

JERSEY RAINBOW CLASSIC 2026 RULES

- 1) The 2026 Jersey Rainbow Classic ("JR-C26" or the "Tournament") is certified with USBC. The Tournament is a mixed handicapped competition open to all individuals regardless of gender. The Tournament will take place at Bowler City Lanes in Hackensack, NJ, from Friday, September 25, until Sunday, September 27, 2026.
- 2) JR-C26 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 the general rules of bowling. Only registered bowlers or Tournament and alley officials are permitted beyond the settee area.

NOTE: This is an adult event for people 21 and over. It is strongly advised that children not be present.

IGBO/USBC MEMBERSHIP

- 3) All participants must be members of IGBO and USBC. Any participants not currently a member of IGBO must fill out the application for Associate membership online and pay the \$30 fee. A link can be provided via the Tournament secretary. All bowlers must be certified with USBC.

JERSEY RAINBOW CLASSIC 2026 EVENTS

- 4) JR-C26 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: \$40.00

Expenses: \$8.00

**(Include trophies, the IGBO fee (\$2/bowler), online merchant fees and supplies needed to run the Tournament. Any unused expense funds will be added to the prize fund.)*

JR-C26 has a capacity of 48 teams or 192 bowlers. Entry closing date is September 11, 2026, unless the Tournament sells out sooner.

****** PLEASE NOTE: All entries MUST be paid in full within 14 days of submission to be considered complete. After 14 days, any unpaid entries will be placed on the waitlist until payment is received. If the Tournament sells out, any unpaid entries will be replaced with a paid entry from the waitlist on a first come first serve basis.***

- 6) The following additional optional events will be offered at JR-C26:

Handicap Events

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

Scratch Event

- D) Mystery Score \$15 (\$5 per shift)
- E) Optional Scratch Divisions \$25 (Paying 1:10 for High Game/Series/All Events) as follows:
 - Division A – 201 to 300
 - Division B – 181 to 200
 - Division C – 161 to 180
 - Division D – 141 to 160
 - Division E – 0 to 140

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 to speed up the check-in process during Tournament weekend. JR-C26 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 the Awards Banquet. To attend, all participants and guests must select the Awards Banquet with their Tournament entry. Guests of bowlers who would like to attend the Awards Banquet must pay the guest fee of \$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 and Chase the Rabbit. 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) Entering averages will be determined in the following order:
 - A) IGBO TAD average with 18 games or more between September 28, 2025, and September 25, 2026.
 - B) If there is no TAD average available or the TAD average is less than 18 games, then the highest 2025 – 2026 book average from a Fall/Winter league based on a minimum of 21 games will be used.
 - C) If no 2025 – 2026 average is available, then the highest 2024 – 2025 book average from a Fall/Winter league based on a minimum of 21 games will be used.
 - D) If A, B or C do not apply, an average of 250 will be assigned. (USBC 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 11th 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-C26 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 their 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/IGBO requirements and JR-C26 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 these rules and understands them should look for the QR code at registration tournament weekend. Scan it, fill out the form and enter 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 Tournament officials. (USBC rule 328)
- 22) A protest or appeal involving eligibility or playing rules must be filed with the Tournament officials within 48 hours of the conclusion of bowling. 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 for all parties involved. Prizes for the positions affected cannot be distributed until the protest or appeal is resolved. Only participants of the Tournament may file a protest.
- 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 September 11, 2026.
- 24) All other USBC rules apply as USBC is the governing body of the sport of bowling.
- 25) All bowlers agree to acknowledge and abide by the morals clause.