



ILLINOIS STATE BPA BEAT THE CHAMPS

Presented by:



November 2023

Dear League Officer:

One of the biggest and best-known bowling events in the country is our **ILLINOIS STATE "BEAT THE CHAMPIONS" CONTEST**, presented by **STORM**. Our thanks go out to all of the league bowlers that have supported and participated in this contest. It is our biggest charity event of the year.

We will kick off our Illinois State Beat the Champs Contest the week of December 3rd – 9th, 2023 when some 22,000 league bowlers are expected to enter the contest during league play.

NOTE: Use the **HANDICAP CHART PROVIDED**. HANDICAPS FOR THE EVENT WILL BE **90% of 220**. **PLEASE DO NOT USE YOUR LEAGUE'S HANDICAP BASIS!**

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are asking for your help by entering your entire league members 100% for our annual event. The entry fee is \$5.00 per bowler. This popular league incentive has added to participating leagues prize funds, \$500 when a member of the league wins the finals. By entering your league 100% we **GUARANTEE THAT A MEMBER OF YOUR LEAGUE ADVANCES TO THE ZONE ROLL-OFFS!** (24 or more members in league), see attached flyer for more details.

LEAGUE CLASSIFICATION RULING: To advance one male and one female representative from a 100% participation league to the zone roll-offs, the total membership of the league must comprise a minimum of 20% of the lesser gender in order for the lesser gender to advance.

Any league with a minimum of 24 members that enters their league 100% will automatically qualify their highest league bowler into the BTC Zone Roll-offs. Mixed leagues will advance their highest Man and Woman. In addition, if the BTC Champion is from your league, then the league will be awarded a **\$500 CASH BONUS** payable to the league.

This year our BTC Winners will each receive a \$10,000 Grand Prize.

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO ENTER YOUR ENTIRE LEAGUE. You will be guaranteed to have a representative(s) from your league in the Zone Finals that could go all the way and provide a \$500 Bonus for your League Prize Fund. (Again, please review all of the flyers for additional details).

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Cordially,
BPA Beat the Champs Contest Committee



ILLINOIS STATE BPA “BEAT THE CHAMPIONS”

Presented by:



Headquarters: 2020 Indian Boundary Dr. • Melrose Park, IL 60160 • (847) 982-1305

IMPORTANT MEMO

DEAR PROPRIETOR:

Enclosed with your 2023–24 BTC materials are a sufficient number of letters and flyers outlining the details of our **100% LEAGUE INCENTIVE** for Adult Leagues.

(Please review these flyers and additional instructions in the Proprietor’s Instruction Sheet)



PLEASE DISTRIBUTE THESE MATERIALS “IMMEDIATELY”

Distribute one “Dear League Officer Letter” and “100% League Incentive” Flyer to each of your League Secretary’s.

Ask your league secretaries to enter their entire league to qualify for the 100% League Incentive Program and ensure that one of their members will be guaranteed to advance to the Zone Roll-off (Mixed Leagues qualify two – 1 Man & 1 Woman) Men’s & Women’s Leagues qualify one bowler each.

PLEASE NOTE: If your House High Entries come out of your 100% Leagues, you will still be able to advance your highest in line from your overall entry per usual, under the advancement procedure outlined in the rules.

An Adult league must have a minimum of 24 bowlers to qualify for the 100% Incentive Program. A league will be considered to have 100% when all eligible bowlers, less permanent vacancies and/or ineligible bowlers (i.e. less than 9-game minimum) are entered in the contest. *NOTE: The league must pay the entry fee for absent bowlers to be considered.*

Any employee of any bowling establishment may participate if otherwise eligible.

If the BTC Champion comes out of a 100% League, that league will receive a **\$500 BONUS FOR THEIR LEAGUE PRIZE FUND.**

***PLEASE NOTE* – “LEAGUE CLASSIFICATION RULING”**

To advance one male and one female representative from a 100% participation league to the zone roll-offs, the total membership of the league must compromise a minimum of 20% of the lesser gender in order for the lesser gender to advance.

NOTE the CHANGE: Handicap Chart is 90% of 220 for the tournament.

If you have any questions or need additional materials,

PLEASE CALL THIS OFFICE

(847) 982-1305 x3

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



RULES & SECRETARY INSTRUCTIONS



1. **Eligibility:** All adult league bowlers, over the age of 18, in participating centers are eligible to enter during the week of December 3-9, 2023.

SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS: Leagues which bowl every other week and are not scheduled during the December

3-9, 2023 week, **MAY** enter with their league scores of the previous week, November 26- Dec. 2. In case of an "Act of God" (inclement weather, etc.), entire leagues forced to be absent during Contest Week may enter with their scores of December 10-16, 2023.

Not eligible to advance to roll-offs: Proprietors and members of their families, any currently exempt PBA/PWBA bowlers or PBA/PWBA bowlers who have won a national title.

Any employee of any bowling establishment may participate if otherwise eligible.

100% LEAGUE PARTICIPATION: Leagues with a minimum of 24 members that enter their entire league at 100% will automatically qualify their highest league bowler into the BTC Zone Roll-offs. Mixed Leagues will advance the High Man and High Woman.

A league will be considered to have 100% participation when all eligible bowlers, less permanent vacancies and/or any ineligible bowlers are entered in the Contest. League must pay entry fee for all absent bowlers to be considered. All 100% leagues pay \$5 entry fee per league member.

***LEAGUE CLASSIFICATION RULING*:** To advance one male and one female representative from a 100% participation league to the zone roll-offs, the total membership of the league must comprise a minimum of 20% of the lesser gender in order for the lesser gender to advance. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

All TIES for the final qualifying spot for advancement to the zone roll-offs of a 100% league or center will be settled by using their highest last game plus BTC handicap for the one game.

2. **ENTRY FEE is \$7.00.** A Bowler may enter as many times as he/she bowls in a league during the Contest Week, paying \$7.00 each time. **ONLY** 100% Leagues pay \$5.00 per league member.
3. **Entry Cards** available from Proprietors (or at control counter). Bowler should fill in name, address, phone number, email, bowling center and LEAGUE NUMBER in spaces provided. (Proprietor or counter can supply LEAGUE NUMBER). **Please print clearly in ink.** Only scores on official cards accepted.
4. **Handicaps:** Bowlers receive handicap of 90% of the difference between the league average used that league session, and the scratch figure of 220 per game. Average must be based on at least 9 games.

OFFICIAL HANDICAP TABLE IS PROVIDED. DO NOT USE YOUR LEAGUES HANDICAPS!

5. **SCORING:** NO Individual or Team PREBOWL or POSTBOWL SCORES are accepted!
 - a. Bowlers use a regular 3-game league series score plus BTC handicap to determine contest score. Scores should be filled in on entry card in space provided. **BE SURE to ENTER the LEAGUE AVERAGE USED THAT NIGHT in DETERMINING HANDICAP.**
 - b. If ties for 1st Place in Leagues, or for qualifying to advance to zone roll-offs, **settle ties by highest last game with BTC handicap.**
6. **SECRETARY:** Your Proprietor will provide you with a "LEAGUE SUMMARY SHEET". Please fill out this sheet completely and carefully, printing names and addresses, using a pen. (Also, please include your

name, email and phone number on the sheet). After completing this form - **TURN INTO THE CENTER THE WHITE COPY OF THE SUMMARY SHEET, TOGETHER WITH ALL THE ENTRY CARDS FROM YOUR LEAGUE** in the envelope you will receive from your proprietor. **LEAVE THE YELLOW COPY OF THE SUMMARY SHEET WITH YOUR PROPRIETOR.** Again, make sure you turn in **EVERY** card.

7. DISBURSEMENT OF MONEY: You must turn over all entry fees to your proprietors the night of collection.

The proprietor will write on one check on behalf of the entire center and to ISBPA.

DO NOT MAIL YOUR ENTRIES OR FEES SEPARATELY TO BPA!

8. PRIZES IN THE CONTEST WILL BE AWARDED AS FOLLOWS:

- a. Our "Champions" will bowl a special 3 game series to establish the target scores.
- b. All men bowlers whose contest score betters that of the man champion will receive a special "I Beat the Champion" award. All women bowlers whose contest score betters that of the woman champion will receive a special "I Beat the Champion" award.
- c. Each participating Center will qualify bowlers for zone roll-offs as follows: **One man for each 300 contest entries in center, one woman for each 250 contest entries.** Each center shall qualify at least one man and one woman. Bowlers will be re-handicapped for roll-offs.
- * **NOTE:** No bowler may participate more than once in the zone roll-offs. If individual bowler qualifies from more than one center, bowler must represent center where he/she had **higher contest score**. A total of 32 men and 32 women will qualify for the final roll-offs, with the places to be pro-rated among sections in proportion to their total entry count.

