

2026 DAVE CHECKLE SR BOWLING GA GAMES

QUALIFIER RULES

1. This scratch tournament will be certified by the United States Bowling Congress / USBC, and will be governed by the rules of the USBC

Tournament Average Divisions are listed below:

<u>YOUTH</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>ADULT</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>SENIORS</u>	<u>Average</u>
Division 1	99 & Below	Division 9	119 & Below	Division 16	119 & below
Division 2	100 to 119	Division 10	120 to 139	Division 17	120 to 139
Division 3	120 to 139	Division 11	140 to 159	Division 18	140 to 159
Division 4	140 to 159	Division 12	160 to 179	Division 19	160 to 179
Division 5	160 to 179	Division 13	180 to 199	Division 20	180 to 199
Division 6	181 to 200	Division 14	200 to 219	Division 22	200 to 219
Division 7	201 to 219	Division 15	220 & Above	Division 23	220 & Above
Division 8	220 & Above				

2. All bowlers will enter through a Certified Local or State qualifier. Entering Average at League level will be based on 21 games or more at the time of qualifying. Entering Tournament Average will be governed by Tournament Rules. Rule #6.
3. You must be a member of USBC and Certified through a Georgia Bowling Association, and be considered an amateur to be eligible to enter this tournament. See amateur status Rule #3.
3. An individual in any of the following categories is not considered to be an amateur and is not eligible for this tournament.
- No **PROFESSIONAL BOWLERS** members of any classification the last 3 years (2022/23 – 2025/26).
 - A bowler who is subsidized by a bowling sponsor, manufacturer or any other agency so that He/She may devote his/her primary attention to the practice or participation in bowling.
 - A bowler who earns a major portion of his/her income as a bowler.
4. **Certified Qualifiers will be conducted during League, City and State Tournaments / Competition.**
- A) **Certified League Level** - Regular Qualifying: August 1, 2025 through June 14, 2026. League rules apply. Multiple participation is allowed. Record your three (3) games bowled in league using current league average to determine Division. A \$5.00 entry fee must be paid to the league coordinator prior to bowling. Scores bowled on the date the fee is paid will count.
- B) **City (Association) and State Tournament Level** - Qualifying to be held during the current season through June 14, 2026. Tournament Rules apply. Qualifying must be accomplished prior to the above date, or tournament must be in progress by May 31st. Multiple participation is allowed: You may enter Team, Singles, and Doubles Events. A \$5.00 entry fee per each Event will be paid to the GA Games coordinator of the tournament prior to bowling. Scores bowled on the date the fee is paid will count. Your tournament average will determine Division Classification.
6. **Average adjustment may be required when submitting qualifying entry** – if current league or end of season average is higher than qualifying Average, You **Must use your highest average**. This will be the final determination of your Division Classification.
7. Qualifying for the Georgia Games will end on June 14, 2026. Any Association or State Level Tournament which are in progress prior to June 14 will be eligible to qualify.
8. All entries will advance to the State Level Competition on a ratio of at least one (1) for every four entries. State Level will be held at **Bowlero Lilburn located on 3835 Lawrenceville Hwy, Lawrenceville, Ga. 30044**. Center telephone # is (770) 925-2000. **1st Round Cuts on Saturday - July 25, 2026**. Bowlers advancing will compete in additional rounds on **Sunday - July 26, 2025**. **These dates and squads are tentative based on availability and entries. A Friday squad may be added to accommodate all entries.**
9. **Bowlers may be reclassified to another Division if the total bowlers in a Class Division are under 3 competitors.**
10. **Tournament Format:** All bowlers will bowl 3 games on Saturday; Divisions with 15 or more bowlers will cut their field to the TOP 10; Divisions with 14 or less bowlers will cut their field to the top 5.
- Sunday Rounds (These rounds may take place on Saturday if time permits):**
- 9:00 AM ** Divisions with 10 bowlers will bowl 2 games to cut to the top 5, then bowl 2 more games to determine the TOP 3.**
- 10:00 AM ** The TOP 5 in each division will bowl 2 game to cut to the top 3.**
- ** Any Divisions with ONLY 3 bowlers will go directly into the STEPLADDER finals (Based on qualifying scores).**
- ** The TOP 3 of each division will bowl a STEPLADDER format. 3rd seed bowls 2nd seed / Winner bowls 1st seed.**
- These STEPLADDER matches will determine the GOLD, SILVER and BRONZE medal winners.**
- Entry Fee: Paid by June 15th is \$30.00; after June 15th is \$35.00.** Your entry fee covers tournament expenses and your Ga Games shirt.
Note: a \$35.00 fee will be charged on all returned checks. No refunds will be made after entries have been accepted in compliance with USBC rules.

ALL Tournament decisions will be decided by the Tournament Director and are final.

Deadline for State Level Competition Entries is June 29th; no entry postmarked after this date will be accepted.

TOURNAMENT DATES ARE JULY 25 & 26, 2026.

SATURDAY SQUADS TIMES ARE 10 AM FOR SENIORS & YOUTH AND 2 PM FOR ADULTS