

USBC EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS

Timeline for specification changes

August 1, 2018

- For balls over 10 pounds without a weight hole, allowable static weights will be 3 ounces of side, thumb or finger weight.
- For balls over 10 pounds with a weight hole, the current specification of 1 ounce of side, thumb or finger weight remains.
- No-thumb bowlers who choose the increased static weight/no weight hole option would need to mark by scribe, engraver or tool near the intended center of palm with a plus (+) mark.

August 1, 2019

- Only a dry towel can be used to clean a bowling ball during competition.
Note: Was told if ball returns with black skid marks from pinsetter machine you may use a cleaner, but will need the permission of league or tournament officials prior to using cleaner.

August 1, 2020

- A bowling ball's oil absorption rate must be more than 2 minutes, 15 seconds for the ball to be approved. (for Manufacturers)

August 1, 2020

- Elimination of balance holes, bowlers may have up to five holes for gripping purposes and all must be used on every delivery.
- No-thumb bowlers would need to mark by scribe, engraver or tool near the intended center of palm with a plus (+) mark.