

JERSEY RAINBOW CLASSIC 2025 RULES

- 1) The Jersey Rainbow Classic 2025 ("JR-C25", or the "Tournament") is NOT certified with USBC. However, all participants are subject to the USBC rules and jurisdiction for the event. The Tournament is a mixed handicapped competition open to men and women. The Tournament will take place at Bowler City Lanes in Hackensack, NJ, from Friday September 26 until Sunday September 28, 2025.

NOTE: This is an adult event. It is strongly advised that children not be present. Only registered bowlers or tournament/alley officials are permitted beyond the settee area.

- 2) ***JR-C25 is an invitational tournament. The board of the Tournament reserves the right to refuse entry to any individual who does not follow these rules or general rules of bowling.***

IGBO Membership

- 3) All participants must be members of IGBO. Any participants not currently a member of IGBO must fill out the application for Associate Membership online and pay the \$25 fee. A link can be provided via the Tournament Secretary.

Jersey Rainbow Classic 2025 Events

- 4) JR-C25 will consist of Team, Doubles and Singles competitions. Each set will consist of three (3) games. Team competition will consist of four (4) bowlers (any combination of genders). Each bowler may only participate once in each event.
- 5) All applications will be completed online through the Tournament's website. The entry fee is \$135.00 which breaks down as follows:

Lineage: \$27.00 (for 9 games)
Banquet: \$60.00
Prize Fund: \$38.00
Expenses*: \$10.00

*Expenses include trophies, the \$2 per bowler IGBO fee, PayPal fees and supplies needed to run the Tournament. Any unused expense funds will be added to the prize fund.

Entry closing date is September 12, 2025, unless the Tournament sells out sooner.
JR-C25 has a capacity of 48 teams or 192 bowlers.

****** Please note if an entry is not paid in full when the Tournament sells out, that entry may be replaced by a bowler on the waiting list that is paid in full.***

6) The following additional optional events will be offered at JR-C25:

Handicap Events

- A) Insurance = \$10
- B) Best 3 of 6 = \$10 (Team and Doubles Events on Saturday)
- C) Chase The Rabbit (Grouch) = \$15 (\$5 per shift)

Scratch Events

D) Optional Scratch Divisions (Paying 1:10 for Game/Series/All Events) as follows:

Division A – 201 to 300 = \$30

Division B – 181 to 200 = \$25

Division C – 161 to 180 = \$25

Division D – 141 to 160 = \$20

Division E – 0 to 140 = \$20

E) Mystery Score = \$15 (\$5 per shift)

The optional events listed above may be entered with your Tournament application or at Tournament registration. It is recommended that you enter any of these events with your application. JR-C25 will also offer brackets, mega brackets, and other side events during the Tournament.

- 7) The trophies and prizes for the Tournament will be awarded at an awards banquet. All participants and guests must select the awards banquet with Tournament entry to confirm attendance. Guests not participating in the Tournament but attending the awards banquet must pay the guest fee (\$60).
- 8) All cash awards shall be based on the total pins with handicap for the All Events, Team, Doubles, and Singles events as well as the optional Best 3 of 6. The prize ratio is at least 1 in 10 for all Tournament events unless otherwise noted.

Average/Re-Rate/Verification Rules

- 9) This is a handicapped tournament. Handicap will be calculated at 90% of the difference between the bowler's average and 250. If a bowler enters with an average over 250, they will be assigned a handicap of ZERO. No negative handicap will apply.

League Averages

10) All bowlers will use the HIGHEST of the following:

(A) Highest 2024 - 2025 book average from Fall/Winter league based on a minimum of 21 games as of May 31, 2025. This includes games bowled on that date. If competing in more than one league, the bowler must submit the HIGHEST average of all leagues bowled.

(B) Highest 2023 - 2024 book average from Fall/Winter league based on a minimum of 21 games.

(C) IGBO tournament average of all tournaments bowled between September 28, 2024, and September 26, 2025.

