

2026 Root River Classic Tournament Rules

General Rules:

1. This tournament is certified by the USBC, and all USBC tournament rules will apply.
2. Courtesy to other bowlers and staff is expected and will be enforced. Rude, loud, or unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated.
3. All bowlers must be certified through USBC. Membership cards will be required at check-in. Any bowler entering who is not eligible as to USBC membership shall forfeit any claims to refunds and/prize money and all associated scores with said bowler disqualified.
4. All Athletes must be 21 years of age as of the first date of the tournament.
5. We will allow walk-in entries if there are lanes available.
6. All entries will be done online except walk-ins if available are CASH only.
7. Prizes: All guarantees as listed on the front of tournament entry application will be paid. All prize fees will be returned 100%.
8. 1st place team payout is a guaranteed payout of \$20,000. All other payouts will be based on a ratio of at least 1 in 8.
9. All reservations must have entry form completed and Fee's paid via zelle, Venmo, or Cash App to hold the spot.

Averages:

10. All bowlers will enter using their HIGHEST USBC certified average from 2025 – 2026 season, minimum of 21 games. If a bowler does not have a certified average from 25-26 season, the bowlers current season "at time of bowling" of **at least 21** games will be used. (if using current season avg a standing sheet must be provided) If bowler has none of the above then **230 for men** and **195 for women** will be used.
 - a. Rerates & Average adjustments as listed on Bowl.com from a sport or Competition league will be used if it is the highest average listed or reported for that season.
 - b. A bowlers "Composite Average" as listed on Bowl.com will be used if this average is 15 or more pins higher than highest league average.
11. It is each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of his/her average, whether originally submitted by bowler, team captain or other.
12. Failure to use the proper average, or make a correction at the time of bowling, will disqualify any score.
13. If current average is 15 pins higher (with 21 games bowled) then last seasons average that average must be reported prior to bowling scheduled shift.

14. Tournament Management has the right to adjust scores after bowling should verified average or other pertinent information become available that was not available at time of check-in.

Handicap:

15. In all events, Handicap is based on 80% of 220.

Tournament Play:

16. All team captains must check in 1 hour prior to their scheduled bowling time, and must have all required information with them.
17. All lane assignments will be made by Root River. Anyone who contests/refuses to bowl on their assigned lane will be disqualified, and will forfeit their entry fee.
18. The tournament will be 3 traditional games and all 3 games will be bowled on the same pair of lanes.
19. Substitutions will be allowed and must be reported to Root River tournament staff prior to bowling.
20. Any disputes or malfunction of scoring must be reported to Root River staff prior to next bowler in the lineup. Failure to do so may result in a zero for that frame.
21. If a pinsetter or scoring device has a breakdown, Root River has the right to move bowlers to another lane and take the necessary steps to continue play. In the case of irretrievable score loss, that game must be rebowled.
22. Bowlers may compete an unlimited number of events, but may only cash once in singles. Multiple participation in the team event must change at least 2 bowlers to be eligible for prize payouts.
23. Bowlers must be there before the first ball is thrown or a zero will be marked for every frame late.
24. The number of bowlers classified as PROFESSIONAL BOWLERS is limited to NOT more than 2 such bowlers on a 5 person team. Such professionals are identified as and include "Standard" and "Full", National Regional, Senior and Residential professionals.