

Oregon State University Bowling Team

Oregon State's Bowling Team was founded in September 2024, and we're excited to be one of 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 discounted rates, helping us stay competitive.

We're a non-cut program, so if you have prior bowling 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 Varsity and Junior Varsity teams, and one of our biggest goals for the 2025-2026 season is to grow our Women's Team, which we're excited about.

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 for the 2025-2026 season, offering us additional funding and exclusive access to our on-campus bowling alley (Memorial Union Lanes and Games) and more.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do you offer scholarships?

Right now, we don't offer scholarships because bowling isn't an NCAA sport for men, which means we're unable to offer scholarships due to Title IX restrictions. Once we have a full women's team, they'll also compete at the club level. Offering scholarships would depend on outside funding, which we don't have access to yet.

What costs are associated with the program?

There are a few costs to be aware of:

- **Member Dues:** These help cover things like team practices and other operational costs, and they usually range up to about \$100 annually.
- **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 members will travel the country and compete in national collegiate tournaments. Specifically, this year, our program competed in two tournaments in Las Vegas, placing fourth and fifth out of seventeen teams, respectively. As a new member of the 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.

In addition to our program, Oregon State is a top research school with a beautiful campus, making it an ideal college for your college search journey. We are ranked a top 1.4% university in the world and are known for very high research funding. Bowling with us is just one of many great opportunities here!

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 relationships.
 - **Spread the word to others interested:** Oregon State is always looking for more members to transform into excellent bowlers.
 - **Financial Support:** We've set up a GoFundMe to help cover travel expenses and support our practice costs. Any donations are truly appreciated! You can donate here: [Support Oregon State Bowling Team on GoFundMe](#).
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