



### ***The Forty Frame Game FAQs***

- 1. What is The Forty Frame Game?** The Forty Frame Game is one of the most unique singles bowling tournaments in the world, and it is a lot of fun to bowl! It is a handicap event where you bowl 40 consecutive frames, and each frame offers you a different opportunity that can either change your score or earn you prize money! Beyond the main event, you can earn prize money through the bonus side pots and optional side events. You're automatically entered in the bonus side pots, and you can enter as many or as few optional side events as you would like, provided you meet the requirements.
- 2. What does it cost to bowl?** The Forty Frame Game at the ITRC costs \$50 to bowl. This includes entry into the main handicap event and all the Bonus Side Pots (Big Whammy, Kingpin Cash, Sweep It Clean, Woof-Woof Strikes). There are optional side events (Gray Pay, 175 & Under, Scratch, Ladies Only) which are \$10 each. Thirty-five dollars (\$35) of the main event entry, and 100% of the optional side event entry, goes into the prize fund.
- 3. How do I enter?** You can sign up on the ITRC Page on BOWL.com by clicking [here](#).
- 4. When do I get paid?** There are no on-site payouts. All prizes will be distributed after the event concludes.
- 5. Can I bowl more than once?** Yes, you can bowl up to four (4) times. Keep in mind you can only cash once in the main event. Your highest score will be used for ranking. Special prize categories like Sweep It Clean, Big Whammy and Kingpin Cash will be paid out as shared pools to all bowlers who qualify across the entire tournament. Woof-Woof Strikes will have a standard prize fund paid out based on top score.
- 6. What is my entering average?** For the main event, your entering average will be based on:

- a. Your highest average from the 2024-2025 season based on 21 or more games in a USBC certified league.
- b. If you don't have a certified average of at least 21 games for 2024-2025, you can use a current average of 21 or more games with a standings sheet and a verification letter from your association.
- c. If you have neither of these, you will enter with a 220 average.
- d. All averages that are not established on a Standard condition will be converted to Standard using the appropriate conversion chart. We will use the highest average, whether standard or converted Sport/Challenge.

**7. What is my handicap?** 90% of 220, with that number multiplied by four (4) to calculate the final handicap for the main event.

**8. How does the scoring work?** The Forty Frame Game maximum scratch score is 1,305. The following are the details on each of the specialty frames offered in The Forty Frame Game.

- a. **NO TAP** - The bowler gets credit for a strike if they knock down 9 or 10 pins on their first shot.
- b. **BONUS** - If the bowler strikes, they are awarded 10 bonus pins on their total score.
- c. **PAYDAY** - If the bowler strikes, they will receive a cash payout for the strike at the end of the tournament.
- d. **SOUR GRAPES** - If the bowler does not strike on the first ball, the bowler will lose two (2) pins for every pin left standing on the first ball from their total score.
- e. **SUPER SOUR** - Same as Sour Grapes, but the bowler will lose (5) pins for every pin left standing on the first ball. The points are removed from the bowler's total score.
- f. **BIG KAHUNA** - If the bowler strikes in this frame, they will receive a bonus of 25 pins added to their total score.
- g. **MULLIGAN FRAME** - In the Mulligan frame, if the bowler does not throw a strike on their first ball, the bowler has the option to attempt their first ball again. If they choose to take a "Mulligan," they must keep the score achieved on their second attempt.
- h. **BINGO-BANGO-BONGO** - This is for the three (3) balls thrown in the 40th frame and is a successive cumulative award. **Bingo** - Strike on first ball, get one share of the pot. **Bango** - Strike on first and second ball, earn an added two shares (3 total shares) of the pot. **Bongo** - Strike on all three balls of the 40th frame and earn an added two shares (5 total shares) of the pot.

**9. What are the Bonus Side Pots?** These are added ways to earn prize money that are included in your main event entry. Here are the different bonus side pots:

- a. **Big Whammy** – Strike in the last six (6) frames and receive a share of the super pot. If the required number of strikes (6) are not achieved, the payout will be made for the next highest total of strikes in those frames and shared accordingly.
- b. **Kingpin Cash** – If the bowler strikes in Frames 2-7 AND has the last six strikes in Frames 37-40 (Big Whammy), they receive a share of the pot. If the required number of strikes (12) are not achieved, the payout will be made for the next highest total of strikes in those frames and shared accordingly.
- c. **Sweep It Clean** – The bowler must mark (Strike or Spare) in every frame of The Forty Frame Game. If the required number of clean frames (40) are not achieved, the payout will be made for the next highest total of clean frames and shared accordingly.
- d. **Woof-Woof Strikes** – The bowler must strike in the designated frames. Each frame is awarded a different point value. This will be a handicap event. The maximum score without handicap is 400. *NOTE: Handicap for Woof-Woof Strikes based off 90% of 220 times 1, not times 4 like the handicap for the main event.*

Frame	5	9	16	17	21	25	31	33	34	39
Points	20	20	30	30	40	40	50	50	60	60

**10. What are the optional side events?** These are optional side events with eligibility requirements. If you meet the qualifications, you can enter each event for \$10. The events are:

- a. **Gray Pay** – This handicap side event is open to all USBC members bowling The Forty Frame Game who will be 50 years of age or older as of the first day of the tournament (October 1, 2025).
- b. **175 & Under** – This handicap side event is open to all USBC members bowling The Forty Frame Game who have an entering average of 175 or less specified under Averages – Reporting Requirements (Rule 1).

- c. **Scratch** – This side event is open to all USBC members bowling The Forty Frame Game. Rankings will be based on your total scratch score for the main event.
- d. **Ladies Only** – This handicap side event is open to all female USBC members bowling The Forty Frame Game.