

**World Tenpin Bowling Association
2009 World Women's Championships**

**July 24-August 3, 2009
Las Vegas, Nevada, USA**



BULLETIN 1

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It is with great pleasure that the United States Bowling Congress welcomes all the World Tenpin Bowling Association member federations to the 2009 World Women's Championships, a tournament featuring the top women bowlers from around the globe.

The 2009 World Women's Championships will be hosted on 60 lanes, specially constructed inside Cashman Center in the city of Las Vegas, Nevada.

Cashman Center will be the host of three major championships in 2009. The USBC Masters, which features the top amateur and professional bowlers in the world, will take place Feb. 9-15. The venue's main attraction, however, is the USBC Open Championships, which will draw nearly 80,000 bowlers from Feb. 21-July 24.

Please note the deadlines presented in this bulletin, Chapter 4.8.4 of the WTBA Statutes and Playing Rules. It is imperative for all federations to meet these deadlines.

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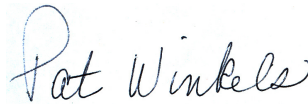
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We are thrilled to be hosting this prestigious event and look forward to meeting you and your team. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

See you in Las Vegas!



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1. Tentative Schedule of Events

NOTE: This schedule is TENTATIVE. The organizing committee is working to secure ESPN television coverage and this schedule may shift the tournament to start official practice/competition one day earlier on July 26th. It is recommended that countries not purchase airline tickets until after the second bulletin is released in January to allow for confirmation of ESPN television, or not.

Friday, July 24

Start	End	Activity
All day		Teams arrive

Saturday, July 25

Start	End	Activity
All day		Teams arrive

Sunday, July 26

Start	End	Activity
All day		Last day for teams to arrive
10:00	18:00	Ball check
10:00	12:00	Unofficial practice
12:00	13:00	Lane maintenance
13:00	15:00	Unofficial practice
15:00	17:00	Managers meeting
15:00	16:00	Lane maintenance
16:00	18:00	Unofficial practice

Monday, July 27

Start	End	Activity
9:00	18:00	Ball check
9:00	11:00	Unofficial practice
11:00	12:00	Lane maintenance
12:00	14:00	Official practice (Squad 1)
14:00	16:00	Lane maintenance
16:00	18:00	Official practice (Squad 2)
18:30	19:30	Opening ceremonies

Tuesday, July 28

Start	End	Activity	
7:00	8:00	Lane maintenance	
8:00	11:30	Singles (Squad 1)	6 games
11:30	12:30	Lane maintenance	
12:30	16:00	Singles (Squad 2)	6 games
16:00	17:00	Lane maintenance	
17:00	20:30	Singles (Squad 3)	6 games
20:30	21:00	Lane maintenance	
21:00		Singles (Semifinals and final)	

Wednesday, July 29

Start	End	Activity	
7:00	8:00	Lane maintenance	
8:00	11:30	Doubles (Squad 1)	6 games
11:30	12:30	Lane maintenance	
12:30	16:00	Doubles (Squad 2)	6 games
16:00	17:00	Lane maintenance	
17:00	20:30	Doubles (Squad 3)	6 games
20:30	21:00	Lane maintenance	
21:00		Doubles (Semifinals and final)	

Thursday, July 30

Start	End	Activity	
9:00	10:00	Lane maintenance	
10:00	13:30	Trios (Squad 1 – block 1)	3 games
13:30	14:30	Lane maintenance	
		Medal ceremony (Singles, Doubles)	
14:30	18:00	Trios (Squad 2– block 1)	3 games

Friday, July 31

Start	End	Activity	
9:00	11:00	Lane maintenance	
10:00	13:30	Trios (Squad 2– block 2)	3 games
13:30	14:30	Lane maintenance	
14:30	18:00	Trios (Squad 1– block 2)	3 games
18:00	18:30	Lane maintenance	
18:30		Trios (Semifinals, final and medal ceremony)	

