

**UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS AND
GENESEE REGION USBC ASSOCIATION
SERVICES AND ANNUAL DUES STRUCTURE**



2017-18 Annual Adult Dues
Standard Member Basic Member

(Max. 16 week league schedule)

USBC Dues	\$13	\$ 7
Local Dues	\$ 7	\$ 5
State Dues	\$ <u>1</u>	\$ <u>1</u>
	\$21	\$13
	per bowler per season unlimited # of leagues	per bowler per league

As a member of USBC, you are joining nearly 1.5 million others in supporting the sport of bowling. Your annual membership dues contribute to the following.

SERVICES

1. **BONDING PROTECTION** – Protects league funds provided league is certified in a timely fashion. Bank account is set up in the name of the league with two signatures, and president verifies bank account on a monthly basis.
2. **LANE CERTIFICATION** – USBC and GRUSBC do a yearly inspection of bowling lanes, gutters, and pin decks in order that any certified establishment in any city will have comparable specifications.
3. **IMPROVE LANE CONDITIONS** – Assists to improve scoring conditions when requested by the center, and gives guidance in areas, where necessary, to assure proper rule compliance, both of the above having as their goal the standardization of lane conditions.
4. **PROVIDES AN INFORMATION CENTER BY MAINTAINING AN ASSOCIATION OFFICE FOR BOWLER USE** – A place where a certified bowler can call to get answers for almost any bowling question or ruling. Association information can be found on our web site at bowlgr.com
5. **OFFICIAL AVERAGES AND VERIFICATIONS** – Maintains complete record of each bowler's number of games and average from prior seasons. These averages are the official record for use in tournaments and leagues and are readily available on bowl.com.
6. **LEAGUE ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE** – Local association and USBC provides guidance with rules information and interpretation, helps solve disputes, acts as an independent arbitrator, and serves as an accepted authority when league cannot resolve problems.
7. **STANDARDIZES RULES PLUS SUGGESTED LEAGUE RULES AND GUIDELINES** – USBC provides standardized rules and also provides written copies of suggested rules, while allowing leagues sufficient latitude to self-govern within the general framework of the USBC Rules.
8. **POLICES VIOLATORS OF RULES AND NON-PAYERS OF DUES** – Through proper, fair, and full hearings and suspensions whenever necessary.
9. **SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION** – Provides leagues with “beginning of the year” supplies and gives league secretaries an opportunity to obtain information. Supplies are paid for by the United States Bowling Congress and the Genesee Region USBC Association.
10. **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** – GRUSBC hosts an Annual Membership Meeting in May, affording members the opportunity to elect officers, make inquiries, and voice opinions.

11. **HALL OF FAME** – Recognizes the best in the area for their ability and meritorious service by honoring them through election and enshrinement into the GRUSBC Hall of Fame and entry into the National USBC Records. GRUSBC hosts the induction of the HOF during the Annual Meeting in May.
12. **AWARDS PROGRAM** – Standard members (\$21) receive awards which include towel, koosie, coffee mug, key chain, lanyard, pen, wine glass, beer stein, acrylic awards or bowlers can use an entry for the grand prize at the banquet. Bowlers will also receive a plaque and/or medallion for 700, 800 series or 11 in a row.
Basic short-season members (\$13) receive recognition on bowl.com for 300 games and 800 series. Local awards are available with this membership.
13. **PROVIDES MANY SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENTS FOR YOUTH** – The GRUSBC provides many tournaments for scholarship awards during the year. The association puts scholarship monies in these events.
14. **HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS** -Each year the association awards scholarship monies to qualified high school seniors that apply by an application.
15. **YOUTH TRAVEL LEAGUE** – Friendly youth travel handicap league that bowl at many GRUSBC centers to help with experiencing different patterns and lane surfaces.
16. **SUPPORT OF CHARITABLE CAUSES** – USBC and its members are proud to support several charitable outlets, including Bowlers to Veterans Link and Special Olympics.
17. **MEMBER REWARDS** – Visit <http://www.bowl.com/memberrewards/> and save BIG! In no time, you'll get your membership dues back plus a whole lot more.
18. **BOWL.COM AND BOWLTV** – All your bowling resources right at your fingertips, bringing dozens of free, live bowling events right to your computer each year.
19. **FULL AND COST-FREE CERTIFYING OF TOURNAMENTS** – This includes expert counseling and assistance, standard rules, and honest conditions of entry and handicapping, together with verification of averages and special recognition awards both for high scores and special achievements.
20. **PROVIDES RE-RATINGS OF TOURNAMENT AND/OR OFFICIAL AVERAGES** – A necessity when protection of all tournament bowlers is required through re-rating certain bowlers who are competing at an average lower than their ability. This protects both league and tournament bowlers and helps to ensure fairness in competition.
21. **ANNUAL ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENTS** – Crowns local champions (OPEN, WOMEN, and YOUTH) as Association title holders. Provides awards for the scratch and handicap champions. The association adds dollars to the prize funds of the adult tournaments and scholarship awards to youth bowlers.
22. **THE ANNUAL MASTERS TOURNAMENT** – Open to men and women, this scratch tournament is held in February. The association adds dollars to the prize fund.
23. **THE OPEN SENIOR MASTERS TOURNAMENTS** – Open to men and women, this scratch tournament is held in November. The association adds dollars to the prize fund.
24. **PROMOTES STATE TOURNAMENTS** – Designed to provide enjoyable tournaments, crown State Champions, and recognize bowlers' achievements with the appropriate awards.
25. **NATIONAL USBC TOURNAMENT** – Designed to crown National Champions and recognize bowlers' achievements with the appropriate awards.