

History of the Southeast Bowling Association, Inc.

The Southeast Bowling Association, Inc. (SBA) was chartered on July 3, 1991, in Taylors, SC, for the purpose of fostering and promoting the sport of bowling (American ten pins) and to conduct an annual handicap championship tournament open to all members, at that time, of the American Bowling Congress, and now, to all members of the United States Bowling Congress, residing in the southeastern United States.

The organizing Board of Directors held its first meeting in Columbia, SC, on August 17-19, 1991. The Board elected officers; organized the SBA as a non-profit corporation; framed the SBA Constitution and By-Laws; and designated the Florida Space Coast Bowling Association, Melbourne, FL, to host the 1st annual SBA tournament. The SBA filed and was granted non-profit status with the U. S. Internal Revenue Service.

In succeeding months, the SBA adopted a logo – featuring the Association name and a bowling theme – and awarded its second annual SBA tournament to the Greater Greenville Bowling Association. In January, 1992, the IRS granted “non-profit” status to the SBA.

Tournament locations and the number of teams participating by year are shown:

SOUTHEASTERN BOWLING CONFERENCE Grandfathered into Southeast BA, Inc.			
1958	1	St Petersburg, FL	169
1959	2	Atlanta, GA	314
1960	3	Charlotte, NC	386
1961	4	Mobile, AL	359
1962	5	Savannah, GA	474
1963	6	Hampton Raod, VA	273
1964	7	Orlando, FL	519
1965	8	Nashville, TN	525
1966	9	Winston Salem, NC	611
1967	10	Greenville, SC	652
1968	11	Birmingham, AL	593
1969	12	Savannah, GA	518
1970	13	Asheville, NC	671
1971	14	Charleston, SC	748
1972	15	Cocoa Beach, FL	699
1973	16	Chattanooga, TN	802
1974	17	Columiba, SC	808
1975	18	Biloxi, MS	428
1976	19	Tampa, FL	643
1977	20	Knoxville, TN	602
1978	21	Greenville, SC	828
1979	22	Augusta, GA	885
1980	23	Birmingham, AL	594
1981	24	Nashville, TN	507
1982	25	Washington DC	302
1983	26	Savannah, GA	672
1984	27	Cocoa Beach, FL	670
1985	28	Knoxville, TN	461
1986	29	Greenville, SC	672
1987	30	Tampa, FL	545
1988	31	Raleigh NC	663
1989	32	Augusta, GA	791
1990	33	Roanoke, VA	735
1991	34	Chattanooga, TN	765

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1992	1	Melbourn, FL	656
1993	2	Greenville, SC	711
1994	3	Montgomery, AL	564
1995	4	Savannah, GA	701
1996	5	Chattanooga, TN	723
1997	6	Augusta, GA	720
1998	7	Jacksonville, FL	709
1999	8	Birmingham, AL	674
2000	9	Augusta County, VA	502
2001	10	Atlanta, GA	802
2002	11	Space Coast, FL	592
2003	12	Charleston, SC	650
2004	13	Raleigh, NC	554
2005	14	Savannah, GA	592
2006	15	The Villages, FL	437
2007	16	Greenville, SC	601
2008	17	Chattanooga, TN	508
2009	18	Augusta, GA	481
2010	19	Montgomery, AL	396
2011	20	Sun Coast, FL	368
2012	21	Greenville, SC	497
2013	22	Warner Robins, GA	387
2014	23	The Villages, FL	401
2015	24	Columbia, SC	539
2016	25	Staunton, VA	310
2017	26	Augusta, GA	521
2018	27	Chattanooga, TN	440
2019	28	Mooreville/Statesville, NC	
2020	29	Atlanta, GA	
2021	30	Open	
2022	31	North (NC, SC, TN , VA)	
2023	32	South (AL, FL, GA, MS)	
2024	33	Open	
2025	34	North (NC, SC, TN , VA)	