Saturday, Aug. 1

Start	End	Activity	
8:00	9:00	Lane maintenance	
9:00	12:30	Team- block 1	3 games
12:30	14:30	Lane maintenance	
		Lunch break	
14:30	18:00	Team- block 2	3 games
18:00	18:30	Lane maintenance	
18:30		Team (Semifinals, final and medal ceremony)	

Sunday, Aug. 2

Start	End	Activity	
7:00	8:00	Lane maintenance	
8:00	10:00	Masters (Round of 16)	
10:00	12:00	Masters (Quarterfinals)	
12:00	14:00	Masters (Semifinals)	
14:00		Masters (Final)	
		Medal ceremony (Masters and all-events)	
19:00	22:00	Banquet	

Monday, Aug 3

Departure for all teams/players not competing in U.S. Women's Open
09.00 WTBA Congress

Tuesday, Aug 4

09.00 FIQ Congress

2. Official Hotel

All reservations **MUST** be made through Sunset Station Hotel by either using the hotel form found later in this bulletin, by calling 1-888-786-7389 and mentioning group code SCIWWWO or by clicking on this link: [https://rooms.stationcasinos.com/cgi-bin/LANSAWEB?procfun+rn+Resnet+SUN+funcparms+UP\(A2560\);:SCIWWWO;?/](https://rooms.stationcasinos.com/cgi-bin/LANSAWEB?procfun+rn+Resnet+SUN+funcparms+UP(A2560);:SCIWWWO;?/)

Host Hotel:

Sunset Station Hotel and Casino

Distance to Airport	7.1 miles / 11.4 km – about 15 minutes
Distance to bowling center	12.3 miles / 19.8 km – about 20 minutes
Address	1301 W. Sunset Road Henderson, Nevada 89014 United States
Phone	(702) 547-7777
Web Site	www.sunsetstation.com
Room Rates (includes all taxes)	Sunday-Thursday: \$77 Single/Double; \$83 Triple; \$89 Quad Friday-Saturday: \$110 Single/Double; \$116 Triple; \$122 Quad
Breakfast	Breakfast buffet is included in the rate
Internet access	Available for free

Located on more than 98 acres in the heart of Henderson, Nevada, Sunset Station Hotel and Casino is conveniently located near Lake Mead, Lake Las Vegas, Galleria Mall, golf courses, recreation areas and other renowned restaurants and shops for your leisure and enjoyment.

Opened in 1997, Sunset Station is a AAA 3-Diamond rated deluxe hotel which offers 457 upgraded hotel rooms in a neutral palette, 52 junior suites, 18 king suites and more than 6,000 parking spaces. Plus, 114,000 square feet of gaming, entertainment and more than 13,000 square feet of meeting space.

Our 21-story tower offers a panoramic view of the glittering Vegas Valley and high desert mountains. You will enjoy a variety of amenities and property features to suit your needs.

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3. Bowling Center: USBC Open Championships Lanes at Cashman Center

Distance to Airport	9.6 miles / 15.4 km – about 20 minutes
Distance to Sunset Station	12.3 miles / 19.8 km – about 20 minutes
Address	850 Las Vegas Blvd North Las Vegas, NV 89101 United States
Web Site	http://www.lvcva.com/meetings/meeting-venues/ convention-centers/cashman-convention.jsp
Number of Lanes	60
Lane Surface	Brunswick ProAnvilane
Lane Approach	Brunswick ProAnvilane (Textured Synthetic)
Pinsetters	Brunswick GS-X
Pins	Brunswick Max
Ball Return	Brunswick
Scoring System	Steltronics

The USBC Open Championships Lanes at Cashman Center is a specially constructed bowling arena that includes stadium spectator seating, multiple pro shops, large state-of-the art scoring screens built above the lanes and much more.

The venue will begin being constructed in December and will take nearly 45 days to complete. The first event to be held on the brand new lanes will be the USBC Masters, a major event on the Professional Bowlers Association Tour, from Feb. 9-15.

The USBC Open Championships will be held from Feb. 21-July 24 and features 80,000 bowlers from across the world competing in team, doubles, singles and all-events for nearly \$7 million U.S. in prize money.

