UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS AND GREATER BUFFALO USBC ASSOCIATION SERVICES AND ANNUAL DUES STRUCTURE (716) 668-4222

Greater Buffalo Association

2026-27 Annual Adult Dues

	Standard Member	Basic Member (Max. 16-week league schedule)
USBC Dues	$15	$ 7
Local Dues	$ 9	$ 3
State Dues	$ 1	$ 0
	$25 per bowler unlimited # of leagues	$10 per bowler per league

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

SERVICES

1. **BONDING PROTECTION** – Protects league funds provided the league is certified in a timely fashion. The bank account is set up in the league's name with two signatories, and the president verifies it monthly.

2. **ACE (Automatic Certification Evaluation tool)** is a combination of several precision measuring devices that work together to make center inspections more efficient and accurate. ACE was developed in-house by our Equipment Specifications and Certifications team, with significant help from several team members in other departments.

   ACE utilizes five digital dial indicators with custom-designed sleds, three digital levels, and four digital laser distance measuring tools. These tools all connect, via Bluetooth technology, to the inspector's laptop, where custom-made software records the data and loads it into a data collection spreadsheet. All of this enables one inspector to complete the annual inspection requirements for a lane in under five minutes.

3. **IMPROVE LANE CONDITIONS** – Assists in improving scoring conditions when requested by the center.

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.

5. **OFFICIAL AVERAGES AND VERIFICATIONS** – Maintains a 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 guides provide rule information and interpretation, help resolve disputes, serve as an independent arbitrator, and serve as an accepted authority when the league cannot resolve problems.

7. **STANDARDIZED 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. **POLICE 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 allows league secretaries to obtain information. The United States Bowling Congress and the Greater Buffalo USBC Association cover the costs of supplies.

10. **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** – GBUSBCA hosts an Annual Membership Meeting, allowing members 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 GBUSBCA Hall of Fame and entry into the National USBC Records. GBUSBCA hosts a bi-annual dinner. Bowlers, media, and the general public are invited.

12. **AWARDS PROGRAM** – Standard members ($25) receive awards which include rings, plaques, crystal awards, emblems, magnets, pens, medallions, and other tangible items for high-score accomplishments and also for unusual achievements (for example – triplicates, all-spare game, 7-10 split conversion, etc.), and generally recognizes accomplishments of bowlers of all abilities. Except for honor score awards (300 games, 800 series), GBUSBCA oversees the awards program.

    Basic short-season members ($10) receive recognition on bowl.com for 300 games and 800 series. Awards are available for purchase with this membership.

13. **PROVIDES END-OF-YEAR AWARDS CERTIFICATES** – When requested, GBUSBCA will provide certificates to league champions, most improved bowlers, league-high average, and league-high series.

14. **SUPPORT OF CHARITABLE CAUSES** – USBC and its members are proud to support several charitable outlets, including the Roswell Park Alliance Foundation, Susan G. Komen Bowl for the Cure program, Bowlers to Veterans Link, and Special Olympics.

15. **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.

16. **BOWL.COM AND BOWLTV –** All your bowling resources are right at your fingertips, bringing dozens of free, live bowling events right to your computer each year.

17. **FULL AND COST-FREE CERTIFYING OF TOURNAMENTS** – This includes expert counseling and assistance, standard rules, and fair conditions of entry and handicapping, together with verification of averages and special recognition awards both for high scores and special achievements.

18. **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, helping to ensure fairness in competition.

19. **ANNUAL CITY CHAMPIONSHIPS** – Crowns local champions (OPEN, WOMEN, and YOUTH) as Association title holders. Provides awards for the scratch and handicap champions. The association adds several thousand dollars to the prize fund of the adult tournament.

20. **ANNUAL GEORGE A. OBENAUER MASTERS TOURNAMENT** – GBUSBCA contributes the entry fee to the USBC Masters Tournament and lodging and travel stipend to the winner of the tournament. Gives higher-average bowlers a chance to compete for scratch prizes and crowns the winner as the prestigious Masters Champion for our area.

21. **ANNUAL SENIORS' TOURNAMENTS** – Tournaments based on age divisions. The Women's tournament is held in November. The Open tournament is held in April. GBUSBCA pays entry fees into the respective New York State Seniors tournament and provides a $50 travel allowance to the winner of each age division.

22. **ANNUAL LEAGUE OFFICERS TOURNAMENT** – Rewards officers for timely certification of the league; minimal entry fee; GBUSBCA contributes payment of lineage for this tournament. Fun day for officers.

23. **PROMOTES STATE TOURNAMENTS** – Designed to provide enjoyable tournaments, crown State Champions, and recognize bowlers' achievements with the appropriate awards.

24. **NATIONAL USBC TOURNAMENT** – Designed to crown National Champions and recognize bowlers' achievements with the appropriate awards.