



**76th ANNUAL  
TIMES BOWLING CLASSIC**  
\*\* BEST 3 GAMES OUT OF 4 \*\*  
*Certified by the USBC*



**\$43,200 IN PRIZE MONEY**

(BASED ON 1200 ENTRIES)

**ENTRY FEE ... \$60.00 (RE-ENTRY FEE ... \$55)**

Prize Fee -- \$36 (Returned 100% Within the Class Collected)

Bowling Fee -- \$16.00 Tournament Expense -- \$ 8.00

**4150 CALUMET AVENUE HAMMOND, INDIANA 46320 (219) 933-6677**

**7 CLASSES OF COMPETITION!**

<b>A - OPEN - 210 and up</b>	<b>B - MEN - 190 to 209</b>	<b>C - MEN - Under 190</b>
<b>WA - WOMEN - 176 and up</b>		<b>WB - WOMEN - Under 176</b>
<b>SA - SENIORS - 190 and up</b>		<b>SB - SENIORS - Under 190</b>
<b>YOUTH Bowlers are eligible to bowl in Classes A, B, C, WA, and WB</b>		

**PRIZE LIST IN CLASSES WITH 160 ENTRIES:**

**1-\$2,000 2-\$1,000 3 & 4-\$350 5 & 6-\$300 7 & 8-\$250 9-16-\$120**

\$108 cash prize will be added for every 3 entries in excess of 160 in each class.

**PRIZE LIST IN CLASSES WITH 100 TO 159 ENTRIES:**

**1-\$1,200 2-\$600 3 & 4-\$300 5 & 6-\$250 7 & 8-\$200 9-10-\$150**

\$108 cash prize will be added for every 3 entries in excess of 100 in each class.

**MINIMUM PRIZE LIST IN CLASSES WITH LESS THAN 100 ENTRIES:**

**1-\$1,000 2-\$500 3 & 4-\$275 5 & 6-\$225 7 & 8-\$190**

\$108 cash prize will be added for every 3 entries in excess of 80 in each class.

In previous years, about 1 out of 6 won prize money. (1 out of 10 guaranteed).

**QUALIFYING ROUNDS**

**SATURDAYS, May 2, May 9 & 16 SUNDAYS, May 3 & 17 11:00 AM, 2:30 PM, 6:30 PM \***

\* 6:30 Squads on SATURDAYS, May 9 & 16 only Entries Close 2:30 PM May 17, 2026

**MATCH GAME FINALS (Top 8 in EACH CLASS) - SUNDAY, MAY 31 - 12:00 NOON**

TOURNAMENT RULES ON REVERSE SIDE (Squad Organizers - see Rule 13) **LANES OILED BEFORE EACH SQUAD!**

**ENTRY BLANK (Please Print) The 76th Annual Times Individual Bowling Classic**

Name _____	Address _____	City _____	Zip _____
Phone # _____	Sanction Card # _____	Average _____	Class _____
Name _____	Address _____	City _____	Zip _____
Phone # _____	Sanction Card # _____	Average _____	Class _____
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1<sup>st</sup> Choice – Date \_\_\_\_\_ Squad \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice – Date \_\_\_\_\_ Squad \_\_\_\_\_

Check in 15 minutes before start time or reserved times may be given to other bowlers.

## RULES OF THE CLASSIC

1. All entrants must hold current season USBC membership cards. Non-USBC members may purchase an associate membership for \$25 (USBC) or may pay a Participation Fee of \$5.

2. Entrants must use their highest current USBC league average, as of **May 1, 2026**, based on a minimum of 21 games for the **2025-26** season. If entrant has no average for the current season, highest average from preceding season must be used. If entrant's highest or only average is from a Sport or Challenge league, entering average must be adjusted using the USBC Sport or Challenge Average Adjustment Chart.

3. **It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of his/her average**, whether originally submitted by the bowler, a team captain, or others. Failure to use the proper average or make a correction prior to completion of the first game shall disqualify score if submitted average is lower than actual average or base prize winnings on submitted average if it is higher.

4. Bowlers who have qualified for a prize of \$600 or more in any event in a tournament within the previous 12 month period must report: Actual Score, Position, and Amount Won.

5. Any bowler who reports a lower average than required or who fails to report a prize of \$600 or more in the previous 12 months, shall forfeit tournament entry fees and prize winnings.

6. No entry confirmed until receipt of \$60 entry fee.

7. Re-rating – USBC Rule No. 319E applies to all entrants.

8. Multiple re-entries are allowed within the same Class during the Qualifying Round. Participants may only cash once. First entry and re-entry both on the final day of the Qualifying Round are not allowed.

9. Bowlers will bowl 4 games in the Qualifying Round with the best 3 games comprising the qualifying score. Total three-game series will determine the eight (8) Finalists. The Finalists in each Class in positions 5 through 8 will bowl two games in the FINALS, with two winners advancing to the next two game match to compete against the Finalists in positions 3 and 4. The two winners from this round will then advance to compete against the bowlers in positions 1 and 2. The 4 remaining Finalists bowl two games with the Top 2 advancing to the Championship Match (one game). Final positions determined by the point in which a Finalist is eliminated from contention. Bowling fees for Championship Finals will be paid by Olympia Lanes.

10. **Class C** for Men is limited to bowlers with an average of **189 and under**. **Class B** for Men is limited to bowlers with an average of **190 to 209**. **Class WB** for Women is limited to bowlers with an average of **175 and under**. **Class WA** for Women is limited to bowlers with an average of **176 and up**. **Classes B, C, WA, and WB** will be handicapped on the basis of 90% of 220 scratch.

11. **Classes SA and SB** for Men and Women, will be limited to bowlers 55 years of age as of May 1, 2026. Classes SA and SB will be handicapped on the basis of 90% of 220 scratch. All prize money for these classes will be awarded for scores including handicap.

12. Premature termination of the tournament brought about by war, national emergency, fire, natural disaster or any other reason beyond the control of the Times newspaper and Olympia Lanes shall cause, to the extent required thereby, all advertised prizes, guaranteed or otherwise, to be prorated in accordance with the number of entrants who have bowled in each of the respective classes up to the time of such termination.

13. Bowlers who organize a squad of 80 or more entrants shall receive two (2) free entry fees for the Tournament. Organizers of a half squad of at least 40 entrants shall receive one free entry fee. Prize fees for free entries will be paid by Olympia Lanes.

14. Protests (USBC Rule 329). Protests and appeals must be in writing stating the grounds for the protest or appeal. The decision of the local association may also be appealed to USBC Headquarters. The decision of USBC Headquarters is final and binding on all involved parties.

**Check in 15 minutes before start time. Please send reservations and checks made payable to:**

**'THE TIMES CLASSIC'**  
**c/o Mike Kraushaar, Tournament Director**  
**Olympia Lanes**  
**4150 Calumet Avenue**  
**Hammond, IN 46320**



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