

MASSACHUSETTS STATE USBC BOWLING ASSOCIATION

58th Annual Championship Tournament

Certified by United States Bowling Congress



Hosted by: Greater Gardner USBC BA

Tournament will take place at:

Gardner Ten Pins

560 W Broadway

Gardner, MA. 978 632-0010

Tournament Dates April 15 – 16

April 22-23, April 29-30, May 6-7, and May 13

MAIL IN ENTRIES CLOSE APRIL 1st 2017

There **WILL-NOT** be an extension for the mail-in closing date

Walk-in entries are welcomed, **cash only basis**, dependent upon availability

HANDICAP 90 % OF 240 (as computed on a three game basis)

Prize Fee split— 60% Handicap and 40% Scratch

Entry Fee Per Person/ per event

Prize Ratio

Prize Fee	\$14.25
Bowling Fee	\$9.75
Tournament Expense	\$5.00
TOTAL EVENT FEE/ PERSON	\$29.00
Optional All Events	\$6.00

Team, Doubles, Singles at least 1 in 5
All Events 1 in 15

All prize money returned 100%

CO-Tournament Director – Mark Richard

CO-Tournament Director – Tommy Pelham

Association email — mrichard@gardnertenpins.com

Entries and Results available on www.ggusbca.com

Team Event Squad

Date Received

Team Name: _____

Association: _____

Bowler Name	Address (in Full)	Average	USBC#
1)			
2)			
3)			
4)			
5)			

Team Squad Times: Saturday April 15, 22 & 29 and May 6 - 12 noon
 Sunday April 16, 23 & 30 and May 7- 12 noon
 Saturday May 13 – 1pm

I hereby certify that these averages are correct and confirm to Rule 6 (please print legibly)

1st choice date: _____ Time: _____ Captain Sign. _____2nd choice date: _____ Time: _____ Phone #: _____

Email Address _____

Average	Name (Please Print)	Doubles	Singles	All Events
	1-1)			
	1-2)			
	2-1)			
	2-2)			
	3-1)			
	3-2)			

Singles/Doubles Squad Times: Saturday April 15, 22 & 29 and May 6 – 9am & 3:30pm
 Sunday April 16, 23 & 30 and May 7- 9am & 3:30pm
 Saturday May 13 – 10am

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One person from each Doubles team must sign below

Double Team 1: 1st choice date: _____ 2nd choice date: _____ Sign _____Double Team 2: 1st choice date: _____ 2nd choice date: _____ Sign _____Double Team 3: 1st choice date: _____ 2nd choice date: _____ Sign _____

Please complete this form and remit all fees with this application

Team	#	@ \$145.00 each	\$
Doubles Pairs	#	@ \$58.00 each	\$
Singles	#	@ \$29.00 each	\$

All Events	#	@ \$6.00 each	\$
Total Remitted			\$

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: GREATER GARDNER USBC BA
MAIL FORM AND MONEY TO: Tommy Pelham CO-TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR, 76 Highland Ave Leominster MA 01453
PLEASE READ ALL RULES, ESPECIALLY RULE 6 IN ITS ENTIRETY

TOURNAMENT RULES

1. **ELIGIBILITY**-- Entrants must be USBC members belonging to a local association affiliated with the Massachusetts State USBC Bowling Association. Nonresidents of Massachusetts may participate providing that they be, prior to the closing date for entries, members of a USBC local association in Massachusetts. Entrants under 18 must submit an approved parental consent form before bowling.
2. **PARTICIPATION**—Multiple participation is permitted in teams, doubles or singles so long as the bowler(s) entering/re-entering has already been submitted on an entry prior to entries closing.
 - a. Multiple participation is permitted in the team event. The same 5 bowlers may re-enter during subsequent team squads as long as there are lanes available, but may only cash once. For a team to be considered a new team at least 2 bowlers must be different.
 - b. Multiple participation is permitted in the doubles event. Any 2 bowlers may re-enter the doubles event on subsequent doubles/singles squads, but may only cash once with the same partner.
 - c. For re-entries you may bowl just singles or just doubles. All re-entries **MUST** register at least 1 hour before squad time. **No checks will be accepted after mail-in closing date.**
 - d. The first score bowled in each event shall count toward the all events score.
3. **CHAMPIONS**— Scratch and Handicap Champions will be determined in each event. The contestants scoring the highest total handicap pinfall are declared the State Handicap Champion in the event. The contestant scoring the highest scratch pinfall will be declared the State Champion in the event. Appropriate chevrons and awards will be awarded to all champions.
4. **CASH AWARDS**— Cash prizes are awarded based on the total pinfall standings except that a person / team qualifying in both scratch and handicap category in the same event must take the larger cash award. Should the cash prize be equal in each category, the person / team shall automatically be placed in the scratch category. The prize fund shall be returned 100% (60% Handicap and 40% Scratch).
5. **TIE SCORES**—A roll-off will decide only ties for first place. The roll-off will take place at the site of the tournament and at a time and date to be announced by the tournament committee. One (1) game is bowled to resolve ties regardless of the event. Cash prizes for all other ties shall have the two prizes combined and divided equally among the tied parties.
6. **ENTERING AVERAGES – Rule 6A:**
 1. Each participant must use their highest USBC certified average for 21 games or more for the 2015-2016 bowling season (see your association Yearbook for averages).
 2. If the bowler has no certified average for the 2015-2016 bowling season, they shall use their highest certified average the 2015-2016 season for 21 games or more as of January 1, 2017.
 3. If the bowler has no certified average under (1) or (2), then he/she must use his/her highest certified 2015-2016 summer league average of 21 games or more.
 4. If a bowler has no certified average under (1), (2), or (3), then he/she must use his/her highest current certified average in a sport shot league of 21 games or more as of January 1, 2017. A sport shot average will be adjusted per Chapter V, USBC Rules.
 5. All others must bowl scratch.

