



**NEWS RELEASE:** From Montana USBC state association on November 30, 2020

**Re: New state tournament entry registration system & entry-taking start date**

***NOTICE: Because of the uncertainties of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Montana USBC will not be taking entries for their 2021 state tournaments before February 1, 2021. This is a major change from past years when the entry-taking process always started on January 1.***

**More importantly** bowlers need to know that the Montana USBC state association has improved the method in which it accepts state tournament entries. **Starting with the 2021 state tournaments (Open, Women, Youth & Senior) a bowler wishing to submit an entry will be able to do so online at [www.bowlmontana.com](http://www.bowlmontana.com).** Entry forms can be completed online, shifts can be obtained in real time and payments can be made by credit card or electronic check. **This is now the PREFERRED method for entering our state tournaments.**

**Calling ahead for advanced reservations is no longer necessary because only shift times that are available will be shown in the online entry registration system. Only those who don't have internet capabilities or are computer challenged need to call ahead for reservations from the respective tournament directors.**

**Because of that change, traditional entry forms will be available in limited supply. Only small amounts will be sent to the bowling centers and none will be available online except for the specific entry form that can be completed online as part of the final entering process.**

**This is a great technological breakthrough for Montana bowlers and one that many other states don't have. Please utilize this system, as it was highly expensive to develop and greatly improves our state tournaments. Thank you so much.**