

Olympic Bowling Rules 2025

Section 1 - General Provisions

Article 1.1 - Nature of the Game

Bowling is a boules game in which players roll balls toward a set of ten pins in an attempt to knock down the most pins.

Article 1.2 - Authority

These rules govern all official Olympic Bowling matches and shall be interpreted and enforced by consensus among participating players. All participants are responsible for fair play and using competitive integrity to resolve disputes.

Section 2 - Rules

Section 2.1 - Baseline Rules

All rules in the United States Bowling Congress Playing Rules 2024-2025 (<https://bowl.com/rules>) shall apply unless otherwise superseded by this document.

Section 3 - Event Format

Section 3.2 - Series Rules

Article 3.2.1 - Series Duration

The event shall be played as a best of three (3) rounds series.

Article 3.2.2 - Team Structure

Each player on a team shall bowl 10 frames in each round.

Article 3.2.3 - Tie Break

In the winner of a game shall be decided with the following hierarchy of tie breaks:

1. Highest Total Points
2. Highest Total Pinfall
3. Most Strikes
4. Fewest Open Frames
5. Highest Lowest Combined Pinfall Frame

Article 3.3 - Medal Scoring

The winner of the series shall be awarded the gold medal, and their opponent shall be awarded the silver medal.