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TO: UAW Region 1A Local Union Presidents, Vice Presidents, Financial Secretaries, Recording Secretaries, Full-Time Plant Chairpersons, and 2026 Bowling Team Captains

Greetings:

The 71st Annual UAW Region 1A Invitational Bowling Tournament is planned for Saturday, February 13, 2027, at Thunderbowl Lanes, located at 4200 Allen Road in Allen Park, Michigan. The event will begin at 11:00 a.m. It has the support and approval of the USBC and is exclusively open to UAW Region 1A members, their spouses, and retirees.

Enclosed are the team application, rules and regulations, liability release form, and a flyer for posting. Feel free to photocopy these materials if you need extra copies or contact Lisa Early at UAW Region 1A at (313)291-2750 to request more.

The entry fee is $250.00 per team. Local Union checks or money orders should be made payable to "UAW Region 1A" and sent to the address below, along with your team application. The registration deadline is February 1, 2027.

UAW Region 1A Bowling Tournament
Attention: Lisa Early
9650 S. Telegraph Road
Taylor, MI 48180

We will accept only money orders or local union checks. Cash, personal checks, company checks, and outside business checks will not be accepted. No receipts will be provided. Please note that the Financial Secretary of your local must sign the team application.

The UAW Region 1A Tournament acts as a qualifier for the International UAW Finals Bowling Championship. The top qualifiers from each division will be eligible to compete in the International UAW Finals Tournament.

- Open (team members can be of any gender)
- Mixed (where at least one team member is of the opposite gender, 4 and 1, 3 and 2 are acceptable)
- Women's (where all team members are identified as female)

We sincerely appreciate your help in promoting this event.

In solidarity,

Mark DePaoli, Director
UAW Region 1A

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UAW Region 1A Staff

UAW REGION 1A 71st ANNUAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT (10 PIN TOURNAMENT) RULES & REGULATIONS – DEADLINE DATE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2027 (NO REFUNDS AFTER DEADLINE DATE)

1. Any UAW-sponsored (10-pin) tournament affiliated with this event must be standardized to include a Team Event and must have identical average, eligibility rules, and the same handicap systems. All team members must be active or retired UAW members or their spouses/partners to be eligible.

2. Entry is limited to members of Region 1A, their spouses, and retirees only. Honorable Withdrawal cards are valid if issued after January 1, 2026, and approved by the area or Region 1A Tournament Director. A bowler is allowed to participate only once in each affiliated tournament.

3. Regional competition will consist of three games played across two lanes. Qualifying scores will be determined by the total score from all three games, with handicap included.

4. The International Championship will consist of three games across two lanes, for both individual and team competitions.

5. This is a mixed tournament. Teams can be made up of all men, all women, or a combination, with a total playing strength of five. USBC and eligible non-USBC members may participate in a support tournament where high score recognition is automatically given to USBC members.

6. Eligible non-USBC members can qualify for high score recognition by purchasing an unattached membership card before bowling (payment by check only). Once the fee is received, USBC will issue an unattached individual membership card.

7. Use the highest league average of twenty-one (21) games or more in 2024-2025. (Refer to City or appropriate Association Yearbook). Averages established in summer leagues will only be acceptable if these averages have been recorded and verified by the local association secretary. Bring verification from the league secretary.

8. If no averages are available for 2025-2026, the bowler may establish an average by bowling twenty-one (21) or more games as of December 31, 2026. If the average is established this way, the highest current average at the start of the tournament will be used. Bring verification from the league secretary. All others bowl scratch – men 200, women 165.

9. When the previous season's average is used and, at the scheduled date of bowling, an entrant has a current season's average based on 21 or more games that is 10 or more pins higher than the previous season's average, the CURRENT SEASON'S AVERAGE MUST BE USED. Bring verification of the current average from the league secretary.

10. Bowlers are advised to familiarize themselves with the re-rating requirements of USBC Rule #319E and Rule #319. Rule #319 applies to all participants.

11. Any bowler whose average has been re-rated by their local association must use their re-rated average in this tournament.

12. Any bowler who has qualified for a prize of $300 or more in any event within a tournament in the past 12 months must report their actual score, position, and amount won at the time of entry and may be subject to re-rating before bowling. Failing to accurately report averages and/or prize winnings received during the past 12 months can lead to disqualification. If a contestant reports a higher average than their true average, no correction will be made, and they will be handicapped accordingly. If a lower average than the true average is submitted, the contestant may face disqualification and suspension from USBC membership.

13. Handicap basis - 100% (difference between team average and 1,100, 3-game total) added to total score. Singles - 90% (difference between average and 220, 3-game total) added to score.

14. The number of team qualifiers allowed to participate in the affiliated UAW International Finals Tournament will be determined by a ratio of one for every five (5) entries or part thereof.

15. Each bowler is responsible for verifying the accuracy of their average. It is also the team captain's responsibility to verify the accuracy of the team averages, whether the bowler, the team captain, or others originally submitted them. Failure to use the correct average or to make a correction before or during bowling may disqualify the team score if the submitted average is lower than the actual average. Prize winnings will be based on the submitted average if it is higher than the actual average (Rule #319A-3).

16. The Tournament Director reserves the right to adjust averages based on previous tournament scores.

17. Any issue not covered by these tournament rules will be subject to USBC rules. The Tournament Director reserves the right to settle all disputes that are not addressed by these rules or USBC regulations.

