

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF



DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS: 60 BIG RUN ROAD, DELAWARE, OHIO 43015-8007
PHONE: 740-362-7478 EMAIL: LEGION@OHIOLEGION.COM

7th Annual Roger M. Hight State Bowling Tournament

Pre-Registration Instructions

2026 Tournament Year

Hosted By: Miamisburg Post 165 / 35 N Main St., Miamisburg, OH 45342 / (937) 866-5493

When: February 14-15, February 21-22, & February 27-March 1

Where: Poelking Bowling Centers / 1403 Wilmington Ave., Dayton, OH 45420 / 937-299-5573

Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton, 300 Prestige Pl., Miamisburg, OH 45342

9AM Doubles start on Saturdays, 9AM Teams start on Sundays

American Legion Rate is / Rates: \$99 + tax / (937) 436-2400

Dates and Start Times

- **Doubles followed by Singles**

- Saturday, February 14 at 9am
- Saturday, February 21 at 9am
- Saturday, February 28 at 9am

- **Teams**

- Sunday, February 15 at 9am
- Sunday, February 22 at 9am
- Sunday, March 1st at 9am

- If you would like to bowl your TEAM games on Friday at 5:00pm - mark it on your registration/application form.

- Friday, February 27 at 5:00pm

- You may not be assigned your preferred time or requested date (*Date choices are assigned on a 1st come 1st served basis*)

- **The deadline to return the registration form and registration fees is COB **December 1, 2025****

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General

1. The American Legion Department of Ohio, American Legion Post 165, nor Poelking Bowling Centers is responsible for any lost or stolen items.
2. All inquiries relative to the Department Bowling tournament must be made through Department Headquarters by calling 740-362-7478 or by emailing syockey@ohiolegion.com
3. When making your hotel reservations, please ask for the American Legion Department of Ohio State Bowling Tournament Rate.

Registration

1. Tournament participants must be a member in good standing of The American Legion, The Sons of The American Legion, or The American Legion Auxiliary.
 - All participants, including substitutes, must have in their possession a 2026 membership card and be recorded as being paid at Department or Auxiliary Headquarters by January 18, 2026 – NO EXCEPTIONS.
 - Each participant must show their 2026 membership card and a photo ID at the registration desk.
 - Bowlers without their 2026 membership card and photo ID will not be permitted to bowl.
2. Please write down the names of team members in the order that they will bowl

Team Captains

1. A participant may only bowl once per category (team, doubles, and singles).
2. Team captains may not represent more than one (1) team.
3. All participants must register not less than fifteen (15) minutes before the time scheduled.
4. Team captains are responsible for their team members' conduct and are to ensure that their team members understand the tournament's rules.

Averages

1. Entrants will use their highest league average based on a minimum of 21 games for the 2024-2025 season.
 - If the current 21-game average as of December 1, 2025, is ten or more pins above the 2023-2024 season's average, the current average must be used.
 - If the entrant played less than 21 games in the 2024-2025 season, the entrant would use the average of 21 games or more as of December 1, 2024.
 - Suppose the entrant does not have an established average or has not participated in the American Legion Department of Ohio's bowling tournament in the last two years. In that case, the following average will be assigned:
 - Women: 150
 - Male: 180

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- If entrant bowls in more than one league, the highest average bowled must be used.
 - Mixed leagues are to be considered for the determination of the highest average
- Participants are responsible for verifying their average that is submitted by the participant, the team captain, or others.

Handicap

1. The handicap is 90% of the difference in average and 220 pins.
2. The computer program per game will determine the handicap.
3. Handicap changes will only be accepted or made on Saturday of the tournament unless the participant did not bowl on Saturday.

Substitutions

1. The team's substitution affidavits must be filed 15 minutes before the time entrant is scheduled to bowl.
2. The substitute affidavit will be furnished by the team making the substitution.
3. Every bowler, including the substitute, must be present and registered 15 minutes before the scheduled time to bowl.

