



2026 HOINKE CLASSIC

Presented by Hammer Bowling
Sponsored by Pepsi Beverage Co.



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Held at S&S Western Bowl, 6383 Glenway Ave, Cincinnati, Ohio 45211
The Worlds Largest Non-Professional Bowling Tournament
Handicap based on 95% of 220

Starts on Friday, April 17, 2026 and closes on Sunday, November 22, 2026

Bowling on Friday thru Sunday. Thursday bowling will only be for those squads whose entries are in and paid 4 weeks prior to bowling with 20 bowler minimum on 2 shifts.

**Estimated
1st Place**
based on total
entries

	handicap	scratch
general	\$ 20,000.00	
men		\$ 4,000.00
ladies	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 600.00
mixed		
seniors	\$ 1,000.00	
entry fee	\$ 62.00	
lineage/expenses	\$ 29.60	
prize	\$ 32.40	

	handicap	scratch
general	\$ 20,000.00	
men		\$ 3,000.00
ladies	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 400.00
mixed	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 500.00
seniors		
entry fee	\$ 86.00	
lineage/expenses	\$ 41.80	
prize	\$ 44.20	

	handicap	scratch
general	\$ 25,000.00	
men		\$ 3,000.00
ladies	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 400.00
mixed		
seniors		
entry fee	\$ 215.00	
lineage/expenses	\$ 105.00	
prize	\$ 110.00	

	handicap	scratch
general	\$ 25,000.00	
men		\$ 3,000.00
ladies	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 400.00
mixed		
seniors		
entry fee	\$ 20.00	
lineage/expenses	\$ 3.50	
prize	\$ 16.50	

Silver Organizer Program:

All entries must be 30 days prepaid & bowled on same shift

Gold Organizer Program:

All entries must be 30 days prepaid & bowled on same shift

Bring a group of 10 bowlers in singles and receive \$50 and a free towel.

Bring a group of 5 doubles teams and receive \$20 and a free accessory bag.

Bring a group of 20 bowlers in singles and receive \$100 and a free towel.

Singles Squad Prizes of \$1240.00 will be paid to the top squads who total "most pins with handicap"

Bring a group of 10 doubles teams and receive \$20 and a free towel.

Doubles Squad Prizes of \$860.00 will be paid to the top squads who total "most pins with handicap"

Bring a group of 8 5-person teams and receive \$100 and a free towel.

Team Squad Prize of \$1720.00 will be paid to the top squads who total "most pins with handicap"

Singles Shift Times: Fri - 1:30 pm, 3:00 pm, 6:00 pm & 7:30 pm

Sat - 9:00 am, 1:30 pm, 3:00 pm, 6:00 pm & 7:30 pm

Sun - 9:00 am, 1:30 pm & 3:00 pm

Doubles Shift Times: Fri - 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 1:30 pm, 3:30 pm, 6:00 pm & 8:00 pm

Sat - 11:00 am, 1:30 pm, 3:30 pm, 6:00 pm & 8:00 pm

Sun - 11:00 am, 1:30 pm & 3:30 pm

Teams Shift Times: Fri - Sat - 9:00 am & 6:00 pm

Sun - 9:00 am

Tournament Pattern Guaranteed Every Shift
of Teams or Singles/Doubles

Shift times are subject to adjustment according to squad size and lane availability.

Open spots will be available on a first paid basis.

CALL US AT 1-800-543-4010 TO MAKE RESERVATIONS OR
GO TO WWW.HOINKE.COM FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

**Pay Online, at
Hoinke.com!**

**Just for Fun
Break the Bank**
\$10 Entry Fee per Shift
Jackpot Always Growing



THIS FORM IS THE OFFICIAL ENTRY BLANK FOR THE 2026 HOINKE CLASSIC.

Payment must be sent with this entry after time and date have been reserved.

Reserved Entries not in 6 weeks ahead of time will be canceled.

Entry will be returned if the following information is not complete.

