



2024-25 Rules Changes for Women's Bowling

The following rules changes were approved by the NCAA Women's Bowling Committee and the Playing Rules Oversight Panel. These changes will be incorporated into the rules book the 2024-25 season.

<u>Rule(s)</u>	<u>Rule Change and Rationale</u>
1.1.c.2 Foul Judge	<p>To remove the requirement for foul judges in the case of non-working foul lights should both coaches agree to self-monitor fouls.</p> <p>Rationale: This change eliminates the need for additional tournament staff to serve as foul judges in the case of non-working foul lights.</p>
11.c.4.c Altering Lane Pattern- Design and Application Criteria	<p>To increase the maximum total volume of oil from 30 microliters to 33 microliters.</p> <p>Rationale: This would allow tournament directors the ability to match the volume of the pattern to older, higher friction lanes.</p>
2.1.a.4 Ball Registration	<p>To require that the ball registration form must be submitted prior to the start of the daily practice session before the start of scoring.</p> <p>Rationale: There is a concern that teams are using balls they are not planning to use during competition to impact lane conditions prior to the start of scoring during the daily practice session.</p>
2.2 Surface Alterations	<p>To adjust that altering the bowling ball surface by water, cleaner, polish or abrasive must be done by the start of scoring on your assigned pair.</p> <p>Rationale: This change will provide more time to alter the surface of the ball prior to the start of scoring as the window of time from the end of the daily practice session and the start of competition varies.</p>
2.4 Foreign Substances on Approaches	<p>To establish that the application of any foreign substance on any part of the approach that detracts from the possibility of other players having normal playing conditions is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, such substances as talcum powder, pumice, rosin, resin on shoes, and soft rubber soles or heels that rub off on the approach.</p> <p>Penalty- Application of any foreign substance on any part of the approach, improper application of talcum powder, pumice, soap stone, rosin or any other foreign substance on the shoes causing the substance to be transferred to the approach, or usage of soft rubber soles or heels that rub off on the approach will be deemed an unfair tactic (See Rule 7.10.a). Upon the first violation, the player and team will receive a warning. Any subsequent violations by any member of the team will result</p>

	<p>in escalating penalties. (See Rule 7.10.a).</p> <p>Rationale: This is an extension of the rules change that prevented rosin/foreign substances to be on ball returns, scoring equipment or applied to the ball directly. This will continue to ensure that the approaches are clean and provides a more consistent surface for all competitors.</p>
<p>3.1 Competition Uniform</p>	<p>Eliminate the requirement for teams to have matching socks during competition.</p> <p>Rationale: This change will provide more flexibility for competitors to wear what they feel more comfortable competing in.</p>
<p>6.6.b Modified Baker Tie Breaker Lane Assignment</p>	<p>To add the Modified Baker Tie Breaker to be used in any format. The higher seed will have lane choice. When seeds are not established, teams will bowl the Modified game on the lane they finished the match on. If the tie breaker ends in a tie, the teams will switch lanes.</p> <p>Rationale: This change provides additional clarity as to who will have the lane choice during Modified Baker Tie Break matches regardless of format.</p>
<p>7.6.b Match Play Bye Practice</p>	<p>Should the competition facility be able to accommodate, permit the team who has a bye, regardless of format, including the Mega Match, the opportunity to use the noncompetition practice lanes for twenty minutes during the bye.</p> <p>Rationale: This change is an attempt to provide consistent rules application across all formats as it pertains to teams during a bye. Tournament directors will determine if there is adequate space to allow teams to use noncompetition practice lanes during a bye.</p>