



Welcome to the 79th Annual Louisiana Knights of Columbus State Bowling Tournament

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Dear Brother Knight,

This fraternal year's state bowling tournament returns to Houma, however, for the first time ever at Creole Lanes. Our State Deputy has decided to continue to have our annual bowling tournament in the beginning of the calendar year and thus will be held over two consecutive weekends in **January 2026**. We hope you will join us on either the 10th-11th or 17th-18th.

As in the past, the tournament will consist of the following events: 4-man team, singles, doubles and mixed doubles, DEADLINE FOR ALL **MAILED** ENTRIES IS **January 2nd**. SUCH ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN THIS DATE! However it is strongly recommended that you enter **ONLINE**. These entries will be accepted until **12:00 PM on January 7th**. Consistent with past tournaments, properly completed entries will be scheduled on a first-received, first-scheduled basis. PLEASE mail your entry or enter online EARLY to get the dates and times you want. Entries must be correct and ALL entry fees attached.

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All KC members and their female guests are eligible whether a league bowler or not. PLEASE READ ALL enclosed RULES and the ENTRY FORM CAREFULLY, especially Rule 3(b) for averages of non-bowlers. Again, this year, NON-BOWLERS who have a tournament average WILL be allowed to use that average as opposed to the customary 150(male) or 135 (female) average. Please use the designated "NB" for non-bowlers where an average is requested, but unavailable. As a reminder, handicaps will be based on 90% of a 220 average. If you require additional entries, please let me know or visit www.louisianakc.org/For-Members/Programs/Cook-Offs-Athletics.

Please check in at the tournament registration table at least 30 minutes prior to your event's start time. We can start early if everyone has checked in on time. Also, a CURRENT MEMBERSHIP CARD MUST BE PRESENTED at check-in.

We look forward to another outstanding event with great competition. Again, I ask that you PLEASE submit your entry EARLY! We are looking forward to seeing everyone again. We'd love to see our numbers increase, so spread the word about our tournament. God Bless, stay safe and see you in January!!

Fraternally yours,

Marshall Miller

Tournament Director

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TOURNAMENT RULES

Rule 1. The tournament is open to all members in good standing of the Knights of Columbus of Louisiana and will be conducted under the rules of the United States Bowling Congress (USBC). Through USBC Moral Support Sanction, high score recognition is automatically extended to USBC members. Each entrant must verify KC membership by presenting a current KC Membership Card at registration.

Rule 2. A handicap based on **90%** of the difference between each bowler's average and the tournament scratch basis of **220** pins per game will be allowed in each event of the tournament. Handicaps shall be calculated for each bowler of a three-game scratch series. There is **NO** minimum average for this tournament.

Rule 3. (a) Entrant will use his highest USBC sanctioned league average based on a minimum of 21 games for the 2024-2025 season (book average). If a USBC sanctioned current 21-game average as of January 1, 2026 is 10 or more pins above a 2024-2025 season average (book), the current average **MUST** be used. Bowlers not having an acceptable average for the past season will use either their highest USBC sanctioned current average as of January 1, 2026, based on 21 games or more or their tournament average (if applicable) or 150 designated as the average for non-bowlers, whichever applies. **NO SUMMER LEAGUE AVERAGES ARE TO BE USED!** It shall be each **bowler's responsibility** to verify the accuracy of his average, whether originally submitted by the bowler, his team captain, or others. Failure to use the proper average or make a correction prior to or at the time of bowling shall disqualify all scores if the submitted average is lower than the actual average. If the submitted average is higher, prize winnings will be distributed on the basis of the higher submitted average. Notification of average corrections **MUST** be made to the Tournament Director **PRIOR TO COMPLETION** of the first game of a bowler's first series. To aid in the verification process, league bowlers **MUST** submit, with their entry or at registration, a printed average verification obtained from their league secretary that shows their average as January 1, 2026.

(b) Non-bowlers are welcome to enter and will be allowed to use an average of 150 and will be assigned a handicap on the basis of that average. If such non-bowlers participated in any Louisiana State KC Tournament since 2005, they **will be allowed to use the calculated average on their scratch scores from any**

games bowled since 2005, regardless if that average is LOWER or HIGHER than 150. Non-bowlers, when completing entry blanks, should enter "NB" where a numerical average is called for. A non-bowler is defined as a tournament entrant who cannot provide an entering average under RULE 3(a) of this tournament.