18. Prizes will not be paid until the averages of all winners have been verified. Prize fees will be fully refunded at a ratio of at least one prize for every ten (10) entries, or a significant part thereof.

19. In case of absence, you may send a substitute. Substitutes must bowl in the position of the bowler being replaced. An eligible substitute must be a person who was entered in the area or regional tournament. The verified average and name of the substitute should accompany the team entry. Substitution is limited to three (3) and should be made at least one (1) hour before the starting time. No changes in the bowling order are permitted after the Tournament Director has received the entry.

20. Any individual or group who violates the rules of this tournament, whether alone or together, shall forfeit their paid fees and any or all rights to claim or hold a prize awarded in this tournament.

21. For conduct harmful to the best interests of the tournament, the Tournament Director may impose penalties as he or she deems necessary, including suspension from the Tournament.

22. If you or your team fail to comply with any eligibility rules, you will forfeit the right to prize money and lose all fees paid.

23. **All bowlers will be checked to determine their UAW Local and Region eligibility, including spouses and retirees. A non-union member will forfeit their entire team from the qualifying tournament.**

24. It is each individual's responsibility to complete the "Individual Eligibility and Release of Liability form or sub form, as applicable.

25. Equal opportunity will be provided for women members to participate in a separate division, but not in both. USBC and eligible non-USBC members may take part in a moral support tournament, with high score recognition automatically granted to USBC members.

26. If there is a question about a ball, roll a second ball until a ruling can be made.

27. The UAW Region 1A Tournament serves as a qualifying event for the International UAW Finals Bowling Championship. The top qualifiers from each division will be eligible to compete in the International UAW Finals Tournament.

- Open (team members can be of any gender)
- Mixed (where at least one team member is of an opposite gender, 4 and 1, 3 and 2 are acceptable)
- Women's (where all team members are identified as female)

Local Unions and bowlers should note that there is no obligation for locals or regions to cover expenses for qualifiers to the regional tournament or the International UAW Finals Bowling Tournament Championship.

71st ANNUAL
UAW REGION 1A
INVITATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

MARK DePAOLI, Director

Thunderbowl Lanes
4200 Allen Road
Allen Park, Michigan 48101

Saturday, February 13, 2027

Only UAW Members of Region 1A, their spouses, and UAW Region 1A retirees.

Honorable Withdrawal Cards Accepted from Non-Management Personnel (See Rule #2)

USBC MORAL SUPPORT SANCTION

Mail your completed application to:

UAW Region 1A Bowling Tournament
Attn: Lisa Early
9650 S. Telegraph Road
Taylor MI 48180
Phone: (313) 291-2750; Fax: (313) 291-2269

Entry Fee $225.00 Per Team

Includes:

1. Prize Fee	$110.00
2. Bowling Fee	$ 60.00
3. Tourney Expense	$ 55.00
	$225.00

Total Team Entry Fee of $225.00 must accompany this entry. Local Union check or money order payable to: **"UAW REGION 1A"**

PLEASE READ ATTACHED RULES AND REGULATIONS

One bowling time ONLY at 11:00 AM. Lanes will be assigned on a First-Come, first-served basis.

ALL TEAM CAPTAINS SHOULD REPORT 60 MINUTES BEFORE BOWLING TIME.

Please check one:

Open ☐ Mixed ☐ Women's ☐

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES
February 1, 2027

- **100% - Handicap Basis - 100%**
  (Difference between team average and 1,100.)
- **Prize fees returned 100%.**

The Tournament Director reserves the right to re-rate averages when warranted to assure a fair accounting.

For UAW Region 1A Use Only:

Date Rec'd. _____

Amount Rec'd. _____

☐ **Money Order #** _____

☐ **LU Check #** _____



Only Local Union Checks or Money Orders will be accepted for payment. **NO PERSONAL CHECKS. Please make Local Union Checks or Money Orders payable to: "UAW REGION 1A"**

- Your signed "Release of Liability" form **must** be attached to this application.
- **Have your Local Union Financial Secretary sign** this application in the space provided for his/her signature.

Print the lineup of the team in order they will bowl… Show full name (as in Yearbook)	Highest 2025-2026 League Average	Street Address, City, State, and Zip Code	Phone Number (include area code)	Local
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
Sub.				
Sub.				

Captain _____ Local Union _____ Phone _____ Cell _____ Best time to call ❒ a.m. ❒ p.m.

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____ Email Address _____

LOCAL UNION FINANCIAL OFFICER MUST VERIFY AND SIGN FOR ALL TEAM MEMBERS BEFORE APPLICATION IS ACCEPTED.

Name _____, Financial Secretary – Local Union _____ opeiu494

2027 RELEASE OF LIABILITY
Must be completed for processing.

In consideration of my acceptance to participate in the UAW Bowling Tournament, I hereby, for myself, my heirs, and representatives, release UAW Region 1A, the International Union, UAW, and its officers, employees, and agents from any and all responsibilities or liabilities for injuries resulting from my participation in the tournament, including those caused by negligent acts or omissions of any of those mentioned or others acting on their behalf.

Please have each person on your team sign the following:

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Witness _____ Date _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Witness _____ Date _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Witness _____ Date _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Witness _____ Date _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Witness _____ Date _____

SUBSTITUTE BOWLER (only if applicable):

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Witness _____ Date _____

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