

BerlinCityOpen 2025

Dear participants and guests,

Now that a few days of the BCO 2025 have passed, Andreas and I, as the owners of the bowling alley and initiators of the BCO, feel it is important to provide a summary.

Andreas and I took over City Bowling Hasenheide in January 2024. Over the past 18 months, we have transformed the 'old-style' appearance of the hall through painting, structural changes and renovations and we're not quite finished yet.

We were therefore thrilled by the great response and participation of bowlers of all ages and genders.

Up until the 15th squad, we experienced no technical issues.

However, due to a prolonged technical issue, we had to move one pair of lanes to the backup lanes. When we tried to reset, the Qubica programme failed and nothing worked for several minutes. Andreas and I thought the world was collapsing – the first international tournament, just before the finals, and then this happened.

Some time later, however, we were able to continue playing in normal mode and finish the day. The next day, however, tournament mode wouldn't start and four lanes were unplayable due to the crash. Qubica informed us that they wouldn't be able to help us again until Monday.

As if that were not enough, a chain on the pinsetter broke, interrupting play for almost an hour. Thankfully, our fantastic mechanics worked tirelessly to ensure that the tournament finished on time on Sunday.

We would like to thank everyone in attendance for their kind words about what a great tournament it was in the heart of Europe.

This tournament has shown us where we need to improve in order to welcome you and other bowlers to the Berlin City Open in 2026.

Stay healthy, and we hope to see you soon!

Andreas and Martin