**USBC
certified**

Please print or type all information

M / F

Please enter me in the following events:

Name _____ Soc Sec # _____
or Hoinke ID# if known

Address _____ Apt # _____

City, St, Zip _____

Phone # (Daytime): _____

E-mail Address _____

Date of Birth: _____ Hotel Name _____
(if over 60 as of 1-1-26)

Doubles Partner: _____

Team Name: _____

(Only one separate information sheet is needed for each Team Member or Doubles Partner)

Averages: 2024-25 _____ 2023-24 _____ 2022-23 _____ 2025-26 _____
42 games or more adult USBC winter league ONLY
(BASE AVG) ch _____ sp _____ ch _____ sp _____ ch _____ sp _____ (CURRENT) ch _____ sp _____

INDICATE ANY CHALLENGE OR SPORT AVERAGES ABOVE.

Signature: _____
I agree to abide by USBC rules, Hoinke Classic rules and all other provisions as prescribed and set forth on this entry

- _____ Singles - \$62
_____ Doubles - \$43 each (\$86 per tm)
_____ Team - \$43 each (\$215 per tm)
_____ All Events - \$20
Time and date of entry will determine series eligibility

Amount enclosed
All payments made to L & S Family Entertainment

Reserved Date _____ Time _____

Squad Organizer Name _____
(if applicable)

office use only:
HOINKE ID # _____

(Over)

2026 HOINKE CLASSIC TOURNAMENT RULES

Hoinke Classic Rules stated herein and those of USBC will govern all participants of this tournament.