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4. Las Vegas climate / Area attractions

July/August Weather

Average daytime high	105° F (41° C)
Average nighttime low	68° F (20° C)
Average monthly rainfall	0.35 inches (0.85 cm)

Las Vegas' 320 days of sunshine a year lends to great vacation weather year-round. If you love outdoor activities, then the Las Vegas territory will make a perfect match for you. During the summer months (July/August), golf tee times and other outdoor activities are best scheduled for the early morning when the desert air is mild and enjoyable. With an average annual rainfall of 4.13 inches (10.5 cm) and humidity around 29 percent, the climate is classified as arid.

When you're not winning in the casino, lounging by the pool or savoring delicious cuisine, you'll find that Las Vegas has a variety of must-see attractions and entertainment options to keep you and the whole family occupied. From thrilling roller coasters to virtual-reality simulator rides and erupting volcanoes to wax museums, Las Vegas' attractions appeal to people of all ages, interests and budgets.

Discover the wild side of Las Vegas at a variety of attractions for animal lovers. Visit the Flamingo Wildlife Habitat at The Flamingo Hotel and see Chilean flamingos, swans, ducks, koi, goldfish and turtles. Venture over to The Mirage for the Siegfried & Roy's Secret Garden and Dolphin Habitat. The Secret Garden is home to royal white tigers, white lions, black panthers, a snow leopard, and golden tigers. The Dolphin Habitat, adjacent to the Secret Garden, houses an extended family of Atlantic bottlenose dolphins.

If you're looking for thrills of a different nature, Las Vegas offers all of the excitement you're looking for. Stratosphere has three of the world's highest rides located 100 stories above the ground: Xscream (which teeters riders over the edge of the tower 900 feet above the ground), the Big Shot - a thrill ride that shoots fun-lovers 50 meters into the air at a force of 4G's before letting them free-fall back to the launching pad - and Insanity, an appropriately named, dizzying spinning ride that dangles passengers over the edge of the tower before whirling them around at speeds approaching 40 miles per hour. Speed - The Ride at the Sahara takes passengers around a roller coaster loop and up a 224-foot climb at speeds topping 70 mph and then retraces the same path...in reverse. The Roller Coaster at New York-New York Hotel & Casino is an exciting roller coaster with twists, loops and dives around the resort.

For the romantic in you, slow things down a bit with a Gondola Ride at The Venetian. Accompanied by singing gondoliers, this leisurely tour takes you along the quarter-mile replica of the Grand Canal in Venice. Just down the street, the world-famous Fountains of Bellagio will speak to your heart as opera, classical and whimsical musical selections are carefully choreographed with the movements of 1,000 water-emitting devices. Next stop: Paris. Take an elevator ride to the observation deck atop the 50-story replica of the Eiffel Tower at Paris Las Vegas.

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5. Committees

Jury of Appeals

To be announced

WWC Technical Committee

Tournament Director
Technical Delegate
Host Tournament Manager

Gilbert Snijders
Daniel Falconi
David Garber

WWC Tournament Committee

Host Tournament Manager
Registration Manager
Assistant Tournament Manager
Press Director / Web site

David Garber
Pat Winkels
Darlene Baker
Lucas Wiseman

Host Organization

United States Bowling Congress

6. Facilities / Services

2009wwc.com

2009wwc.com – the official Web site of the 2009 World Women's Championships – will be launched by the end of 2008. This will be the ultimate resource for event information, including:

- News
- Results
- Schedule of Events
- Participants
- Bulletins
- Event History
- Travel Tips
- Hotel Information
- Area Restaurants
- Shuttle Schedule
- Las Vegas Attractions
- Contact Information

Press Room

Credentialed press will have access to a working media room, with space up to 25 people. Free high-speed wireless internet will be available and the room will feature printed standing sheets as well as complimentary beverages. Lucas Wiseman, Press Director, will oversee the Press Room. Please remember, the Press Room is for **working** press only. Players, coaches and team managers are not permitted to use the press facilities unless they are working to provide updates to press in their home countries.

