



Welcome to the

80th ANNUAL LOUISIANA STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BOWLING TOURNAMENT

January 16 -17, 2027

***Paradise Alley, Mandeville
Louisiana State Council, Host***



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Dear Brother Knight,

This fraternal year's state bowling tournament will travel to the northshore area as Paradise Alley in Mandeville will serve as our host facility. There will be a couple of changes to this year's tournament. First, the tournament will be held on only ONE (1) weekend. This is mainly due to the decrease in participation numbers for the past several years. There is no longer a need to ask facilities to give up two weekends when one weekend can easily accommodate everyone. Secondly, we are officially adding women guest(s) to the 4-man, now 4-person, team competition.

Our 80th annual bowling tournament will be held on the weekend of **January 16th & 17th, 2027.**

As in the past, the tournament will consist of the following events: 4-**PERSON** team, men's singles, men's doubles and mixed doubles, DEADLINE to RECEIVE **ALL ENTRIES** (submitted by mail or online) IS **Friday DECEMBER 18th**. Paradise Alley is requesting this hard deadline in order to accommodate their open bowling / weekend events crowd.

Consistent with past tournaments, properly completed entries will be scheduled on a first-received, first-scheduled basis. PLEASE mail your entry or enter online **EARLY** to get the squad times you want. Entries must be correct and ALL entry fees must be paid online with a credit card or a check included with a mailed in entry.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: " **LOUISIANA STATE COUNCIL** "

All KC members and their female guests are eligible whether a league bowler or not. PLEASE READ ALL enclosed RULES and the ENTRY FORM CAREFULLY, especially Rule 3(b) for averages of non-bowlers. Again, this year, NON-BOWLERS who have a tournament average WILL be allowed to use that average as opposed to the customary 150(male) or 135 (female) average. Please use the designated "NB" for non-bowlers where an average is requested, but unavailable. As a reminder, handicaps will be based on 90% of a 220 average. If you require additional entries, please let me know or visit www.louisianakc.org/For-Members/Programs/Cook-Offs-Athletics .

Please check in at the tournament registration table at least 30 minutes prior to your event's start time. We can start early if everyone has checked in on time. Also, a CURRENT MEMBERSHIP CARD MUST BE PRESENTED at check-in.

We look forward to another outstanding event with great competition. Again, I ask that you PLEASE submit your entry EARLY! We are looking forward to seeing everyone again. We'd love to see our numbers increase, so spread the word about our tournament. God Bless, stay safe and see you in January!!

Fraternally yours,


Marshall Miller

Tournament Director

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79th Annual State Bowling Tournament
January 10-11 & 17-18, 2026
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TOURNAMENT RULES

Rule 1. The tournament is open to all members in good standing of the Knights of Columbus of Louisiana and will be conducted under the rules of the United States Bowling Congress (USBC). Through USBC Moral Support Sanction, high score recognition is automatically extended to USBC members. Each entrant must verify KC membership by presenting a current KC Membership Card at registration.

Rule 2. A handicap based on **90%** of the difference between each bowler's average and the tournament scratch basis of **220** pins per game will be allowed in each event of the tournament. Handicaps shall be calculated for each bowler of a three-game scratch series. There is **NO** minimum average for this tournament.

Rule 3. (a) Entrant will use his highest USBC sanctioned league average based on a minimum of 21 games for the 2025-2026 season (book average). If a USBC sanctioned current 21-game average as of January 1, 2027 is 10 or more pins above a 2025-2026 season average (book), the current average **MUST** be used. Bowlers not having an acceptable average for the past season will use either their highest USBC sanctioned current average as of January 1, 2027, based on 21 games or more or their tournament average (if applicable) or 150 designated as the average for non-bowlers, whichever applies. **NO SUMMER LEAGUE AVERAGES ARE TO BE USED!** It shall be each **bowler's responsibility** to verify the accuracy of his average, whether originally submitted by the bowler, his team captain, or others. Failure to use the proper average or make a correction prior to or at the time of bowling shall disqualify all scores if the submitted average is lower than the actual average. If the submitted average is higher, prize winnings will be distributed on the basis of the higher submitted average. Notification of average corrections **MUST** be made to the Tournament Director **PRIOR TO COMPLETION** of the first game of a bowler's first series. To aid in the verification process, league bowlers **MUST** submit, with their entry or at registration, a printed average verification obtained from their league secretary that shows their average as January 1, 2026.