1. The Tournament Manager and the committee will have the right to accept or reject all entries and decide all questions or disputes arising in the Classic. All decisions by the tournament committee regarding prizes will be considered final as published. No legal action for prize money may be brought after one year from date that prize checks are issued.
2. This Tournament is open to all amateur men & women bowlers. It will be conducted on a 95% handicap using 220 as a scratch basis. The maximum handicap allowance will be based on 155 minimum average. **The maximum 5 person team average will be 1125 and the maximum doubles team average will be 450.**
3. To be eligible for Handicap, entrants must have an adult USBC certified winter League Average of 42 games or more each season in two of the following seasons. **Do not use USBC composite or Summer Leagues.**
 - a. The 2024-25 season plus an average in one of the previous two years, 2022-23, 2023-24 or
 - b. The 2024-25 season plus an average in the 2025-26 season or
 - c. The 2025-26 season plus an average in one of these two years, 2022-23, 2023-24.Yearly averages to establish your handicap in accordance with this rule will be 3a. 2024-25 3b. 2024-25 3c. 2025-26 Note rules 7, 8 and 9 for exceptions to Rule No. 3.
- d. Challenge/Sport Bowling Leagues: Any person who has an average in a USBC designated challenge league, sports league or a league that we determine has a modified shot for any listed season, must use the official USBC corresponding conversion chart to determine average for handicapping purposes. If bowler has both a standard and a challenge or sport average in the same year, the higher of either the standard or the challenge/sport conversion will be used for handicapping purposes.
4. For Handicapping purposes only, the highest adult USBC certified 42 game average from your Assn. will be accepted as Final Average. In those areas where an official average is not published entrant must use final highest verifiable USBC winter season average. Exception: For those bowlers whose final season average is required to prove "number of games" eligibility we will accept the final average card.
5. Summer League Averages, Collegiate League Averages and Canadian Tenpin Federation League Averages will NOT be accepted for handicapping purposes. 1st year adult bowlers may use their current 2025-26 adult league USBC average for 42 games or more for handicapping purposes provided they have a JR USBC 42 game league average in the 2024-25 season.
6. Bowlers under 18 years of age will not be permitted to bowl in the tournament. 1 year average bowlers must use the higher of either 220 scratch or the actual average of any listed 42 game average if it higher than 220. Bowlers without a 2024-25 and 2025-26 average, must use the higher of either 220 scratch or the actual average of any 2022-23 or 2023-24 42 game average.
7. 10 Pin Higher Rule: a. If your current (24-25) highest average for 42 games or more as of the date of bowling is 10 or more pins above your 2023-24 season's average, your current average will be used for handicapping purposes. If a current "10 pin higher" average is used, that average, or a higher current average, will be used for all re-entries during the remainder of the tournament year.
8. 10 Pin Lower Rule: a. If your 2024-25 highest average is 10 pins or more lower than any average you had in 2022-23 or 2023-24, you must use the higher of either your 2024-25 average or the composite average for these three years.
 - b. If you do not have an average for the 2024-25 season and your current highest average (2025-26) is 10 pins or more lower than any average you had in 2022-23 or 2023-24 you must use the higher of either your 2025-26 average or the composite average of these three years.
 - c. If your current average is 10 pins higher than your 2024-25 average and your 2024-25 average is also 10 pins lower than any in the previous two years, you must use the higher of either, the composite of 24-25, 23-24, 22-23 or your current average (25-26).
 - d. If you have ever averaged 25 pins more than your entering average, you must report it to the tournament office prior to bowling. Failure to do so will result in possible disqualification.
9. **Adjustment Rules:** a. If you individually averaged less than 220 and have won \$1000.00 or more in one prize or equal in merchandise 3 times in the two previous calendar years (Jan 1st, 2024 thru Dec. 31st, 2025) in any bowling tournament, YOU MUST BOWL SCRATCH (220). Entrant Failing to report winnings for past two years or falsifying total amounts won will be disqualified with no prize money paid or entry refunded. Indicate below or on attached paper all tournaments in which you have won an amount in "one prize" of \$1000 or more at any tournament site (cash or merchandise) within two previous calendar years. Prize considered to be won as of the closing date of the tournament in which the bowler qualified for the cash or merchandise b. The Tournament Director reserves the right to adjust any average for fairness and shall notify the entrant of the adjusted average before he participates. Such adjustments will be based on our past performance records and other pertinent facts. c. USBC Rule 319e has been waived. The following Hoinke Classic adjustment rule will be in effect for both men and women. "If a bowler's accumulated average for all, but not less than 21 tournament games within the previous 545 day period, exceeds the average to be used for entry by 15 or more pins, the number of pins to be added to the entering average is 65 percent of the difference between the entering average and the accumulated tournament average." The Classic reserves the right to adjust averages after bowling based on information submitted on the Hoinke Rule 9c Information Chart. Tournament scores must be submitted by the bowler within 14 days after bowling to avoid disqualification. Any adjustment made based on this rule, will apply for the remainder of the tournament year unless a current average or higher adjustment exceeds the original average adjustment. It is the bowler's responsibility to submit any tournament information regarding average adjustment prior to bowling. Failure to report/submit any requested information will result in disqualification when we are informed, after bowling, by another source. d. When a tournament director is notified PRIOR TO BOWLING of a bowler's adjusted average from the Hoinke Classic, another tournament or a USBC affiliated association, and that average is higher than his/her normal entering average, the highest adjusted average must be used for handicapping purposes. All adjustments must be reported, even if not accepted.
