

## Oregon State University Bowling Team

Oregon State's Bowling Team was founded in September 2024, and we're excited to be one of the only two USBC-recognized programs in the Pacific Northwest, with the other at the University of Washington. Our Coach, Chris Burnett, is one of the top 100 coaches in the nation and a well-known figure in the youth bowling scene. In addition, he is a product specialist for Brunswick, Dexter, and Vice.

We've secured a sponsorship with Brunswick Bowling, giving us access to high-quality equipment at a discounted rate, helping us stay competitive.

We're a non-cut program, so if you have prior bowling experience or no experience, you're welcome to join us and practice with the team. We do, however, select who will travel and compete in tournaments. Currently, we have a men's and women's Varsity team.

Because bowling isn't an NCAA-recognized sport for men, we receive minimal funding from Oregon State. That means we rely on the generosity of donors, grants for clubs, and fundraising efforts to support our team. However, we're currently working on a sponsorship agreement with the university to be recognized as an official club sport, offering us additional funding and exclusive access to our on-campus bowling alley (Memorial Union Lanes and Games) and more.

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### Do you offer scholarships?

Right now, we don't offer scholarships because bowling is not an NCAA sport for men, which means we're unable to offer scholarships due to Title IX restrictions.

### What costs are associated with the program?

- **Member Dues:** These help cover team practices and other operation costs, and they usually range up to about \$150 per year.
- **Travel Expenses:** Travel for tournaments can add up, with costs ranging from several hundred dollars each year. We're working on ways to reduce these expenses, but they are a part of the program for now.

## Why should I consider Oregon State Bowling?

Our team has been an amazing way for people to connect and make lifelong friendships. Bowling is a great sport to challenge both your body and mind, and it's an opportunity to grow your skills and compete in a supportive, fun environment. In addition to this, our travel team members will travel the country and compete in national collegiate tournaments. As a new member of Oregon State Bowling Team, you can expect travel tournaments to be not only competitive but also an opportunity to have fun and connect with other members.

Beyond our program, Oregon State University is a top-tier research institution with a beautiful campus. Ranked among the top 1.4% of universities worldwide, OSU is known for its exceptional research funding and academic opportunities. Bowling with us is just one of the many ways to enrich your college experience at Oregon State.

## How can I support the team?

There are several ways you can help us:

- **Connecting Us Locally:** If you know anyone who could help with sponsorships or equipment, we're always looking to build new partnerships.
  - **Spread the word to others interested:** Oregon State is always looking for more members to transform into excellent bowlers
  - **Financial Support:** We have an upcoming event at the end of April called *Dam Proud day*, 24-hours of giving. Your contributions help cover travel expenses and practice costs. Any donation is greatly appreciated! Be sure to follow our social media for updates as the event approaches.
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