(b) Non-bowlers are welcome to enter and will be allowed to use an average of 150 and will be assigned a handicap on the basis of that average. If such non-bowlers participated in any Louisiana State KC Tournament since 2005, they **will be allowed to use the calculated average on their scratch scores from any games bowled since 2005, regardless if that average is LOWER or HIGHER than 150.** Non-bowlers, when completing entry blanks, should enter "NB" where a numerical average is called for. A non-bowler is defined as a tournament entrant who cannot provide an entering average under RULE 3. (a) of this tournament.

(c) To secure a high-score protection from the USBC, such non-bowlers can pay an unattached USBC membership sanction fee of \$27.00. This protection, however, is optional.

RULE 4. Entrants will be subject to a re-rating procedure for averages as stated by USBC Rule 319(e). Entrants who have qualified for a prize of \$600 or more in a tournament within the previous 12-month period, even though payment hasn't been made, **MUST REPORT** actual score, position and amount won for possible re-rating. Such a report must be submitted before the entrant bowls his/her first event. Failure to report such shall cause forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings in this tournament. Re-rating of any entrant's average must be accomplished before his participation in the tournament.

RULE 5. Male bowlers will be permitted to bowl more than once in the 4-person team and 2-man doubles events, when legally entered on the entry blank; however, a bowler may enter **ONLY ONCE** in the Singles event and **ONLY ONCE** with the same partner in the 2-man doubles event. **In the 4-person team event, male and female bowlers will be allowed to participate. Male bowlers must prove current membership in a Louisiana Knights of Columbus council. Female bowlers, just like in the mixed doubles event, can be the wife, daughter, daughter-in-law, or any other relative or friend to a KC bowler. Female bowlers can only bowl once in the team event. The make-up of the 4-person team must contain at least two (2) KC members and no more than two (2) female bowlers.** Also, not more than two (2) bowlers on the same 4-person team can place more than **ONCE** in the prize list for position standing. In the 2-man doubles event, at least one member of the 2-man team must be participating in the 2-man event for the first time to be an eligible 2-man doubles event entry. When a bowler competes more than once, his **FIRST** appearance in each event shall count towards his **ALL-EVENTS** score. No re-entries will be allowed.

RULE 6. The receipt of any entry by the Tournament Director is accepted as correct until proven otherwise and the amount of money received shall regulate the number of participants, thereby allowing the team captain or his legal representative the privilege of substituting other bowlers to replace those on the entry blank who are unable, for sufficient reason, to attend the tournament at their scheduled time. The Tournament Director shall have supreme power as to the substitute offered by the captain; and if accepted, each substitute **MUST BOWL UNDER HIS OWN NAME** at the scheduled time in each event, during the tournament in which he is a substitute bowler. After a game is started, the substitute must complete the event.

RULE 7. Any bowler who does not appear when scheduled to bowl shall forfeit his entry unless the Tournament Director finds sufficient reason for postponing his event in question. In the 2-man doubles event, only one substitute will be allowed. One of the men entered and scheduled will be required to bowl, but the names of both members on the team must be given as entries; the word "PARTNER" will **NOT** be accepted. Entry blanks so completed will be returned and entry fee retained until a proper entry blank is received. If both entrants appear when scheduled, they shall bowl in the order listed on the entry blank.

RULE 8. No entry money will be refunded. As per USBC Rule 314..." after an entry has been received, and the dates assigned by tournament management are not refused before preparation of the schedule, the entry fee cannot be refunded". Entry fees are as follows (first increase since 2003): Bowling Fee = \$15.00; Prize Fee = \$6.50; and Tournament Expense = \$3.50 per entrant per event for a total of \$25.00 per entrant per event. The prize fee for All-Events (handicap) will be \$5.00 and is optional. Only those entrants paying the All-Events prize fee shall be eligible. The tournament will return 100% in prize fees in each event, which includes the cost of the awards in each event. The prize ratio will be at least one prize for each ten entries in each event and at least one prize for each fifteen entries for All-Events. Prize Fee awards will be posted in the bowling center on the opening day of the tournament. NOTE WELL...NO ENTRY IS VALID UNLESS ACCOMPANIED WITH ENTRY FEES!!!