10. Any bowler misrepresenting their average to gain more pins shall forfeit entry fee and all rights to prize money. Make sure your highest certified average is correct before entering.
11. Any scores bowled by substitutes during bowling will be credited to the bowler with the higher average.
12. Women entrants will compete equally with men in the general handicap prize list, however, they will have their own special scratch and handicap prizes. See Rule 26.
13. Pro Bowler Rule: All PBA or PWBA members and non-members of the PBA or PWBA who have cashed in ANY PBA or PWBA event for over \$1500 (in any one prize) within two years prior to date of entry, former professionals and non-members whom we may determine to be professionals, or any former PBA or PWBA member who has won a National PBA or PWBA title since 2016 will not be permitted to enter the Hoinke Classic. Only one PBA or PWBA card holder per team. PROFESSIONAL BOWLER decision as made by Classic Director or Committee is to be FINAL.
14. If by a war, fire, tornado, gas shortage, water damage, labor strikes, epidemic, etc., an Act of God, it becomes impossible to conduct or complete the Hoinke Classic as publicized with its prizes, such Prizes shown would be fairly adjusted "percentage-wise" based on entries bowled. There shall be no further liability of the Hoinke Classic to entrants
15. If you are found to have violated any USBC or Hoinke Classic rule and we determine that your winning in this tournament be forfeited and paid to other entrants next in line, it is hereby agreed that there shall be no liability on the part of the Hoinke Classic or its officers to you as an entrant in complying with such ruling.
16. Winners will be checked with proper affidavits and other past performance records before awarded any prizes. Tie scores will split the total prize money designated for those positions.
17. We reserve the right to weigh ball used in Classic. All bowlers using balls that do not meet USBC Specification, concerning weight, balance, size and surface hardness (USBC specification, Chapter 8) will be disqualified and will forfeit their entry fee and any prize money. BE SURE THAT ALL BOWLING BALLS ARE USBC COMPLIANT.
18. Entries received less than 7 days prior to bowling will be subject to a \$2 per person, per event, walk-in fee.
19. **Register 60 minutes before shift time.** Bowlers arriving late for shift will get "no pins" for frames missed. As to not cause a delay to the squad, bowlers must be ready to bowl before scoring will start. Bowler may be reassigned a new date and time by consulting Classic Director. Entries or reservations may be forfeited if bowler does not register 30 minutes before scheduled time. No refund of entry fee will be made. Bowler may reschedule event a maximum of 2 times.
20. Any bowler submitting an incorrect or less than 42 game average may make the correction within 7 days after bowling. NO SCORES WILL BE ADJUSTED UPWARD AFTER 7 DAYS.
21. Bowler/Team may cash only once in both the Handicap and Scratch categories of the prize list. All checks issued in bowler's name regardless of personal contracts. Approximately one prize for every 6 bowlers.
22. Bowlers will verify their score as being correct at the completion of each game as it is transferred to the official score sheet. This will be the only opportunity to question the accuracy of the score. Obvious addition or adjustment of handicap errors may be made when the official score sheets are audited.
23. No bowler will be permitted to bowl in more than one event at the same time.
24. Bowlers and teams will be assigned to lanes, moving one pair to the right after each game.
25. **MULTIPLE PARTICIPATION. (Singles)** All bowlers will be eligible to participate three times in Singles Event but may cash only once with whichever score is highest. **(Doubles)** Entrant may bowl a maximum of 6 times and cash 6 times with different partners. You may bowl twice with the same partner and cash only once with your highest score. **(Teams)** Entrants may bowl a maximum of 3 times in the team event. The same 4 or 5 bowlers may bowl a maximum of twice together and cash only once with your highest score. You must change at least 2 bowlers to constitute a new team. Scores will be invalid for any bowler exceeding the maximum amount of times allowed. No refunds will be given for any invalid or disqualified score.
26. **DOUBLES: Womens Doubles Team** handicap prizes will be awarded to womens teams, however, only one prize will be awarded, that being the higher prize in either the "General Handicap Prize List" or the "Womens High 3 Game with Handicap" category. They will have their own scratch prize categories. **Mixed Doubles Team** handicap prizes will be awarded to mixed teams, however, only one prize will be awarded, that being the higher prize in either the "General Handicap Prize List" or the "Mixed High 3 Game with Handicap" category. They will have their own scratch prize categories. **TEAM: Womens Team** handicap prizes will be awarded to womens teams, however, only one prize will be awarded, that being the higher prize in either the "General Handicap Prize List" or the "Womens High 3 Game with Handicap" category. They will have their own scratch prize categories. **Mixed Teams** will compete against the men's teams in all general and scratch prize categories. Bowlers or teams may cash only once each category of the Scratch Prizes.
27. **Seniors Prizes:** (Singles Event only) Handicap prizes will be awarded in Seniors Category (60 Years old & over as of Jan. 1, 2026). However only one prize will be awarded that being the higher of Seniors, Womens, or General Handicap category.
28. Entrants must present their current USBC card to the Classic Director for recording of membership number. Bowlers may enter by purchasing an affiliate card online from the USBC at Bowl.com or \$5 participation fee from the Classic Director.
29. Any bowler who has a USBC card in either the 2023-24, 2024-25, or 2025-26 season in a bowling center certified by the Greater Cincinnati Bowling Assn., may not bowl the last week of the Classic.

ALL EVENTS: Enter only once per year. The highest series in each of the Doubles, Singles and Team events will qualify for the 10 game total. Only those series bowled after the date and time of entry will qualify for the 10 game total. An All Events can be transferred providing the original bowler has not bowled any event. No refund will be made if all the events are not completed.