With prize checks for the 2024 USBC Open Championships arriving, the tournament staff has been notified that some of the yearlong payouts for the 2K Super Brackets in the Regular, Standard and 50+ categories did not match the totals posted on BOWL.com.

After additional review, it is confirmed that prize checks are correct. However, we discovered the report with randomized bracket matchups and prize totals initially posted on BOWL.com was outdated and incorrect. That incorrect report was a version including individuals who were ineligible due to disqualification or entering in the improper division. The correct official bracket matchups and prize total report is now published.

Of course, the bracket matchups are different in the two reports since the correct official version removed the ineligible bowlers. Therefore, some bowlers have different prize totals in each report.

While USBC rules only require paying based on the official results, we understand many bowlers saw the initial report and were excited about their winnings. We do not want anyone to receive less prize money than expected. Therefore, in the interest of good customer service, USBC will pay participants their highest prize total of the two reports, minus any prize money already paid for that product. No bowler will receive less money than what was on the initially published report.

Both reports are now published on BOWL.com. Next to the official results report is the initially published version, now labeled as "alternate." Bowlers with a higher prize earning on the alternate report compared to the official report will receive a supplemental check for the difference.

This is approximately \$50,000 in additional prize money being added by USBC. We apologize for the inconvenience of this mistake.

If there are any additional questions or concerns, please contact the tournament staff at <u>usbcopenchampionships@bowl.com</u> or by calling 888-910-2695.