Time Allotted Per Shift – Singles & Doubles Category

1. Participants shall be allowed three and a half (3 ½) hours to complete bowling of scheduled shift.
2. The Bowling Commissioners reserves the right to extend the time allotted per shift because of mechanical breakdowns or specific reasons.
3. The Bowling Commissions' decision is final.

Prizes

1. 100% of the fees will be returned in cash prizes and awards to the top 15 per event.
2. The prize ratio is dependent on the number of tournament entries.
3. All tournament prizes will include handicap.

Refund Policy

1. After entries have been received and the date assigned and are not refused by the team or individual entrant before preparation of schedule, the entry fees will **not** be refunded.

Peggy "Pegster" Gross

Department of Ohio American Legion Bowling Chairperson

Pegster8711@hotmail.com (937)474-3058

BOWLERS

It's time to get your teams together! You don't have to wait until December. Start gathering your teams and money for our 2026 Bowling Tournament. Applications will be available on the Department of Ohio's website starting October 1st. You MUST include each bowler's name, phone number, address, their LEGION MEMBERSHIP ID (NOT THEIR BOWLING LEAGUE #), and their average. If applications aren't filled out completely, they will not be accepted. Begin now to get everything organized. It's helpful if you text me a copy of your application. Also, please give me a second choice, as we are not doing two shifts this year. We want to make it fun for everyone. Keep in mind that not everyone can bowl on the last weekend.

I can't wait to see all of you again!

Hosted By: Post 165 Miamisburg (my Post) 35 N. Main St.

When: February 14-15, February 21-22, and February 27-March 1 (Friday) Night Bowlers)

Where: Poelking Lanes on Wilmington Ave, Dayton (we bowled here before)

Hotel: Double Tree by Hilton, 300 Prestige Pl., Miamisburg (Been there many times.)

Registration ends on December 1. You've got plenty of time to get this together!

We need your help to find a location for our 2027 bowling event. It must have 32 lanes, be able to print out reports at the end of the tournament & have a Legion Post that will provide a nice meal on Saturday night. We will help you do the rest.

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Tournament Dates

- February 14–15, 2026
- February 21–22, 2026
- February 27–March 1, 2026

Start Times

- **Saturdays** – Doubles begin at 9:00 AM, followed by Singles
- **Sundays** – Teams begin at 9:00 AM
- **Fridays** – *Team bowling available (evening session)* February 27

Preferred dates are not guaranteed. Lanes are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

Preferred Date/Time: _____

Friday Night Team Bowling? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Entry Fee: \$60 per person + \$1 All-Around Fee = \$61 per person

Registration Deadline: **December 1, 2025**

You can submit your entry online. **GO TO: DEPARTMENT OF OHIO WEBSITE**

<https://www.ohiolegion.com/post-activities/department-bowling-tournament/>

TEAM CAPTAIN

Captain's Name: _____ Member ID: _____

Captain's Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

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PRINT NAMES IN THE ORDER THEY ARE BOWLING – DOUBLES WILL BOWL FIRST

DOUBLES & SINGLES		LIST IN ORDER THEY WILL BOWL			
Bowler's Name (Print Clearly)	MEMBER ID	LEG/AUX/SAL	AVERAGE	POST #	PHONE
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

TEAM EVENT		LIST IN ORDER THEY WILL BOWL			
Bowler's Name (Print Clearly)	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	

Certification

I hereby certify that the averages shown above are correct, and all listed bowlers are members in good standing of **The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, or Sons of the American Legion.**

All members must present a valid membership card at the time of registration. Failure to include address and contact information will result in forfeiture of winnings.

Captain's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Total Bowlers Entered: _____ × \$61 = \$ _____

Payment Information

Make checks payable to: **American Legion Department of Ohio**

Mail completed form & payment to:

American Legion Department of Ohio, 60 Big Run Rd., Delaware, OH 43015

Any questions, please call or text Peggy Gross, Bowling Chairperson at (937)474-3058

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Visit the Department of Ohio website/events
Complete the forms in their entirety.

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Rates: \$99 + tax

POST 165 WILL HAVE DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT SATURDAY
EVENINGS DURING THE TOURNAMENT, WITH A SHUTTLE TO AND
FROM THE HOTEL