

2026 LARRY SHAFER MEMORIAL SENIOR ALL-STAR TOURNAMENT

Tournament Rules

The 2026 Georgia State USBC Senior All-Star Tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress. Bowlers will be required to show a current USBC card at check-in. Each local association of the Georgia State USBC is entitled to enter any number of six-person teams. (Teams may be restricted to two per association and four per the four largest associations if there are insufficient lanes). All teams are eligible for the team championship. All members of the Georgia State USBC who are at least fifty (50) years of age by February 21, 2026, are eligible to compete. Competition is restricted to members of Georgia State local associations with at least 21 games in a league certified by that association during the current season. All teams must be authorized by their local association president or association manager, including substitutes. Any local associations without a certified center may apply to the state association manager for exemption to the above eligibility requirements. Final closing date for entries is January 25, 2026. Any entries received or postmarked after that date will be accepted based upon availability.

The first round of qualifying will consist of four (4) games bowled over eight (8) lanes. The team championship and other team prizes will be determined in the first round of qualifying. A team's score will be its top five (5) individual scores each game. Each team can have up to six (6) members. Each team must pay for six (6) members regardless of the number who actually bowl.

One-half of the field (maximum 66), based on four-game totals, will qualify for the second round, to begin at 4:00 PM Saturday. Lane assignments will be made according to first round qualifying. The second round of qualifying will consist of four (4) games over eight (8) lanes. The Tournament Director may announce a deadline, no earlier than 4:00 PM, after which any qualifier not on site will be disqualified and replaced by the next highest score available.

Eight (8) game totals will determine the ten (10) finalists and other individual prizes. A minimum of twenty-four (24) singles prizes will be awarded. A one game roll-off will be held immediately after the second round to break any ties relative to the ten finalists.

The finals will begin Sunday, February 22 at 8:30 AM. There will be no pins carried over into the finals. Number assignments will be based on eight (8) game totals. A ten-team schedule will be used to determine pairings for match play. The tenth game will be a position round. Each game winner will receive thirty bonus pins (fifteen in the case of a tie). If a tie exists after nine (9) games that impacts the championship, a ninth and tenth frame roll-off will be held. A one (1) game roll-off will be held immediately to break any tie(s) relative to the championship.

Any alternates will be selected according to the rank of those present. There will be no substitution after play has begun in the second round. Alternates in the second round will use their own first round scores. Any bowler that withdraws during the finals will finish tenth. Any bowler who is not present when the finals begin and is not replaced will not be allowed to bowl after the first ball has been delivered in the finals.

The house will be divided for all squads requiring more than sixteen lanes. If possible, one or more pairs of lanes will be left open in case of major mechanical malfunction. Such lanes will be employed during both qualifying rounds.

Participants are expected to wear suitable attire during competition. All clothes must be neat, clean, and free of holes or frayed hemlines. Acceptable tops include full length shirts or bowling jerseys with polo, butterfly, or sash collars, or t-shirts with league logos. Acceptable bottoms include pants, nice jeans, capris, walking/casual shorts, skirts and/or skorts at least fingertip length. Attire or equipment depicting alcohol, illegal substances, gambling, or inappropriate language/gestures is forbidden in accordance with USBC Rule 103b. Tournament officials will determine appropriate attire, and those decisions are final. The use of cellular telephones is prohibited.

Any rules not covered herewith are contained in the Georgia State USBC By-laws and/or Operations Manual. Any dispute not directly adjudicated by Georgia State USBC Operation Manual or USBC guidelines will be settled by the Tournament Director.