IMPORTANT: - All bowlers in the roll-offs will be re-handicapped on the basis of early February averages, (of at least 21 games), with no drop in average allowed from the entering average of December 3-9. No bowlers in the roll-offs will be permitted to use an average more than 5 (five) pins below his/her final 2022-23 average. Maximum handicap permitted in roll-offs will be based on a 120 average for women and a 140 average for men. Ties are decided by highest last game with BTC handicap. Except if there is a tie for grand prize and then there will be a one game roll-off.

d. **FINALS:** The Men's and Women's Champion in the Finals will each receive a Grand Prize of \$10,000. Merchandise prizes will be awarded to all other finalists.

e. There will be no charge of any kind for bowler to pay in any roll-off.

Make sure to look at our POPULAR LEAGUE INCENTIVE OFFER for 100% League Member sign-up for the 2023-24 BTC Contest.

ILLINOIS STATE BPA: 2020 INDIAN BOUNDARY ROAD, MELROSE PARK, IL 60160





"BEAT THE CHAMPS" CONTEST INCENTIVE FOR 100% LEAGUES PARTICIPATION



Adult Leagues with a minimum of 24 members that enter their entire league at 100% will automatically qualify their highest league bowler into the BTC Zone Roll-offs. Mixed Leagues will advance the High Man and High Woman.

NOTE: Leagues that meet the above criteria will automatically advance their high bowler (Man & Woman if a Mixed League). If the HIGH BOWLERS in the establishment are from a 100% League, the next highest bowler in the league will advance based on the standard advancement formula.

WHAT IS A 100% LEAGUE?

A league will be considered to be 100% on the night of bowling during the BTC Contest Week when all of the member's present, less non-eligible members.

EXAMPLE: An 8-team league with five members per team = 40 bowlers; there are 2 vacancies and 3 absent bowlers. This league will qualify as a 100% league, provided they pay for 38 (all eligible) bowlers.

NOTE: *The 100% number must include Absent Bowlers who are otherwise eligible, thus including an entry fee for the absent bowlers. Leagues do not have to pay for Vacant Bowlers.*

Proprietors and members of their families are ineligible to advance and are not counted towards your 100% league playing strength. Also, current or former PBA/PWBA exempt professionals are not eligible for this tournament or PBA/PWBA bowlers who have won a national title. ***Any employee of any bowling establishment may participate if otherwise eligible.***

LEAGUE CLASSIFICATION RULING

To advance one male & one female representative from a 100% participation league to the Zone Roll-Offs, the total membership of the league must comprise a minimum of 20% of the lesser gender for the lesser gender to advance.

***NOTE* - Tournament Handicap is 90% of 220 for adult bowlers.**





**100% LEAGUE INCENTIVE PRIZE
ADD \$500 TO YOUR LEAGUE PRIZE FUND
GUARANTEE THAT MEMBERS OF YOUR LEAGUE
ADVANCE TO ZONE ROLL-OFFS!**



HERE'S HOW IT WORKS!

Any league with a minimum of 24 members that enters their league at 100% will automatically qualify their highest league bowler into the Beat The Champs Zone Roll-offs. Mixed Leagues will advance the High Man and High Woman.

NOTE: A league will be considered to be 100% in strength on the night of bowling during the BTC Contest week when all league members, less non-eligible bowlers enter the contest and pay entry fee. **ABSENT BOWLERS MUST BE PAID FOR LEAGUE TO BE ELIGIBLE!!**

LEAGUE CLASSIFICATION RULING - To advance one male & one female representative from a 100% participation league to the zone roll-offs, the total membership of the league must comprise a minimum of 20% of the lesser gender in order for the lesser gender to advance.

In addition, if the 2023-24 Beat the Champs champion is a member of a 100% entry league, the league will be awarded a **\$500 CASH BONUS** payable to the league.

THE ENTRY FEE IS ONLY \$5.00 PER BOWLER

(This includes absent bowlers)

There are no additional fees no matter how far a bowler advances.