RULE 9. Entries MUST be submitted to the tournament director and **RECEIVED** via U.S. mail or submitted electronically no later than **December 18 2026**. The bowling center is asking for this deadline to accommodate and schedule as many events as possible. Entries will not be accepted after this date.

RULE 10. All bowlers MUST check-in at the tournament registration table no later than thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled time for the event they are bowling, whether it be team, singles/doubles or mixed doubles. All entrants MUST display a current Knights of Columbus membership card when checking in before their first event.

SPECIAL RULES FOR MIXED DOUBLES EVENT (USBC Moral Support Sanctions)

RULE A. This event will consist of competition among mixed doubles entries. A mixed doubles entry shall consist of one male Knights of Columbus member and one female entrant, bowling as partners. The female entrant MUST be the guest of the male Knights of Columbus member.

RULE B. Each male entered shall be subject to ALL RULES of the 80th Annual Louisiana Knights of Columbus State Bowling Tournament. A male CANNOT use his mixed doubles score for All-Events competition. Each female entered in the mixed doubles event may enter ONLY ONCE, however a male entrant may enter more than once if bowling with his wife, mother and/or daughter(s). Female entrants shall be subject to all applicable rules of the 80th Annual Louisiana Knights of Columbus State Bowling Tournament except where there is a conflict between them and these Special Rules for the Mixed Doubles Event, in which case the latter shall prevail.

RULE C. A handicap based on 90% of the difference between a female bowler's average and the tournament scratch basis score of 220 pins per game shall be allowed in this event of the tournament. Handicaps shall be calculated for each player for a three-game series. There is NO minimum average for this tournament.

RULE D. (1) A female entrant will use her highest USBC sanctioned league average based on a minimum of 21 games for the 2025-2026 season. If a USBC sanctioned current 21-game average as of January 1, 2027 is 10 or more pins above a 2025-2026 season average (book), the current average MUST be used. Female bowlers not having an acceptable average for the past season will use their current average as of January 1, 2026 or their tournament average (if applicable) or 135 designated as the average for non-bowlers, whichever applies. NO SUMMER LEAGUE AVERAGES ARE TO BE USED. It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of her average. Failure to use the proper average or make a correction prior to or at the time of bowling, shall disqualify the score if the submitted average is lower than her actual average. If her submitted average is higher, prize winnings will be distributed on the basis of that higher submitted average. Notification of average correction MUST be made to the Tournament Director prior to completion of the first game of a series.

(2) Female participants who are non-bowlers are welcome to enter the tournament. A non-bowler is defined as a mixed-doubles female entrant who cannot provide an entering average under RULE D. (1) of this tournament. Such a non-bowler, when completing the entry form, should enter the letters "NB" where a numerical average is called for. If such non-bowlers participated in any Louisiana Knights of Columbus State Bowling Tournament since 2005, they will be allowed to use the highest calculated average on their scratch score from any game bowled, regardless if that average is LOWER or HIGHER and 135.

(3) To secure high-score protection of the USBC, such non-bowlers can pay an unattached USBC membership sanction fee of \$27.00. Such protection, however, is optional.

RULE E. All female entrants will be subject to the re-rating procedure for averages as stated by the USBC Rule 319(e). In addition, female entrants who have qualified for a prize of \$600 or more in any event in a tournament within the previous 12-month period, even though payment has NOT been made, MUST REPORT actual score, position and amount won for possible re-rating. Such a report must be submitted before she bowls in the mixed-doubles event. Failure to report such shall cause forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings in this tournament. The re-rating of any entrant must be accomplished before her participation in this tournament.

RULE F. Female entrants shall be subject to all rules and regulations of the USBC as applied to a tournament that has received Moral Support Sanction, in addition to all rules already outlined for this tournament.

