



## Long Island USBC Official Tournament Announcement concerning STORM Products Bowling Balls

Effective March 30, 2022, specific Storm Bowling Ball (see below) models are prohibited from use in USBC national tournaments, including, but not limited to, the USBC Masters, U.S. Open, USBC Open Championships, USBC Women's Championships, all PWBA Tour events, USBC Junior Gold and Youth Open Championships, USBC Intercollegiate Championships, USBC Team USA Trials, USBC Senior Masters and USBC Senior Queens.

USBC has stated that - "These ball models remain USBC approved. Each USBC competition, whether tournament or league, has the option to adopt USBC's national tournament rule prohibiting use of these balls or to continue to allow their use."

The decision is up to our Association and after taking into account what is best for our entire membership at this time - the Long Island USBC **will allow** these stated bowling balls to be used during all Long Island USBC certified tournaments for the remainder of this bowling season (2021-2022). Upon the completion of this bowling season - Long Island USBC will review this situation and make a decision at that time for the new bowling season (2022-2023).

All sanctioned leagues are able to make the decision to ban these bowling balls from your league. 100% vote is required to ban the six Storm bowling balls from use in your league.

The affected models include:

- Storm Phaze 4
- Storm Electrify Solid
- Storm Trend 2
- 900 Global Altered Reality
- 900 Global Wolverine
- Roto Grip UFO Alert

In addition, there are two bowling balls that have been recently added to the USBC "Non-Approved" list that are completely banned from being used in any USBC certified event.

These banned bowling balls are:

- 1.) Storm Spectre
- 2.) Purple Hammer (made in the year 2016 & 2017) - Purple Hammer bowling balls manufactured during 2016 or 2017 are identified by serial numbers that start with either a "6" or "7."

Our Association will continue to monitor the ever-changing environment and make adjustments as quickly as we can.

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