



## **2026 Tournament Rules & Information**

All equipment specifications will follow USBC standards.

1. **Handicap:** 90% of 230 - Handicaps are individual. All 3 will be combined together to form your team's handicap total.
2. **Average:** Highest book average from the past 3 seasons of 21 games or more. (Back to 2022-23 season)
3. **Tournament Start Time**
  - a. Check In: 12PM - Start Bowling: 1PM
4. **Format**
  - a. Qualifying: 12 Games of Baker Trios - 9-Pin No-Tap
  - b. Teams will move one pair to the right after 3 baker games. Teams will bowl on 4 pairs of lanes during qualifying.
  - c. Bowler 1: Frames 1, 4, 7, 10
  - d. Bowler 2: Frames 2, 5, 8
  - e. Bowler 3: Frames 3, 6, 9
  - f. Stepladder Final - Top 4 teams after 12 games of Baker qualifying.
    - i. 4th Seed vs. 3rd Seed / Winner vs. 2nd Seed / Winner vs. 1st Seed
    - ii. Teams will bowl 1 game match. Winner moves on.
5. **Entry Fee:**
  - a. \$60 Per Bowler (\$180 Per Team)
  - b. Team deposits are made online at [MidCountyLanes.com/Baker](https://MidCountyLanes.com/Baker).
  - c. \$60 deposit for the team is non-refundable. This deposit is transferable to a future tournament date if there is a cancellation. Remaining balance will be due on the day of the tournament.

6. **Line Up Adjustments:** Bowling line up changes can be done before a game but not during. Notify a tournament manager of any line up changes.
7. **Score Keeping:** The center will keep track of all scores. You do not need to hand in score sheets until the end of Game 12. Names will follow you on the scoring monitors to each pair after 3 baker games.
8. **Payouts:** All payouts from the tournament will be paid in cash immediately after the tournament.
9. **Protests:** All protests must be made to a Tournament Manager directly within 20 minutes of the end of your last game or prior to any cash payouts being awarded.
10. **Ties:** All ties will split the combined prize fund for their finishing spots evenly.
11. **Lane Pattern:** Big Ben 44'
12. **Tournament Managers**
  - a. Mike Zanghi - [mz.midcountylanes@gmail.com](mailto:mz.midcountylanes@gmail.com) / 302-772-2642
  - b. Tim Foltz - [TFOLTZ09@gmail.com](mailto:TFOLTZ09@gmail.com)
  - c. Matt Wozney - [matt.midcountylanes@gmail.com](mailto:matt.midcountylanes@gmail.com)

**13. NEW! Baker Bowl Tournament Of Champions - Sunday, December 13th**

- a. A total of 10 teams will qualify for the Baker Bowl TOC.
- b. There is no entry fee for the qualified teams of the Baker Bowl TOC.
- c. Top 4 teams will be paid in the Baker Bowl TOC. Remaining spots receive free entry to any future Baker Bowl event.
- d. Total prize fund for the Baker Bowl TOC will be \$3,000.

**14. Baker Bowl Tournament Of Champions Qualifications**

- a. 8 unique teams that win each Baker Bowl event of the 2026 season will qualify for the Baker TOC. 2 additional Wild Card teams will be added based on their 2026 finishes.
- b. If there are multiple wins for a team or teams, we will add additional Wild Card team positions to complete the 10 team roster for the Baker Bowl TOC. Overall finishes will be tracked and calculated throughout the season.
- c. Your team must field the same 3 bowlers in order to earn points consistently to qualify for the Baker Bowl TOC. Any line up change will produce a new team and new set of Baker Bowl TOC qualifying points.
- d. Wild Card teams must bowl at least 3 Baker Bowl tournaments to be considered for the Baker Bowl TOC.

If you have any questions or concerns, notify one of our tournament managers and we would be gladly able to help you!. Thank you for your interest in Mid County Lanes Baker Bowl tournaments!