(c) To secure a high-score protection of the USBC, such non-bowlers can pay an unattached USBC membership sanction fee of \$27.00. Such protection is optional.

RULE 4. Entrants will be subject to a re-rating procedure for averages as stated by USBC Rule 319(e). Entrants who have qualified for a prize of \$600 or more in a tournament within the previous 12-month period, even though payment hasn't been made, MUST REPORT actual score, position and amount won for possible re-rating. Such a report must be submitted before the entrant bowls his/her first event. Failure to report such shall cause forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings in this tournament. Re-rating of any entrant's average must be accomplished before his participation in the tournament.

RULE 5. Bowlers will be permitted to bowl more than once in the 4-man team and 2-man doubles events, when legally entered on the entry blank; however, a bowler may enter ONLY ONCE in the Singles event and ONLY ONCE with the same partner in the 2-man doubles event. In the 4-man team event, not more than two (2) bowlers on the same team can place more than ONCE in the prize list for position standing. In the 2-man doubles event, at least one member of the 2-man team must be participating in the 2-man event for the first time to be an eligible 2-man doubles event entry. When a bowler competes more than once, his FIRST appearance in each event shall count towards his ALL-EVENTS score. No re-entries will be allowed.

RULE 6. The receipt of any entry by the Tournament Director is accepted as correct until proven otherwise and the amount of money received shall regulate the number of participants, thereby allowing the team captain or his legal representative the privilege of substituting other bowlers to replace those on the entry blank who are unable, for sufficient reason, to attend the tournament at their scheduled time. The Tournament Director shall have supreme power as to the substitute offered by the captain; and if accepted, each substitute MUST BOWL UNDER HIS OWN NAME at the scheduled time in each event, during the tournament in which he is a substitute bowler. After a game is started, the substitute must complete the event.

RULE 7. Any bowler who does not appear when scheduled to bowl shall forfeit his entry unless the Tournament Director finds sufficient reason for postponing his event in question. In the 2-man doubles event, only one substitute will be allowed. One of the men entered and scheduled will be required to bowl, but the names of both members on the team must be given as entries; the word "PARTNER" will NOT be accepted. Entry blanks so completed will be returned and entry fee retained until a proper entry blank is received. If both entrants appear when scheduled, they shall bowl in the order listed on the entry blank.

RULE 8. No entry money will be refunded. As per USBC Rule 314..." after an entry has been received, and the dates assigned by tournament management are not refused before preparation of the schedule, the entry fee cannot be refunded". Entry fees are as follows (first increase since 2003): Bowling Fee = \$15.00; Prize Fee = \$6.50; and Tournament Expense = \$3.50 per entrant per event for a total of \$25.00 per entrant per event. The prize fee for All-Events (handicap) will be \$5.00 and is optional. Only those entrants paying the All-Events prize fee shall be eligible. The tournament will return 100% in prize fees in each event, which includes the cost of the awards in each event. The prize ratio will be at least one prize for each ten entries in each event and at least one prize for each fifteen entries for All-Events. Prize Fee awards will be posted in the bowling center on the opening day of the tournament. NOTE WELL...NO ENTRY IS VALID UNLESS ACCOMPANIED WITH ENTRY FEES!!!

RULE 9. Entries MUST be postmarked or electronically date stamped by **January 2, 2026 or electronically stamped as of 12:00 PM on January 7, 2026**. Please have your entry, with accompanying fees, to the Tournament Director postmarked or submitted electronically by these deadlines.

RULE 10. All bowlers MUST check-in at the tournament registration table no later than thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled time for the event they are bowling, whether it be team, singles/doubles or mixed doubles. All entrants MUST display a current Knights of Columbus membership card when checking in.

SPECIAL RULES FOR MIXED DOUBLES EVENT (USBC Moral Support Sanctions)

RULE A. This event will consist of competition among mixed doubles entries. A mixed doubles entry shall consist of one male Knights of Columbus member and one female entrant, bowling as partners. The female entrant MUST be the guest of the male Knights of Columbus member.