Results

Teams, federations and press will be provided with standings after each game as well as complete standings after each squad. Standings will be available on a scoreboard within the bowling center for spectators. In addition, results will be available on 2009wwc.com.

Shuttles (Airport, Hotels, Bowling Center)

All delegations will be met at Las Vegas International Airport upon arrival and will be transported to the hotel. Federations must provide flight arrival times to Pat Winkels, Registration Manager, to ensure prompt pick-up. Registration Manager also will arrange transportation for departure.

Shuttle bus service between the official hotel and the bowling center also will be provided to players, coaches, officials, presidium members and supporters. Shuttle bus schedule will be available in future bulletins and also posted on 2009wwc.com.

7. Fees

Tournament Entry Fee

The 2009 World Women's Championships entry fee is **US \$250 per person** for all players, coaches, supporters and guests as specified in WTBA-Rule 6.1.4.

Pre-Payment of Fees

All fees must be pre-paid. More information on payment options will follow in future bulletins.

Congress Fees

The WTBA Congress Fee is **\$50 USD**.

The FIQ Congress Fee is **\$50 USD**

Delegates only participating in one congress will pay fee stated above.

8. Visa information

Entry visas are required for some countries and the entry forms are not valid as visas. This is a current list of countries that participate in the Visa Waiver Program and will not need a visa if staying less than 90 days. However, all countries should confirm this information independently.

Andorra	Iceland	Norway
Australia	Ireland	Portugal
Austria	Italy	San Marino
Belgium	Japan	Singapore
Brunei	Liechtenstein	Slovenia
Denmark	Luxembourg	Spain
Finland	Monaco	Sweden
France	The Netherlands	Switzerland
Germany	New Zealand	United Kingdom

NOTE: On October 17, the United States announced the imminent expansion of the Visa Waiver Program to include the Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, the Republic of Korea and the Slovak Republic. However, this expansion has not become official yet.

APPLY EARLY!

Visa applicants are advised to apply for a U.S. visa at least 3 to 4 months in advance.

More detailed information on how to apply for a visa:

http://www7.nationalacademies.org/visas/traveling_to_US.html

Contact your nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate for more information: <http://www.usembassy.gov>

9. Other tournaments

There are several other opportunities for participants, coaches, team managers and supporters who attend the World Women's Championships to compete in tournaments in the United States. Two of these tournaments happen in Las Vegas at the beginning and at the end of the World Women's Championships. Below are details on each event.



Event	U.S. Women's Open, a United States Bowling Congress event
Dates	Aug. 3-9
Location	Sunset Station Hotel and Casino's Strike Zone Bowling Center
Entry fee	\$300 prior to July 10; \$350 after July 10
Eligibility	Open to any female bowler. All participants must be USBC members (\$36 payable on site).
Prize fund	\$150,000 U.S. dollars (\$25,000 US for the winner)
Format	Official practice will be held on Aug. 3. Participants bowl three eight-game qualifying blocks over three days (Aug. 4-6). The field is cut to the top 25 percent, who bowl 16 additional games on the fourth day (Aug. 7). The top 12 players advance to the televised quarterfinals, semifinals and final, held over two days (Aug. 8-9). Departures take place Aug. 10.
About the event	The U.S. Women's Open is one of the most prestigious bowling events for women in the United States. Many of the top amateur and former professional stars in women's bowling will compete in the event. Last year, several foreign bowlers competed, including Malaysia's Shalin Zulkifli, who finished tied for third.
How to enter	An entry form will be available on bowl.com soon and a link to the entry form will be included in the next bulletin.
Contact information	For more information, contact tournament director Tom Boedecker at tom.boedecker@bowl.com