Rule 6B: If a bowler's current USBC certified average for 21 games or more as of January 1, 2017 is 10 or more pins higher than 2015-2016 season average, then the bowler must use his/ her current average.

Rule 6C: Each entrant should be familiar with the USBC Rules 319c and 319e. 1. The bowler is responsible for keeping a record of the names, dates, scores, and prize winnings in all tournaments entered in the previous 12 months. These include all tournaments scores bowled in accordance with the game of American tenpins. 2. A bowler shall adjust his/her average if, during the 12 month period immediately preceding the time and date of bowling; the bowler's accumulated average must be used for handicapping or classification purposes. A bowler whose tournament rules allow for such adjustment to be made within a specified time after bowling Failure to use adjusted average in accordance with the foregoing is cause for forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings, and the bowler is subject to suspension of membership in USBC.

Rule 6D: Bowlers are responsible for verifying their own average, whether submitted by the bowler, team captain, or others. If submitted average is lower than the required and results in a lower classification or more handicap, the bowler's score may be disqualified. If the average is higher than required, prize winnings are awarded on submitted average. In the case of a team of two or more bowlers, the averages will be combined to determine if the correct total is higher or lower than the submitted total.

Rule 6E: Average corrections are permitted up to the end of the first game of a series. Alternatively, if an extension of time has been granted in writing by tournament management before the end of the first game of a series. The correction can be made within 48 hours after the end of the series. Rule 319d. will be enforced. Any bowler failing to report prize winning above \$600 over the during the 12 month period immediately preceding the time and date of bowling may be disqualified.
7. **HANDICAP** -- Handicaps will be 90% of the difference between the entrant's entering average and 240, as computed on a three game basis.
8. **NOTIFICATION** – Team captains are notified by mail of their scheduled bowling time. Changes in the time requested may be required as squads become filled. Squad assignments will be made as applications are received by the **TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR. NO REFUNDS AFTER THE TOURNAMENT CLOSING DATE.**
9. **CHECK-IN** -- All participants must check in at least 30 minutes prior to their scheduled time. Tardy bowlers may start bowling at any time; however a zero will be recorded for each frame missed. Frames missed may not be made up. Team captains must present USBC membership cards for each team member at the check in desk.
10. **REPLACEMENTS** – Replacements must be made in writing to the tournament director at least one hour prior to scheduled bowling time. Replacements must bowl in the line-up in the place of the bowler he/she replaces. No replacement may be made in violation of rule 1. Any transfer of All-events fees must be made before the regular bowler or his/ her replacement bowl in any event. No replacement may be made without the approval of either the team captain or tournament director.

11. TOURNAMENT DRESS CODE — Allowable — Lapel-collared or a mock-turtle neck shirt with a permanently affixed bowling industry logo, dress trousers, skirts or jeans, and dress type golf shorts. Not Allowable — T-shirts, tank tops, hats, torn jeans, jean shorts, cut-offs, or workout pants. Also any clothing determined to be offensive by the tournament director. No electronic devices will be allowed on the lanes.

12. RULES — All USBC Rules will govern in all situations not covered by the above.

13. Lanes will be oiled each day prior to the 9am squad and the 3:30pm squad.

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