RULE B. Each male entered shall be subject to ALL RULES of the 79th Annual Louisiana Knights of Columbus State Bowling Tournament. A male CANNOT use his mixed doubles score for All-Events competition. Each female entered in the mixed doubles event may enter ONLY ONCE, however a male entrant may enter more than once if bowling with his wife, mother and/or daughter(s). Female entrants shall be subject to all applicable rules of the 79th Annual Louisiana Knights of Columbus State Bowling Tournament except where there is a conflict between them and these Special Rules for the Mixed Doubles Event, in which case the latter shall prevail.

RULE C. A handicap based on 90% of the difference between a female bowler's average and the tournament scratch basis score of 220 pins per game shall be allowed in this event of the tournament. Handicaps shall be calculated for each player for a three-game series. There is NO minimum average for this tournament.

RULE D. (1) A female entrant will use her highest USBC sanctioned league average based on a minimum of 21 games for the 2024-2025 season. If a USBC sanctioned current 21-game average as of January 1, 2026 is 10 or more pins above a 2024-2025 season average (book), the current average MUST be used. Female bowlers not having an acceptable average for the past season will use their current average as of January 1, 2026 or their tournament average (if applicable) or 135 designated as the average for non-bowlers, whichever applies. NO SUMMER LEAGUE AVERAGES ARE TO BE USED. It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of her average. Failure to use the proper average or make a correction prior to or at the time of bowling, shall disqualify the score if the submitted average is lower than her actual average. If her submitted average is higher, prize winnings will be distributed on the basis of that higher submitted average. Notification of average correction MUST be made to the Tournament Director prior to completion of the first game of a series.

(2) Female participants who are non-bowlers are welcome to enter the tournament. A non-bowler is defined as a mixed-doubles female entrant who cannot provide an entering average under RULE D. (1) of this tournament. Such a non-bowler, when completing the entry form, should enter the letters "NB" where a numerical average is called for. If such non-bowlers participated in any Louisiana Knights of Columbus State Bowling Tournament since 2005, they will be allowed to use the highest calculated average on their scratch score from any games bowled, regardless if that average is LOWER or HIGHER than 135.

(3) To secure high-score protection of the USBC, such non-bowlers can pay an unattached USBC membership sanction fee of \$27.00. Such protection, however, is optional.

RULE E. All female entrants will be subject to the re-rating procedure for averages as stated by the USBC Rule 319(e). In addition, female entrants who have qualified for a prize of \$600 or more in any event in a tournament within the previous 12-month period, even though payment has NOT been made, MUST REPORT actual score, position and amount won for possible re-rating. Such a report must be submitted before she bowls in the mixed-doubles event. Failure to report such shall cause forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings in this tournament. The re-rating of any entrant must be accomplished before her participation in this tournament.

RULE F. Female entrants shall be subject to all rules and regulations of the USBC as applied to a tournament that has received Moral Support Sanction, in addition to all rules already outlined for this tournament.

RULE G. Entries MUST be postmarked by January 2, 2026 or electronically date stamped by 12:00 PM January 7, 2025. Your entry, with accompanying fees, submitted to the Tournament Director, must be postmarked or electronically date stamped by this deadline.



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Area Map



- 1 Creole Lanes 1317 W. Tunnel Blvd. Houma, LA. 70360
- 2 Maria Immacolata Catholic Church 246 Corporate Dr. Houma, LA 70360
Saturday 4:30 PM Sunday 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM
- 3 St. Bernadette Catholic Church 409 Funerburk Ave., Houma, LA 70364
Saturday 4:00 PM Sunday 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
- 4 Annunziata Catholic Church 2011 Acadian Dr. Houma, LA 70363
Saturday 4:00 PM Sunday 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Locations on map are approximate



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Office Use Only	
Entry Number	
Date Received	
Amount Received	

ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY: January 2, 2026 // ONLINE ENTRY DEADLINE: January 7, 2026 12:00 PM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

TEAM NAME: _____ TEAM CAPTAIN: _____
KC Council #: _____ Captain's Address: _____
League & Bowling Center Name(s): _____ Captain's City, State, Zip: _____
Captain's Email Address: _____ Phone #'s: _____ (home) (cell)

To KC Tournament Chairman: As captain of this team, I hereby enter the team and its members in the events indicated. We agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the tournament and of the U.S.B.C.

IF A BOWLER IS BOWLING IN MORE THAN ONE EVENT ON THIS ENTRY, KC MEMBERSHIP # & U.S.B.C. # ARE REQUIRED ONLY ONCE!!