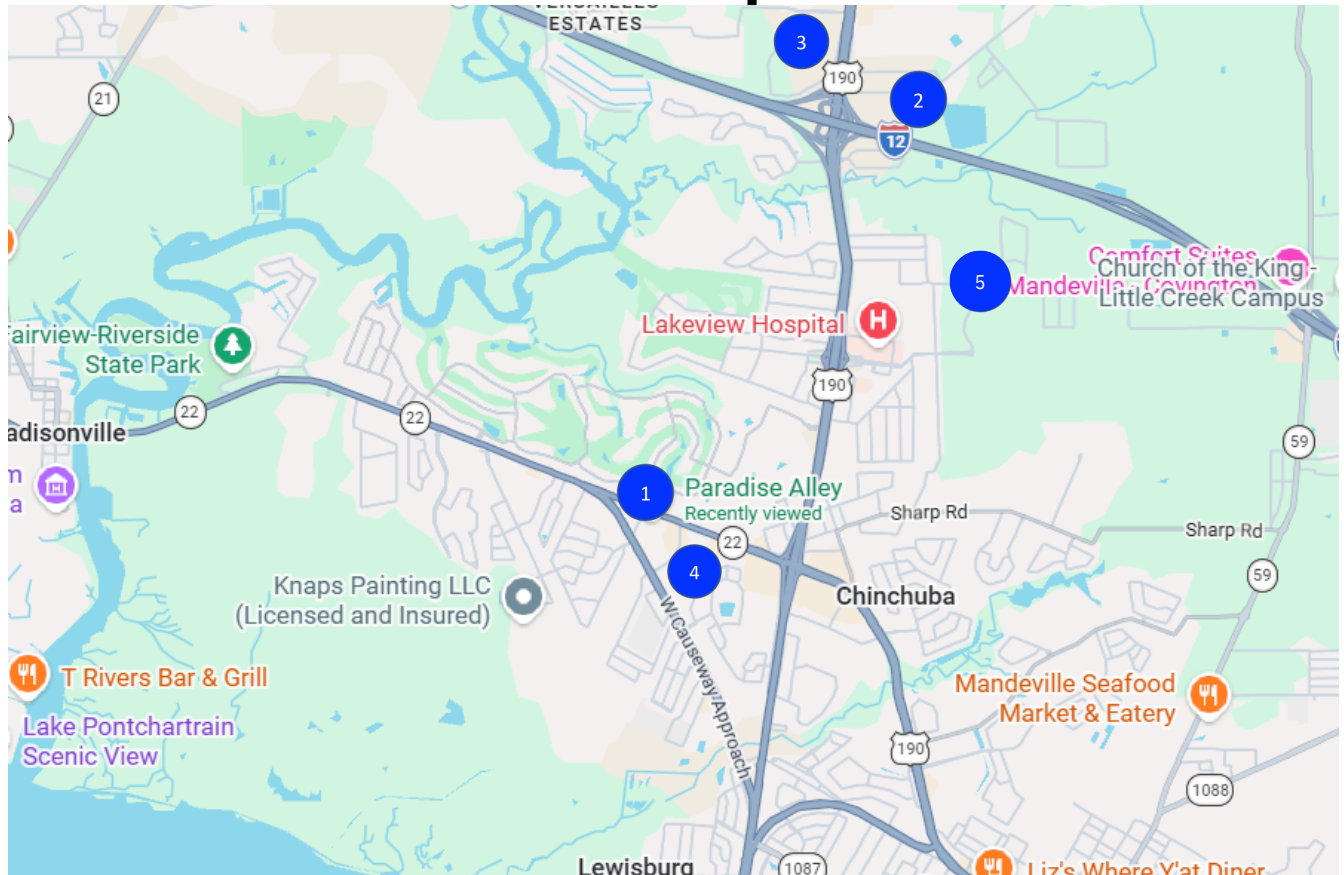
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Area Map



- 1 Paradise Alley 4400 LA 22 Mandeville, LA. 70471
- 2 Hampton Inn - Covington
68700 US 190 Service Rd. Covington 70433
(985) 809-0019
- 3 Hilton Garden Inn - Covington/Mandeville
350 Holiday Square Blvd. Covington 70433
(985) 327-7118
- 4 Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church
1501 W. Causeway Approach, Mandeville 70471
Saturday 4:00 PM Sunday 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM & 6:00 PM
- 5 Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church
501 Holy Trinity Drive, Covington 70433
Saturday 4:00 PM Sunday 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Locations on map are approximate



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Office Use Only	
Entry Number	
Date Received	
Amount Received	

