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You're Invited To Bowl In The
2025
STATE OPEN
CHAMPIONSHIPS



Tournament Headquarters



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1. **ELIGIBILITY:** All current season Ohio State USBC members (men & women) in good standing are eligible to
2. **FORMAT:** This tournament will be a handicap tournament in the team, doubles, singles and all events. OPTIONAL Handicap all events, actual team, doubles, singles and all events will also be conducted.
3. **TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION:** An entrant is permitted to **bowl only one time in each event**. A bowler must bowl doubles first, and singles immediately after on the same pair of lanes. Multiple participation in any event is NOT permitted by any tournament participant. Failure to comply will be cause for automatic disqualification.
4. **HANDICAP:** Handicap is based upon 90% of 1125 in team, 450 in doubles, 225 in singles and total handicap from the (3) events for all events.
5. **AVERAGE REQUIREMENTS: AVERAGE REQUIREMENTS: ALL INDIVIDUALS** must enter at their highest USBC certified average for 21 games or more from the 2023-2024 Winter Season.
 - a. If no USBC certified average for the 2023-2024 Winter Season, individual shall use their highest 2022-2023 USBC Certified Winter Season average (21 games or more).
 - b. 2024 Summer Season USBC certified league average will be accepted when no 2022-2023 or 2023-2024 Winter league average is available.
 - c. If the preceding does not apply, individual will use highest USBC certified average at time of bowling (21 games or more) for the current season (2024-2025).
 - d. If current USBC certified average is used, the average must be VERIFIED in writing by the league secretary or bring most current standing sheet with name and average clearly printed!
 - e. All USBC certified averages established on Sport or Challenge condition must be adjusted utilizing the corresponding USBC Average Conversion Chart (based on league type) found on bowl.com. The adjusted average must be used if it is the highest average.
 - f. If bowler has NO USBC certified average - they must enter the tournament using a 225 average (scratch).
6. **AVERAGE VERIFICATION: (RULE 319A)** - It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average in handicap or classified tournaments, whether originally submitted by the bowler, team captain or others. Failure to use proper average shall disqualify score if submitted average is lower than actual average, thereby resulting in a lower classification or more handicap. Prize winnings shall be based on the submitted average if it is higher than the actual average. In case of teams of two or more bowlers, the average shall be combined to determine whether the correct total is higher or lower than the submitted total. Corrections in average can be made up to the completion of the first game of the series. If an extension of time has been granted in writing by tournament management before the end of the first game of the series, the correction can be made within 48 hours after the end of the series.
7. **The 10 PIN INCREASE IN CURRENT SEASON AVERAGE DOES NOT APPLY** to this tournament (USBC Rule 319a2). **USBC Rule 319d** (\$300.00 prize winnings) **will not apply** to this tournament. **USBC Rule 319e** (average adjustment) **will apply** to this tournament. For complete rules - see the current season USBC Playing Rule Book listed on bowl.com.
8. **PRIZE RATIO:** Handicap at least one (1) out of six (6) entries in team, doubles & singles. All Events Handicap at least one (1) out of ten (10) entries. Actual at least one (1) out of ten (10) entries in team, doubles/singles and all events. Prize fees will be returned 100%.
9. **ENTRIES CLOSE MIDNIGHT - JANUARY 17, 2025.** Entries postmarked the first post office business day after this date will be accepted.
10. A substitute **will not** be required to reimburse the entry fee paid nor shall the substitute be expected to give the original entrant any prize money or award the substitute may win. Pacers will not be permitted. **Neither the Ohio State USBC or host association will be responsible for securing substitutes.**
11. **Dates & Squad Times for tournament competition will be determined by Tournament Manager.** Once entry forms have been processed by the Tournament Manager and confirmations sent to the team captain, there will be NO REFUND of entry fees (see USBC Rule #314). **TOURNAMENT COMPETITION STARTS AT THE TIME NOTED ON THE ENTRY FORM (NOT PRACTICE BOWLING).**
12. If there is a lane equipment malfunction during tournament competition which requires teams and/or bowlers to be moved to another pair of working lanes, the team and/or bowlers will start their tournament competition from the point of interruption with NO PRACTICE/SHADOW BALLS on the new pair of lanes.
13. **DRESS CODE:** NO CUT OFF SHIRTS OR TANK TOPS. NO ATHLETIC SHORTS OR SWEAT PANTS. NO OBSCENE PRINTING ON ANYTHING. **SHIRTS/BLOUSES MUST HAVE SLEEVES OF AT LEAST 1" IN LENGTH.** SHORTS MUST BE AT LEAST MID THIGH LENGTH. TOPS OF SHORTS/PANTS MUST BE WORN AT WAIST LEVEL. APPROPRIATE HATS ARE PERMITTED. **DISQUALIFICATION FROM TOURNAMENT COMPETITION CAN RESULT FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY.**
14. **CONDUCT:** All team captains are responsible for the conduct of the team during team competition and individuals are responsible for their own conduct during doubles/singles competition. Disruptive and unsportsmanlike conduct, profane language and obscene gestures will not be tolerated during tournament competition. No externally broadcast or disruptive music is permitted.
15. **ONE LANE COURTESY EACH WAY WILL BE FOLLOWED AND ENFORCED FOR THE ENTIRE TOURNAMENT.** No obscene playing cards will be permitted on tables during tournament competition.
16. **PROFESSIONAL PBA OR PWBA CARD CARRIERS:** All bowlers who are Professional PBA or PWBA card carriers at the time of bowling are limited to two (2) on five (5) bowler Team and one (1) on a two (2) bowler team (Doubles). Automatic disqualification for failure to comply.
17. **PAYMENT:** Remittance must be made in a form of a check or money order payable to the OHIO STATE USBC. A \$30.00 charge will be assessed by the Ohio State USBC for any checks returned as unpaid by the bank. **NO POST DATED CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR ANY REASON.**
18. **GENERAL:** USBC Rules will govern all bowling during the tournament. The Tournament Director will be responsible for enforcing the rules and resolving disputes during the tournament. The bowler, by voluntary participation in the Championships, agrees to comply with the final decision of the Tournament Director. Only participants and

The entrants whose names appear hereon, or their authorized replacements, hereby agree that the Ohio State USBC, its officers and agents shall be liable only to the extent of returning entry fees if and when these entrants shall be prevented from bowling any event in the tournament through delay, unexpected, yet necessary, schedule change, or premature termination of the tournament, which may be brought about by war, national emergency or emergencies or causes relating thereto or resulting therefrom, fires, terrorist threats, strikes, lockouts, pandemics, labor difficulties or other causes beyond the control of the Ohio State USBC.