

# Fact Sheet

## 73rd Annual BVL/VA Bowling Tournament

1. Open to all veterans registered as an in-patient or outpatient at the Veteran's Affairs Medical Centers.
2. Held annually each spring over a four-week period since 1947. (March 1 – April 1)
3. Seven divisions separate teams based on affiliation, age and physical limitations of participants.

### Division

1	Inpatient
2	Outpatient
3	Seniors (60+)
4	Wheelchair
5	Vision Impaired
6	Electronic Bowling
7	Electronic Bowling Seniors (60+)



4. Facilities can enter more than one team in a division and enter more than one division. However, there are no re-entries; bowlers may only bowl on one team in one division.
5. Team event, with 15 games total bowled by up to five regular team members-3 games per bowler (if necessary up to three alternates).
6. Rules are according to the United States Bowling Congress.
7. Each team member will receive a certificate of participation; stipends will be awarded to the top three teams in each division. New for this year: Individual Awards for high male and high female game in each division.
8. Games must be bowled between March 1<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>. Scores are reported by April 15<sup>th</sup>. There is a new site to record scores; it will be open effective March 1<sup>st</sup>: <https://bvl.leaguesecretary.com>
9. Scores must be printed and retained by recreation therapist for verification. All bowling must be monitored by an assigned therapist or registered volunteer.

The tournament is coordinated locally at the VAMC's by the Chief of Recreation Therapy Services or the Chief of Voluntary Services.

Local volunteers are welcomed! Volunteers can provide transportation, scoring, refreshments and fun!

Questions? Call Mary Harrar, BVL Executive Director at 703-934-6039 or email her at [mary@bvl.org](mailto:mary@bvl.org).

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