

BVL provides recreational and therapeutic programs and services to veterans at our nation's VA Medical Centers, Veterans Centers and State Homes. BVL picks up where government funding leaves off, providing the 'extras' that brighten spirits and boost morale. Annual grants fund a myriad of local activities, while BVL national programs, including the tours of the entertainment troupe "Re-Creation" and the BVL Veterans Bowling Tournament, generate a year's worth of enthusiasm. Thanks to BVL, music, the arts, recreation and sports are incorporated into the rehabilitation process speeding recovery and sending a message of care and remembrance to our country's heroes.



TOURNAMENT RULES:

1. **Eligibility:** All entrants must be members of Orange County USBC Association to be eligible for optional prize fund and to be a representative at California USBC Helen Duval Veterans Finals.
 - a. Participants are required to show their current USBC membership card (or receipt from league card purchased in) at time of check-in. Entrants failing to present current membership will be entered into scratch division until proof provided. Member will have no later than five (5) days to provide OCUSBC BVL Chairperson proof following participation in the tournament. Failure to return the verification within the designated time shall result in the disqualification of the bowler's scores.
 - b. Any person who bowls under an assumed name, under the name of another person scheduled to bowl in the tournament, or who is under suspension from USBC membership shall be disqualified. The individual shall forfeit his/her entry fee, all prize monies, and be subject to suspension from USBC membership.
 - c. **State Finals (Helen Duval Veterans tournament) has been modified into a handicap event with only four categories: Men, Women, Boys and Girls (one each)**
 - i. Format to designate OC representatives will be provided after divisions are finalized. Chairperson will talk with each division winner.
2. **Entry Fee:** \$40.00 per person (Lineage \$16.50 Expense \$3.50 BVL \$20.00) \$35.00 for re-entry (Lineage \$16.50, Expense \$3.50 BVL \$15.00).
3. **Optional Prize Fund:** \$5.00 Prize fund will be returned 100% at least one (1) place for every ten (10) entries with a handicap of 90% of 230.
 - a. Check(s) will be mailed to adult winners
 - b. In lieu of prize fund, Youth bowler will receive scholarship deposited into S.M.A.R.T. account with USBC
 - c. Bowler(s) will be allowed to enter multiple times but can only place once in their division for scratch championship, and only cash once in the optional prize fund.
4. **Tournament Format:** Three (3) game singles scratch by division tournament, certified by USBC.
 - a. Any group wishing to bowl together please send entry forms in together in the same envelope. We cannot guarantee walk in groups lane availability to bowl together.
 - i. Champion in each division will receive a custom BVL shirt.
 - b. See tournament divisions on front page.
5. **Pre-Registration Closing Date:** January 21, 2026, or when squads are filled. On site entries accepted based on lane availability.
6. **Averages-Reporting Requirements:**
 - a. 2024-25 highest published average or composite (regardless of association) based on 21 games or more, or highest composite average of 21 games or more during the same period from bowl.com. Submit average verification from bowl.com with entries. If none,
 - b. 2025-26 highest current season average of 21 games or more. Verification (copy of league sheet) must accompany entry. Youth bowlers average of 15 games or more
 - c. If, at the time of bowling, an entrant has a current average of 21 games or more, that is 10 or more pins higher than the average determine in 6a then current average must be used.
 - d. If a certified "Sport" or "Challenge" league average is the bowler's only average, then it will be adjusted per the chart in the USBC rulebook to determine the correct entering average. USBC Rule 201a-c will apply
 - e. Bowlers are responsible for verifying their own average. Any falsification of the highest known average will result in immediate and final disqualification.
 - f. USBC Rules 319a-c will be in effect (except 319(a)(1)(b) & 319d-f).
7. **Late:** Any bowler arriving late will start game in the frame being bowled and will receive zero for any frames missed. No frames can be made up.
8. **Delay of Game:** If equipment failure on a pair of lanes would delay the progress of the series, a tournament official can authorize the completion of a game and series on another pair of certified lanes. The interrupted game and series must be resumed from the point of interruption. No practice will be allowed after being moved. USBC Rule 321 will be waived.
9. **Tie Score:** In the event of a tie score in any division a one game roll off must take place to determine the county representative. Bowler may only represent one association at the State finals.