NON-BOWLERS -- IF ENTRANT DOES NOT HAVE AN AVERAGE, PLEASE ENTER NB FOR BOWLERS BOOK AVERAGE

TEAM EVENT

The first 4 bowlers are the lineup and CANNOT be changed once submitted. Please print bowlers' names in the order they will bowl.

	Name KC Membership #	Council # USBC #	BOOK AVG.	All Events (optional)	AVAILABLE TEAM SQUADS	TEAM FEE	CHECK Squad #
1				\$5 Y or N	Squad 1 4:00 PM Sat, January 10, 2026	\$100	
2				\$5 Y or N	Squad 2 1:00 PM Sun, January 11, 2026		
3				\$5 Y or N	Squad 3 4:00 PM Sat, January 17, 2026		
4				\$5 Y or N	Squad 4 1:00 PM Sun, January 18, 2026		
SUB:				\$		TEAM TOTAL \$100	
SUB:				All Events Total			

DOUBLES EVENT

Print Name of Doubles Partners -- Do Not Use "PARTNER"

	Name KC Membership #	Council # USBC #	BOOK AVG.	FEE	Write Squad #	AVAILABLE DOUBLES SQUADS
1A				\$50		Squad 1 9:00 AM Sat, January 10, 2026
1B						Squad 2 8:30 AM Sun, January 11, 2026
2A				\$50		Squad 3 9:00 AM Sat, January 17, 2026
2B						Squad 4 8:30 AM Sun, January 18, 2026
3A				\$50		
3B						
			DOUBLES TOTAL	\$		

***** SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR SINGLES AND MIXED DOUBLES ENTRY FORM(S) *****

SQUAD PREFERENCES WILL BE HONORED IF POSSIBLE!! If not, next available shift for that event will be used.

SINGLES EVENT

The first 4 bowlers are the lineup. Please print bowlers' names in the order they will bowl. Use same order if bowling both DOUBLES and SINGLES.

	Name KC Membership #	Council # USBC #	BOOK AVG.	FEE	Write Squad #	AVAILABLE SINGLES SQUADS
1				\$25		Squad 1 9:00 AM Sat, January 10, 2026
2				\$25		Squad 2 8:30 AM Sun, January 11, 2026
3				\$25		Squad 3 9:00 AM Sat, January 17, 2026
4				\$25		Squad 4 8:30 AM Sun, January 18, 2026
5				\$25		
6				\$25		

SINGLES TOTAL	\$
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MIXED DOUBLES

Print Names of each Doubles Partner -- DO NOT use "PARTNER"

NOTE ---> A BOWLER CANNOT BOWL IN TWO EVENTS ON THE SAME SQ. (ex. Team Sq 2 or 4 & MD Sq 2 or 4)

	Name KC Membership #	Council # USBC #	BOOK AVG.	FEE	Write Squad #	AVAILABLE MIXED DOUBLES SQUADS
1M				\$50		Squad 1 1:30 PM Sat, January 10, 2026
1F				\$50		Squad 2 1:00 PM Sun, January 11, 2026
2M				\$50		Squad 3 1:30 PM Sat, January 17, 2026
2F				\$50		Squad 4 1:00 PM Sun, January 18, 2026
3M				\$50		
3F				\$50		
4M				\$50		
4F				\$50		
5M				\$50		
5F				\$50		
6M				\$50		
6F				\$50		

MIXED DOUBLES TOTAL	\$
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Make all checks payable to:
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Mail Entries to:
MARSHALL MILLER
116 Carmen Street
Lafayette, LA 70507-4802

337-277-4680 cell / text
email addresses:
bowling@louisianakc.org
lastatekcbowling@lusfiber.net

Entry Fee Per Event:

Prize Money:	\$6.50
Bowling Fee:	\$15.00
Tourn. Exp.	\$3.50
Total per Person per Event	\$25.00
All Events Fee (Optional)	\$5.00

PRIZE RATIO: At least 1:10
ALL EVENTS: At least 1:15

From Above:	
TEAM TOTAL	\$ _____
DOUBLES TOTAL	\$ _____
SINGLES TOTAL	\$ _____
MX DBLS TOTAL	\$ _____
ALL EVENTS TOTAL	\$ _____
ENTRY TOTAL	\$ _____

**CURRENT KC MEMBERSHIP CARD
MUST BE PRESENTED AT CHECK-IN**