BOWLING CONTEST WEEK OF DECEMBER 3-9, 2023

(at all participating centers)

CONTEST WINNERS RECEIVE A GRAND PRIZE OF \$10,000

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING AND RETURN IT WITH YOUR
BEAT THE CHAMPS ENTRY CARDS TO YOUR BOWLING CENTER MANAGER

SPECIAL LEAGUE INCENTIVE PROGRAM

YES _____ our League will support and participate in the Annual Beat the Champs Contest 100%.

We understand that if our League participates 100% and one of our league members is the 2023-24 Contest Winner, the BTC Contest will contribute \$500 to our 2023-24 League Prize Fund.

NAME OF LEAGUE _____ BOWLING AT _____

DAY LEAGUE BOWLS _____ TIME _____ # OF TEAMS _____ # PER TEAM _____

TYPE OF LEAGUE: ☐ ALL MEN ☐ ALL WOMEN ☐ MIXED

Authorized by _____ Date _____ 2023
(League Officer)

ILLINOIS STATE BPA: 2020 INDIAN BOUNDARY ROAD, MELROSE



**CONTEST WEEK IS
DECEMBER
3 – 9, 2023**

Presented by



PROPRIETOR INSTRUCTIONS

**HANDICAP IS 90% OF
220 -- DO NOT USE
YOUR LEAGUE'S
HANDICAP**

1. Enclosed are all your materials for the **BEAT THE CHAMPIONS** Contest. Please check them over at once to make sure all materials are included.
 - a. Advertising: Wall Banners and special flyers. **PLEASE PUT THEM UP.**
 - b. **YELLOW RULES AND SECRETARY INSTRUCTION SHEETS.** PLEASE post for bowlers. Distribute others to league secretaries for their guidance. Also available on **BeatTheChamps.com.**
 - c. **MEN'S ENTRY CARDS** are white, and **WOMEN'S ENTRY CARDS** are salmon for 100% leagues. Non 100% leagues **MEN'S ENTRY CARDS** are blue, and **WOMEN'S ENTRY CARDS** are yellow. Entry fee is \$7.00 for non 100% league bowlers. \$5.00 a bowler for 100% leagues. Please be sure to use the right colored cards for your leagues, accurate score tabulating depends on this.
 - d. **LEAGUE SUMMARY SHEETS:** These are special **DUPLICATE** forms to be filled out completely and accurately and signed by the league secretary. The proprietor keeps the **YELLOW** copy. **MAIL WHITE COPY TOGETHER WITH ALL THE LEAGUE ENTRY CARDS IN THE ENVELOPE, WHICH IS PROVIDED.** Be sure to mail in the return envelope that is provided which is addressed to **Headquarters:**

**ILLINOIS STATE BOWLING PROPRIETORS
2020 INDIAN BOUNDARY DR.
MELROSE PARK, ILLINOIS 60160**

- e. **PLEASE MAIL ONE LEAGUE AND REPORT SHEET PER ENVELOPE. DO NOT COMBINE OTHER LEAGUES IN THE SAME ENVELOPE.**
- f. **INSTRUCTIONS FOR REMITTING YOUR CONTEST FINAL REPORT AND ENTRY FEES ARE INCLUDED. THE HALF SHEET IS THE CENTERS REMITTANCE OF ENTRIES, THAT SHOULD BE SENT BACK TO HEADQUARTERS WITH ALL LEAGUE ENTRY CARDS.**
2. **PROCEDURES:**
 - a. When you signed up for the contest, you filled out a league listing form, giving a number to every league in your center. Your bowlers will need their League Number in order to fill out entry cards. **THIS MEANS THE NUMBER YOU ASSIGNED TO THE LEAGUE WHEN YOU COMPLETED YOUR LIST - YOU SHOULD STILL HAVE THE LIST ON HAND.** In case of an "Act of God" (inclement weather, etc.), you may permit the league that was forced to be absent to enter the week of December 10 - 16. Individual pre or post bowl scores are ineligible.
 - b. Be sure the League Secretary signs the Official League Summary Sheet & includes phone number & email address.
 - c. **KEEP CAREFUL COUNT OF ENTRIES AND ENTRY FEES. YOU WILL NOW HAVE TO TURN OVER \$5.00 FOR EACH ENTRY FROM 100% LEAGUES. AND \$7.00 FOR EACH ENTRY FROM NON 100% LEAGUES. REMEMBER, THIS IS CHARITY MONEY AND SHOULD BE HANDLED WITH EXTREME ACCURACY.**
 - d. **TIES for 1st Place awards in Leagues, or for qualifying to advance to zone roll-offs, settle ties by using their highest last game with BTC handicap.**
3. **RULES:** The important rules are all summarized on the yellow sheet in this packet. Regular USBC playing rules will apply. **IMPORTANT: - No bowlers in the zone roll-offs will be permitted to use an average more than 5 (five) pins below his/her final 2022-23 average.** All bowlers in the roll-offs will be re-handicapped on the basis of early February averages, (of at least 21 games), with no drop in average allowed from the entering average of December 3- 9. In all roll-offs, maximum handicaps allowed will be based on an average of 140 for men and 120 for women. The contest committee reserves the right to assign a higher average for any individual for the zone roll-offs and/or finals. If not accepted, individual will be disqualified and replaced by the next eligible bowler from the same center.