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED or Submitted online BY: December 18, 2026

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

TEAM NAME: _____ TEAM CAPTAIN: _____
 KC Council #: _____ Captain's Address: _____
 League & Bowling Center Name(s): _____ Captain's City, State, Zip: _____
 Captain's Email Address: _____ Phone #'s: _____ (home) _____ (cell) _____

To KC Tournament Chairman: As captain of this team, I hereby enter the team and its members in the events indicated. We agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the tournament and of the U.S.B.C.
IF A BOWLER IS BOWLING IN MORE THAN ONE EVENT ON THIS ENTRY, KC MEMBERSHIP # & U.S.B.C. # ARE REQUIRED ONLY ONCE!!

NON-BOWLERS -- IF ENTRANT DOES NOT HAVE AN AVERAGE, PLEASE ENTER NB FOR BOWLERS BOOK AVERAGE

TEAM EVENT

The first 4 bowlers are the lineup and CANNOT be changed once submitted. Please print bowlers' names in the order they will bowl.

Name	Council #	BOOK AVG.	All Events (optional)	AVAILABLE TEAM SQUADS	TEAM FEE	CHECK Squad #
KC Membership #	USBC #					
1			\$5 Y or N	Squad 1 4:00 PM Sat, January 16, 2027	\$100	
2			\$5 Y or N	Squad 2 1:00 PM Sun, January 17, 2027		
3			\$5 Y or N			
4			\$5 Y or N			
SUB:			\$	TEAM TOTAL \$100		
SUB:			All Events Total			

DOUBLES EVENT

Print Name of Doubles Partners -- Do Not Use "PARTNER"

Name	Council #	BOOK AVG.	FEE	Write Squad #	AVAILABLE DOUBLES SQUADS
KC Membership #	USBC #				
1A			\$50		Squad 1 9:00 AM Sat, January 16, 2027
1B					Squad 2 8:30 AM Sun, January 17, 2027
2A			\$50		
2B					
3A			\$50		
3B					
DOUBLES TOTAL			\$		

*** SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR SINGLES AND MIXED DOUBLES ENTRY FORM(S) ***
 SQUAD PREFERENCES WILL BE HONORED IF POSSIBLE!! If not, next available shift for that event will be used.

SINGLES EVENT

The first 4 bowlers are the lineup. Please print bowlers' names in the order they will bowl. Use same order if bowling both DOUBLES and SINGLES.

	Name KC Membership #	Council # USBC #	BOOK AVG.	FEE	Write Squad #	AVAILABLE SINGLES SQUADS
1				\$25		Squad 1 9:00 AM Sat, January 16, 2027
2				\$25		Squad 2 8:30 AM Sun, January 17, 2027
3				\$25		
4				\$25		
5				\$25		
6				\$25		

SINGLES
TOTAL \$

MIXED DOUBLES

Print Names of each Doubles Partner -- DO NOT use "PARTNER"

NOTE ----> A BOWLER CANNOT BOWL IN TWO EVENTS ON THE SAME SQ. (ex. Team Sq 2 or 4 & MD Sq 2 or 4)

	Name KC Membership #	Council # USBC #	BOOK AVG.	FEE	Write Squad #	AVAILABLE MIXED DOUBLES SQUADS
1M				\$50		Squad 1 1:30 PM Sat, January 16, 2027
1F						Squad 2 1:00 PM Sun., January 17, 2027
2M				\$50		
2F						
3M				\$50		
3F						
4M				\$50		
4F						
5M				\$50		
5F						
6M				\$50		
6F						

MIXED DOUBLES
TOTAL \$

Entry Fee Per Event:
Prize Money: \$6.50
Bowling Fee: \$15.00
Tourn. Exp. \$3.50
Total per Person per Event \$25.00
All Events Fee (Optional) \$5.00

PRIZE RATIO: At least 1 : 10
ALL EVENTS: At least 1 : 15

From Above:
TEAM TOTAL \$
DOUBLES TOTAL \$
SINGLES TOTAL \$
MX DBLS TOTAL \$
ALL EVENTS TOTAL \$

ENTRY TOTAL \$

**CURRENT KC MEMBERSHIP CARD
MUST BE PRESENTED AT CHECK-IN**

Event Location:

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