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Event	United States Bowling Congress Open Championships
Dates	Feb. 21-July 24 (Special squads for WWC guests July 22-24)
Location	USBC Open Championships Lanes at Cashman Center
Web site	http://www.usbcopen.com
Entry fee	\$150 per bowler (includes team, singles, doubles, all-events)
Entry deadline	Dec. 14, 2008
Eligibility	Open to any bowler. All participants must be USBC members (\$36 payable on site).
Prize fund	\$7 million U.S. dollars
Format	This tournament consists of five-player team, doubles, singles and all-events. Bowlers post their best score and see where they place in the standings. There are no finals. Bowlers will compete in team event on either July 22 at 8:30 p.m. or July 23 at 8:30 p.m. with doubles/singles on the following day. Each bowler may only participate once in each event.
About the event	The USBC Open Championships is the largest bowling tournament in the world and will attract more than 80,000 bowlers in 2009. Competing in this event will give your team the chance to compete on the same lanes used for the World Women's Championships.
How to enter	To secure a spot in the USBC Open Championships, contact James Lamb at james.lamb@bowl.com

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Event	United States Bowling Congress Queens
Dates	April 25-29, 2009
Location	National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev.
Web site	http://www.bowl.com/tournaments/usbcwomens/queens/main.aspx
Entry fee	\$300 prior to April 1; \$350 after April 1
Eligibility	Open to any female bowler. All participants must be USBC members (\$36 payable on site).
Prize fund	\$200,000 U.S. dollars (\$30,000 US for the winner)
Format	Official practice sessions are held April 24 starting at 8 p.m. All players bowl 10 games of qualifying over two days (April 25-26). The top 25 percent (or 100 bowlers if less than 400 entries) will bowl five final qualifying games on April 27. The top 63 players plus defending champion Lynda Barnes will then bowl match play the afternoon of April 27 and continuing on April 28. The five remaining players take part in the live televised finals on April 29. Departures take place April 30.
About the event	The USBC Queens offers the largest prize fund for a women's major championship in the United States. The Queens attracts a field of more than 330 of the top amateur and former professional bowlers across the U.S.
How to enter	Entry information is available by visiting the web site listed above or contacting the tournament director.
Contact information	For more information, contact tournament director Tom Boedecker at tom.boedecker@bowl.com

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10. Forms / Deadlines:

Attached in this Bulletin are the first two forms:

- Form A: Entry Form (due May 15, 2009)
- Form B: Hotel Form (due May 15, 2009)

Additional forms to follow in later bulletins:

- Form C: Rooming List
- Form D: Arrivals and Departures
- Form E: Official Delegation
- Form F: Guests and Supporters
- Form G: Press Accreditation
- Form H: Ball Registration
- Form I: Player Information

Enforcement of the deadlines ensures the best possible championships for all participants, officials and all involved with the event.

Form A: Entry Form

DUE: May 15, 2009

ALL entry forms MUST be received by May 15, 2009, in order to participate in the World Women's Championships.

Form B: Hotel Form

DUE: May 15, 2009

Federations sending the Hotel Form later than May 15, 2009, **are not guaranteed** to be placed in the official hotel, and cannot expect the WWC rates.

*****Federations choosing to accommodate their delegation in a separate hotel WILL NOT be permitted to use the shuttle bus service, including from airport to hotel, hotel to bowling center and then back to the airport when departing.***

Form A: Entry Form

Federation / Country

Will participate in
2009 World Women's Championships
(place 'X' over answer box)

Yes

No

Please return form even if declining

Number of players

Number of officials
(coaches, managers, delegates,
supporters)

Coaches:

Managers:

Delegates:

Supporters:

Contact person

Mailing / Postal address

Phone number

Mobile number

Fax number

E-mail address

Please return by May 15, 2009, to:

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Form B: Hotel Form

Federation / Country

Team organizer's name

Address (Street, city)

Phone number

E-mail address

Credit Card number

Credit Card expiration date

Number of Rooms	Room Type <i>1 – Single; 2 – Double; 3 – Triple; 4 – Quad</i>	Arrival Date	Departure Date

If you are unable to book your hotel room using the web link ([click here](#)). You may e-mail this form to Kaleina Cope at Sunset Station Hotel (Kaleina.Cope@stationcasinos.com) or make a reservation by calling 1-888-786-7389 and mentioning group code SCIWWWO.

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