NO Individual or Team PREBOWL or POSTBOWL SCORES are accepted!

Ineligible to win or to advance to roll-offs: Proprietors and members of their families, currently exempt PBA/PWBA bowlers, or a former PBA/PWBA bowler who has won a national title.

Any employee of any bowling establishment may participate if otherwise eligible.
4. **FURTHER NOTICES:** As the contest progresses you will be notified by mail or email of the following items:
 - a. The names your establishment bowlers who qualify for zone roll-offs; also site, date and time of such roll-offs.
 - b. Bowlers who qualify for zone finals will be notified via mail.
 - c. Check **BeatTheChamps.com** for all other information regarding Beat the Champs presented by STORM





**SUGGESTED P.A. ANNOUNCEMENTS
FOR ALL LEAGUE SESSIONS NOV. 26-DEC. 2, 2023**

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Presented by **ATTENTION ALL LEAGUE BOWLERS: NEXT WEEK,**



DECEMBER 3th through the 9th will be BEAT THE CHAMPIONS
CONTEST WEEK here at _____

(Center)

We encourage **ALL LEAGUE BOWLERS** to make your plans **NOW** and enter the ILLINOIS STATE /BPA "**Beat the Champs Contest**," presented by **STORM**. The entry fee is only \$7.00 for bowlers that are not in a 100% league. If your league is in 100% the cost is only \$5.00. We are offering an extra incentive to enter your entire league 100%, including \$500 to your league Prize Fund if the BTC Champion is from your league.

There is a Youth League Bowlers division for all member centers youth programs!
Ask at counter for details!

**MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS WILL WIN A GRAND PRIZE OF \$10,000
ALL FOR A CHARITY DONATION!!**

**SUGGESTED P.A. ANNOUNCEMENTS
FOR ALL LEAGUE SESSIONS DEC. 3th – 9th, 2023**

ATTENTION ALL LEAGUE BOWLERS.....This is the ILLINOIS STATE "**Beat the Champs**" contest week, presented by STORM. This is the night when you use your league scores with handicap for the contest...THE ENTRY FEE IS ONLY \$5.00 for bowlers in 100% league and \$7.00 if your league is not in 100% , but you must enter before you start bowling today...Over \$2.9 million has been raised for various charities since the inception of this great event.

**\$10,000 PRIZE WILL BE AWARDED TO TOP MAN & WOMAN AT FINALS
100% LEAGUE CHAMPION FINALIST WINS \$500 FOR LEAGUE PRIZE
ALL FINALISTS WILL WIN A PRIZE!**

ALL FOR A CHARITY DONATION!!

Enter the league at 100% and at least one member is guaranteed to advance to the Zone Finals. If our 2023-24 BTC Champion is from your league a \$500 Bonus will be awarded to your League Prize Fund. The more bowlers we have... the more men and women will qualify from _____ for the roll-offs.

(Center)

**So, what do you say? . . . Don't get left out . . . Lets everybody
Beat The Champ and Support the Charities.
Your League Secretary has all of the information.**



BEAT THE CHAMPS

Presented by Storm Bowling



CENTER REGISTRATION FORM

Deadline to Register is October 16

There is NO Cost to Participate

Name of Center: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Contact Name: _____

Please estimate the number of entries per division

Total Adult Male Entries _____

Total Youth Male Entries: _____

Total Adult Female Entries _____

Total Youth Female Entries: _____

Will you sign up 100% of the bowlers per league?

[] Yes

[] No

\$5.00 per entry for 100% league of a league
or \$7.00 for individual signups

Signature: _____

Date: _____

You should receive all necessary materials to run the tournament by Thanksgiving.