



SO CAL NIKKEI BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Increasing the general interest in the game of bowling within the heritage of the Japanese culture and Community.

AFTERMATH OF THE PANDEMIC - BOWLING

When the world shut down in March 2020, no one had any idea how long this would last. The bowling world for California was hit the worst and was the only state that did not allow bowling for 18 months. Everyone else in the nation came back after around month 4-6 and continued to bowl league and tournaments. USBC adjusted their rulings to allow modifications such as leaving every other pair empty, using isopropyl alcohol to clean balls during competition and centers put up partitions in between lanes.

During the shutdown, new USBC rules came out such as all holes must be used with fingers and thumb; no weight holes; balls with no thumb hole must have an "X" scribed where the palm sits; the youth bowling age was lowered to 18 and the minimum age of 18 is required for adult leagues. Also, there are two bowling balls (Storm Spectre and Purple Pearl Urethane Hammer (with Serial #'s Starting with a 6 or 7) that are non-compliant and are not allowed to be used during USBC competition.

When California bowling finally opened back up to leagues and tournaments for the 2021-22 season, there was so much confusion because not many

people knew about the new rule changes. Everyone was also asking for membership credit with the new season because the 2019-20 was basically cut in half.

Now that the 2022-23 season has just finished, more bowlers seem to be aware of these major rules, but we still need to help spread the word about them during league and tournaments. Bowlers using the non-confirming balls can be disqualified from tournaments or points forfeited from league. Also, the new rule currently of dry towels only for cleaning balls needs to be spread as well. **No more cleaning equipment with alcohol!**

Membership for California

2019-20: 70,200

2020-21: 0

2021-22: 62,742

2022-23: 64,204

Membership overall for California is slowly coming back. Unfortunately we lost a lot of bowling centers that didn't survive the pandemic. Bowlero has purchased a few centers in Northern California to keep those centers alive, but their bowling model is not always the best for keeping our SPORT alive.

Gardena Bowl and Linbrook Bowl are part of a small group of the family owned centers left in the state. We lost Palos Verdes Bowl in 2020 and Gable House Bowl this past June. We are losing Pickwick Bowl in Burbank after Aug 16. With each bowl closure, we lose >60% of those bowlers as most won't travel very far.

Times are definitely changing with this sport, but we will still support our local centers as long as we can!



2023 SCNBA SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Our newest recipient is Akayla Orosco. Her parents that are SCNBA members are Tako and Kraig Orosco.



Akayla recently graduated from Agoura High School. She has been involved with KASMA (Kinesiology & Sports Medicine Academy) learning physical therapy training and doing fundraising for the program.

Akayla is also a competitive past youth bowler who has earned other bowling scholarships. She also helps to work our many SCNBA events throughout the year.

Akayla hopes to become a nurse and is currently enrolled in Moorpark College.

We are proud to award Akaya a \$1,000 Scholarship!

900 GLOBAL BALL OFFER CONTINUES

The SCNBA has partnered again with 900 Global with a two for \$100 Ball Offer Special. Winners have the opportunity to purchase new model bowling balls of their choice. Most leagues run opportunity raffles throughout the year to help offset the cost of the balls. Then, the ball is raffled off during Sweeps. Past ball winners are posted online at SCNBA.com.



SCNBA JERSEYS

SCNBA has teamed up with Strike 12 Creations. We have a few jerseys already created for SCNBA available online at Strike12Creations.com, but will have a new design very soon.

These jerseys are full color custom sublimated printed jerseys available in youth, ladies and men's styles with collars choices of crew neck, quarter zip mock collar, v-neck and polo.

The fabric is constructed of 88% Polyester and 12% Spandex creating a 100% Performance Poly Spandex that is a breathable, moisture wicking fabric. This fabric is far superior to some other sublimated jersey companies.

Each online order is custom, so you can modify the length of the

body or sleeve. You can add on bowling manufacturing logos for a nominal fee. Please be sure to order early and allow at least 5 weeks for production/shipping.

Contact us at (805) 552-6771 or Email: info@Strike12Creations.com with any questions.

Use code: "GLAC" for FREE shipping!



UPCOMING EVENT

Sunday, October 8, 2024 at 10am
BAKER TRIOS CLASSIC
Bowlero Montebello

The Baker style format requires teams to rotate players within a single game. **BAKER TRIOS FORMAT:** Bowler #1 bowls frames 1, 4, 7 & 10; Bowler #2 bowls frames 2, 5 & 8; Bowler #3 bowls frames 3, 6 & 9.

NIKKEI LEAGUES

ACTION LANES

SGV Nikkei Mixed
SGV Nikkei Seniors

BOWLERO MONTEBELLO

PPBC Nikkei Trios

GARDENA BOWL

Japan Trade
Nisei Mixed
Wed Nisei Mixed Trios
Premiere @ Gardena
Harbor City Nisei
Friday Islanders

HARLEY'S SIMI BOWL

SFV Nisei

LA HABRA 300

Storm Sansei Trios

LINBROOK BOWL

Anaheim Nisei Mixed

WINNETKA BOWL

SFV Nikkei

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