vegas, NV. GRUSBC Delegates: Vickie Rengers, Raymond Clark, and Bret Loeb.

May 17 - June 15, 2025: VA State Open Tournament. Team is at NRV Superbowl, S&D at AMF Hilltop Lanes.

June 13 - 29, 2025: VA State Youth Tournament. Team is at Valley Lanes, S&D at Staunton Lanes.

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Greater Richmond USBC

If you have any comments, suggestions, or questions, feel free to reach out to the various people within the GRUSBC.

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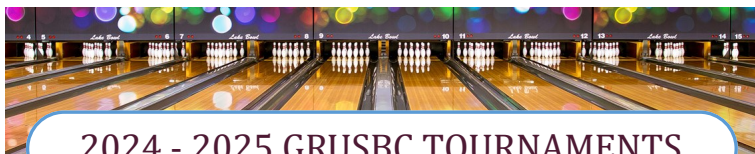
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2024 - 2025 GRUSBC TOURNAMENTS



Thank you

to all the local bowlers who participated in GRUSBC's tournaments this year! We had a

great turnout and many had a great time. Congratulations to all those who cashed in the events! You can find the complete tournament results on our website.

As soon as our 2025—2026 season is announced, we'll publish the tournament schedule.

Feel free to let us know how we did or what you would like to see in future tournaments. Send us an email at GRUSBC@grusbc.com.

Trivia Questions Answered: *from page #2*

- 1) **TRUE** - Unless a replacement is found, the resigning bowler is responsible for paying any league fees bowled during the 2-week period of time. The notice is based on two calendar weeks, not two week's of league play. For example, if a week is missed during the 2-week notice, only the one week of bowling would be due. (121a)
- 2) **FALSE** - A dead ball would be declared and the delivery does not count. The correct pins must be respotted and the player is allowed to rebowl that delivery. (8a)
- 3) **TRUE** - Bowlers cannot add any powders or substances that would transfer to the approach and affect the normal sliding conditions of other participants to change. If applied properly and residue would not be transferred to the approach, it is permitted. (12)