

# Purdue Intercollegiate Bowling Club

## Tryout Information

Thank you for your interest in the Purdue Intercollegiate Bowling Club. The following document should serve as a guide to help you in your pursuit of becoming a member of the bowling team at Purdue University. If at any time you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact one of the following:

Men's Head Coach – Dustin Zehner – [zehner0@outlook.com](mailto:zehner0@outlook.com)

Women's Head Coach – Bob Davidson – [rcdavidson@comcast.net](mailto:rcdavidson@comcast.net)

Club President – Jimmy Smagacz – [jsmagacz@purdue.edu](mailto:jsmagacz@purdue.edu)

### Important Dates

To become a member of the Purdue Intercollegiate Bowling Team, every student-athlete must bowl the team qualifiers. No bowl-outs will be allowed, and you are expected to bowl all the qualifiers. The tryouts will be held at the Union Rack and Roll (bowling center in the Purdue Memorial Union).

August 20-21, 2018	Open Practice	4:30pm	Rack and Roll
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*\*This will be your opportunity to meet and work with fellow players and improve your skills. You must be signed up for tryouts before participating in the open practice sessions.*

August 21, 2018	PIBC Callout	7:00pm	UNIV 201
August 22, 2018	Skill Assessment	4:30pm	Rack and Roll
August 23, 2018	Skill Assessment	4:30pm	Rack and Roll
August 25, 2018	4 Game Qualifier	1:45pm	Rack and Roll
August 26, 2018	10 Game Qualifier	7:45am	Rack and Roll
August 29, 2018	Teams Posted	6:00pm	Email/website

### Qualifying Format

1. Each tryout participant will bowl fourteen (14) games of qualifying consisting of one 4-game block and two 5-game blocks. Practice will begin at 1:45pm on Saturday and 7:45am on Sunday. Three different lane patterns will be utilized.
2. Additionally, all participants are expected to be present at the scheduled Skill Assessments. Attendance at the Skill Assessments is only excusable if you have a class or work during that time. You must communicate this in advance.
3. After the 14 games of Qualifying and the Skill Assessments, individuals from the field of participants will be selected for the Competitive and Developmental Teams. Those individuals that do not make the selected teams are encouraged to become members of the Associate Team.

## Team Eligibility Requirements

1. **Enrollment** – Members of the Purdue Intercollegiate Bowling Club must be an undergraduate or graduate student enrolled at Purdue University – West Lafayette.
2. **Credit Hours** – All student-athletes (graduate and undergraduate) shall, at the time of competition, be registered as full time students and currently attending classes which:
  - a. Shall not be less than 12 semester undergraduate hours for participating undergraduate student-athletes.
  - b. Shall not be less than 6 semester hours for participating graduate students.
3. **Grade-Point Average** – Student-athletes must maintain a minimum cumulative overall GPA of 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale)
3. **Satisfactory Progress Rule** – Student-athletes who have participated in any certified intercollegiate competition prior to the current season must complete the following minimum academic progress requirements for continuing education:
  - a. Prior to second season of participation – 24 hours minimum for undergraduate, 12 hours minimum for graduate.
  - b. Prior to third season of participation – 48 hours minimum for undergraduate, 24 hours minimum for graduate.
  - c. Prior to fourth season of participation – 72 hours minimum.
5. **Transfers** – Student-athletes transferring from an institution with a certified intercollegiate bowling program in which they participated are not eligible for intercollegiate competition for one year. This rule does not apply to transfers from a two-year institution to a four-year institution.

## Program Tryout Fee

Each bowler is required to pay a one-time-per-year program tryout fee of \$75.00 which must be paid to the club secretary before bowling the first ball in qualifying. The fee is non-refundable after a bowler delivers the first ball in qualifying.

## Team Selection Process

Team selection will be based on the following criteria (not necessarily in order of importance):

- Academic Success
- Ability to Adjust
- Solid Physical Game
- Solid Spare Shooting
- Strike Potential
- Accuracy
- Coachability / Desire to Learn
- Enthusiasm for the Sport
- Sportsmanship / Attitude
- Bowling Experience
- Scoring Ability & Overall Scoring Potential
- Work Ethic
- Emotional Stability
- Attendance in Classes, Meetings, Leagues, & Practices
- Ability to get along with Others in a Team Format
- Behavior in Leagues and Practices

The team selection process will include input from the assistant coaches. Based on these considerations, the head coaches will make the final decision for the team roster for both the men's and women's teams.

Failure to meet financial obligations will disqualify you from travel regardless of your bowling ability, experience, or longevity on the team.

Those individuals not making the Competitive Team are highly encouraged to become members of the Developmental Team to continue to improve throughout the year and enjoy non-traveling benefits of the bowling program.