

TVSST Rules for the 2024-2025 Season

Tournaments will be USBC sanctioned. Participants must hold a USBC card, and must be at least 50 years old as of the tournament date or turn 50 in the month of the tournament.

Entries close with the start of bowling, normally at 10 a.m. after 10 minutes of practice. Once practice is completed, there will be no altering of the ball surface allowed. No altering will be allowed between the end of qualifying and the start of match play.

Prize money will be paid immediately after the completion of the tournament. All entry fees will be returned to participants through the prize fund, after deductions for lineage and expenses.

The tournament format is as follows:

- Participants bowl 4 games of qualifying across 4 pairs of lanes, skipping a pair after each game.
- The top 12 qualifiers will move into single game elimination match play.
- The 6 winners will advance to a second round.
- The three winners in that round move to a stepladder finish. The 2 players with the lowest qualifying score will compete in a single game match. The winner will play the remaining qualifier for the championship in a single game match.
- Ties in the match play will be decided by a two-frame roll-off. Ties that affect the standings for match play will also be decided by a two-frame roll-off.

Participants will provide one-lane courtesy during the qualifying and two-lane courtesy during the match play.

In the event of a lane breakdown that can't be readily fixed, the bowlers on that pair will move to the designated backup pair and will not be given any practice shots.

In each match, the higher seeded bowler from qualifying will start on the left lane and bowl one-frame. The other bowler will start on the right lane and bowl two frames and the game will continue in that fashion.

The last tournament of the year will be the Grand Finals. To qualify, a bowler must have bowled or paid into 3 tournaments during the year.

Disputes will be resolved by the Board of Directors. Their decision will be final unless an appeal is filed in accordance with Rule 329. The Board of Directors for the 2024-2025 season are John Irwin and TBD. Any replacements will be appointed by the Tournament Director

For the current season, the entry fee is \$60, broken down as follows:

- Prize fund - \$43
- Lineage - \$17

Tournament patterns will be published in advance, along with the tournament schedule and will be from the Challenge series.