(D) If A, B or C do not apply, an average of 250 will be assigned. (Rule 319b)

(E) The above averages must be verified by one or more of the following methods:

i. By the use of bowler abstracts from bowl.com and/or provide league numbers/standing sheets from bowl.com or leaguesecretary.com, or a league's official website.

ii. By the use of a league standing sheet, signed and dated by a league officer or a letter from the league President or Secretary.

iii. If a bowler's league is not USBC certified, or not posted on the two websites above or a league's official website, or the bowler has chosen not to allow public access to their bowl.com profile, all average paperwork including any tournament results must be received by the Tournament Secretary within one week after application is received or by the September 12th deadline (whichever comes first), or the application is subject to rejection or the assignment of an average of 250.

iv. It is the bowler's responsibility to provide accurate and complete average information. The Tournament will complete due diligence on each submitted average, but it is not our responsibility to do exhaustive research if the bowler does not provide the information that is required.

v. If a bowler purposely provides false or misleading information to secure a lower average for the Tournament, the application will be rejected and that person will not be permitted to bowl in JR-C25 or any future Jersey Rainbow Classic tournaments.

(F) Averages from Sport Condition leagues are not accepted at this time.

(G) The Tournament directors may re-rate any bowler who falls under a USBC rule not listed here. It is the individual bowler's responsibility to know all the USBC re-rate rules for tournament play.

11) USBC rules regarding the bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of his/her submitted average, whether submitted by the bowler, team captain or other, apply to all bowlers.

12) Failure to report proper averages at the time of application or at the Tournament registration period will disqualify the bowler if the submitted average is lower than the actual average as determined by Rule 10, thereby resulting in a lower classification or more handicap. Winnings will be based on the submitted average if it is higher than the correct average. (USBC Rule 319A, item 3)

13) The Tournament officials reserve the right to re-rate any entrant prior to bowling for reasons other than those set forth in Rule 10.

- 14) Substitutes meeting USBC requirements and JR-C25 Tournament rules may bowl at the discretion of the Tournament officials.
- 15) Bowlers will be given ten (10) minutes of practice before each event.
- 16) Late bowlers will begin bowling in the frame in which they are ready with prior frames scored a zero (0). It is the bowler's responsibility to be at the lanes when bowling begins.
- 17) No substitutions in the Doubles or Team event lineup can be made after a series has started without sufficient cause at the discretion of the Tournament officials. Changes to Doubles pairings must be made before the completion of the Tournament registration period.
- 18) All prize monies will be paid out within 30 days after the completion of the Tournament. A tie in any position will result in an equal division of the prizes.
- 19) Final results will be posted to the Tournament website within 30 days of the completion of the Tournament. All financials and scores will be reported as necessary to IGBO, USBC and any other governing body.
- 20) Any bowler who has read all these rules and understands them should look for the QR code at Registration tournament weekend. Scan it and enter their identifying information as well as the words "I understand" in the Notes box.
- 21) After a score has been recorded, it cannot be changed unless there has been an obvious error in scoring or calculation. Obvious errors must be corrected by a Tournament official immediately upon discovery. Questionable errors must be reported to a Tournament official within two (2) hours of the error, and the appropriate action will be decided by the Tournament officials. (USBC rule 328)
- 22) A protest or appeal involving eligibility or playing rules must be filed with the Tournament officials before Tournament prizes are paid. The protest or appeal must be in writing and the grounds for the protest or appeal briefly stated. An appeal regarding the decision of the Tournament officials may be made to IGBO. The decision of IGBO is final and binding on all parties involved. Prizes for the positions affected cannot be distributed until the protest or appeal is resolved.
- 23) All average verification documents, both league and tournament, should be emailed to DCFrat@aol.com for secretarial purposes. They should be received by the Tournament Secretary no later than the September 12th entry close date.
- 24) All other USBC rules apply as USBC is the governing body of the sport of bowling.
- 25) All bowlers will be required to acknowledge and abide by the morals clause.**