



2009 ARMED FORCES MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIP

1. **COMPETITION RULES:** Current United States Bowling Congress (USBC) Rules for Men and Women as amended by the Armed Forces Sports Council (AFSC), if applicable.

2. **TEAM COMPOSITION:** Roster not to exceed 10 individuals:

- 4 Males
- 4 Females
- 1 Coach
- 1 OIC
- 10 Total

Note: All participants must be on active duty during the period of the complete event. Alternates are not permitted.

3. **SCORING:** Final standings for each event will be determined by total pin fall. The overall service championship is determined by total pin fall from all team bowlers and their twenty-four (24) games. Singles, doubles, mixed doubles and 6-game team challenge are conducted as a part of the overall Armed Forces Championship. Tie-breaking lines (games) are used only to break ties. Tie-breaking scores will not replace nor add to scoring in regulation tournament or in any of the championship events.

4. **TOURNAMENT COMPETITIONS-SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

Note: The Host installation will determine times for session and other activities. Established times must be consistent each day, and must be set to draw maximum fan participation.

A. Team Challenge (1st Session) 6 games, total pin fall of all team bowlers.

B. Doubles (2nd Session) 6 games, each branch of the service designates two men's teams and two women's teams (teams must be declared by conclusion of Tournament Organizing Meeting).

C. Mixed Doubles (3rd Session) 6 games, each branch of the service designates four mixed doubles teams (teams must be declared by conclusion of Tournament Organization Meeting)

D. Singles (4th Session 6 games), bowling will be on two different pairs of lanes for men and two different pairs of lanes for women.

Day One Team Arrivals

Day Two Team Photos
Practice Session and Ball Weigh-In
Organizational Meeting
Informal Ice Breaker

Note: Team members are required to attend the Informal Ice Breaker in their service polo shirt with slacks (color determined by Service). Male personnel cannot wear earrings.

Day Three Opening Ceremony (Optional). However, the National Anthem must be played prior to the start of competition. If flags are posted, all five Service flags must be posted

Practice Session and Ball Weigh-In
Team Challenge Competition (1st Session - 6 games)

Day Four Practice Session and Ball Weigh-In
Doubles Competition (2nd Session - 6 games)

Day Five Practice Session and Ball Weigh-In
Mixed Doubles Competition (3rd Session – 6 games)

Day Six Practice Session and Ball Weigh-In
Singles Competition (4th Session – 6 games)

Awards Ceremony – (Immediately following the final match) Service teams are required to wear like-Service issued team apparel or competitive uniforms at the awards ceremony. Individual athletes who do not comply will not receive awards, nor be eligible to advance as part of the Armed Forces Team to the nationals. If the Awards Ceremony is conducted in conjunction with the Informal Ice Breaker, then all Service Members must comply with Ice Breaker dress policy.

Day Seven Team Departures

5. TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURE:

A. Singles Competition: Participants involved in a tie for first, second, or third place will bowl complete lines (games) until the tie is broken.

B. Doubles Competition: Teams involved in a tie for first, second or third place will bowl complete lines (games) until the tie is broken.

C. Mixed Doubles: Teams involved in a tie for first, second or third place will bowl complete lines (games) until the tie is broken.

D. Team Challenge: For teams involved in a tie for first or second place at the completion of the six games competition, all four bowlers from each of the tied teams will bowl complete lines (games) until the tie is broken.

E. All Events: Individuals or teams tied for champion or runner-up after twenty-four (24) games will bowl complete lines (games) until the tie is broken.

6. BOWLING PINS: Pins specifications are outlined in the current USBC Rules (Chapter 7: Equipment Specification and Certifications).

7. PROTESTS: Protests on rules or eligibility are handled by the Tournament Committee (TC). The TC will be made up of on-site Service Representatives and the Tournament Director. Their ruling on all matters is made at the time of the protest and will be final.

8. AWARDS:

A. Host Installation Awards. The host installation will be responsible for purchasing awards for the following competitions:

(1) Singles Competition: Awards are given to the first, second and third place singles competitors in the men's and women's categories.

(2) Doubles Competition: Awards are given to the, first second and third place doubles teams in the men's and women's categories.

(3) Mixed Doubles Competition: Awards are given to the first second and third place teams.

(4) Team Challenge: Individuals awards are given to each member of the first and second place men's teams and to each member of the first and second place women's teams (to include the OIC/Coach).

B. AFSCS will provide the overall Team and Individual Awards based on total pin fall for all 24 games.

- (1) Team Awards: Gold and Silver (5 each gender)
- (2) Individual Awards: Gold, Silver, and Bronze (each gender)

9. DRESS CODE: Dress code must meet Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) and Ladies Professional Bowlers Association (LPBA) dress standards: Collared shirts, dress slacks without patch pockets for men; collared shirts, dress slacks, skirts, or walking shorts for women (no more than 2 inches above the knee for both skirts and shorts). Absolutely no cut-offs, denim, spandex, or warm-ups allowed. Penalty: Persons not properly attired will not be permitted to bowl until the discrepancy is corrected and will receive (0) for all frames missed.

10. OTHER TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES:

A. Starting times are provided to team captains and service representatives in the pre-tournament meeting and are posted in the bowling center. Bowlers must be ready to bowl at the stipulated starting time for each session or forfeit their participation in that day's six games. Bowlers are assigned lanes based on a draw. The draw takes place at the pre-tournament meeting. Rotation is after each two games to a different pair of lanes. Shadow bowling is allowed for five minutes prior to beginning bowling, and one ball on each lane when rotating at the third and fifth games.

B. Participant's bowling balls must be weighed and marked prior to the start of competition IAW USBS Rules (Chapter 7: Equipment Specification and Certifications).

11. HIGHER LEVEL COMPETITION: Top 4 men and women bowlers (with an OIC-Coach) will advance to higher-level based on accumulative score from all events.

12. FORMS AND ROSTERS: All Higher Level Advancement forms and Service Team Rosters for the Armed Forces Championship (to include declaration of doubles and mixed doubles teams) must be turned into the Host Project Officer at the Organizational Meeting.

13. ALCOHOL POLICY: There will be no alcohol consumption at the sports venue by personnel involved in the Armed Forces Sports competition, including sports staff, until all competition for the day has been completed to include the award ceremony on the final day. The venue is defined as the playing area and the assigned seating/spectator area. More restrictive installation policies in regards to alcohol will take precedence.