

NWGA-USBC League Officers & Volunteers Trios Tournament Rules

Eligibility

- Entry is open to current Northwest Georgia USBC members.
- Each three-person team must include at least one (1) league officer or volunteer from any league or youth program, or the NWGA board; the remaining teammates must simply be association members.

Entry & Payment

- The entry fee is fifty dollars (\$50) per bowler, one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) per three-person team.
- Entries completed in advance via electronic payment by December 15, 2026, receive priority for lane assignments. Walk-in entries are subject to available lane availability and cannot be guaranteed.
 - **Electronic Payment:** Advance entries must be paid electronically. QR codes on tournament flyers and the association website provide access to payment options, including Apple Pay, Cash App, credit/debit card, Google Pay, PayPal, Venmo, and Zelle.
 - **Walk-In Payments:** Cash and checks are accepted only at tournament check-in for walk-in entries. Checks must be payable to NWGA Tournament Fund. Returned checks incur a \$30.00 administrative fee plus any applicable bank charges.

Schedule

- The tournament will be held January 10, 2027, at Southern Lanes.
- The tournament begins at 12:00pm, with check-in opening one hour before the squad.

Entering Average & Handicap

- The bowler's highest book average from 2025-2026 is used; if none exists, 2024-2025 is used, then 2023-2024. The search stops at the first season with an available average. Bowlers with no average in any of those seasons enter at 230.
 - Highest book requires a minimum of 21 games.
- Handicap is eighty percent (80%) of the difference between the entering average and 230, rounded down.
- For each Baker game, team handicap is one-third of the combined individual game handicaps, rounded down.

Competition Format & Standings

- Teams will bowl two (2) standard games followed by three (3) Baker games.
- Teams may change their Baker-game bowling order before each game but must retain it throughout:
 - Bowler 1 bowls frames 1, 4, 7, and 10; Bowler 2 bowls frames 2, 5, and 8; Bowler 3 bowls frames 3, 6, and 9.
- Standings are the combined total of all six individual standard-game scores and the three Baker-game scores, including the applicable handicap for each game.

Prize Fund & Awards

- Each fifty-dollar (\$50) entry is allocated: twelve dollars (\$12) to lineage, five dollars (\$5) to the association, eight dollars (\$8) toward annual-meeting food expenses, and twenty-five dollars (\$25) to the prize fund.
- Prizes are paid at a ratio of one (1) place for every eight (8) teams. Tied teams receive the same placing and equally divide the combined prize money for the positions occupied.

General Rules

- USBC playing rules will apply to all tournament competition.
- Any protest or rules dispute will be handled by the Tournament Manager and, when applicable, will follow USBC appeal procedures.