



GRAND STRAND USBCA 2024 ANNUAL CITY CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT ADULT RULES



This tournament is certified with the United States Bowling Congress through the Grand Strand USBC Association. USBC rules will govern situations not covered in the following rules:

1. All adult members of the Grand Strand USBCA aged **18 and older and bowl in a sanction league in the Grand Strand at time of entry and participation** are eligible to enter this tournament.
2. The tournament shall consist of two entities: one for Women Only, and one Open Tournament. In both entities the events offered are four-person teams, doubles, singles, and all events. Three consecutive games shall be bowled in teams, doubles and singles events. The All Events score shall be total pins for the first three games bowled in each event (a total of 9 games). **All entrants in any doubles event must also bowl in the singles event, and vice versa except for re-entries.**
3. Re-entries are permitted in any event, subject to the following conditions, which apply to each entity:
 - a. No more than two (2) bowlers shall cash together on a four-bowler team.
 - b. In no case shall the same two-bowler doubles team be permitted to cash more than once.
 - c. In no case shall an individual be permitted to cash more than once in singles.
 - d. Re-entries in either doubles and/or singles must be scheduled to bowl doubles and singles on a prior squad before re-entering in these events.
4. Entries **close February 02, 2024**. All entries postmarked the first post office business day after the entry closing date shall be accepted. Full payment of all fees must accompany the entry forms the entry forms.
5. **Entry fees are \$26.00 per bowler, per event**, with an All Events fee of \$3.00. **Make checks or money orders payable to GSUSBCA**, and mail to the tournament director listed on the entry form. **There will be no refunds.**
 - a. Returned checks will be subject to a \$30 service charge, in which case all entry fees and service charges must be paid in cash **prior** to bowling in the tournament.
 - b. Entry fees are broken down as follows: \$11.50 prize fund, \$12.25 bowling fee and \$2.25 expenses. All prize money will be returned 100% to bowlers in the event and division collected, will be paid at the ratio of at least one in every six entries in that event and division. All Events will be paid at the ratio of at least 1 in every 12 entries each division.
6. Bowlers must use their highest Grand Strand USBC certified league average, regardless of whether bowled as a regular member or a substitute. Averages will be accepted in the following order:
 - a. Highest Grand Strand USBC 2022-2023 winter yearbook average for at least 21 games.
 - b. Highest GSUSBC summer certified league average for the 2023 season for at least 21 games.
 - c. If no yearbook or summer average, use highest current GSUSBC certified league average for 21 games or more as of midnight **02/02/2024**.
 - d. If none of the above applies, entrant is required to use an assigned average of 230. It will be the bowler's responsibility to ensure that the correct average is submitted, or scores may not count. **The Ten Pin Rule applies.**
7. This tournament is handicapped, and **handicaps are assigned at 90% of the difference between a bowler's average and the scratch score of 230 for men and women. In the Women's Tournament there will be One division** as follows:

	DIVISION A	
Team	All One Division	
Doubles	All One Division	
Singles & All Events	All One Division	

In the Open Tournament there will be two divisions, as follows:

EVENTS	DIVISION A	DIVISION B
Team	700 and above	699 & below
Doubles	350 and above	349 & below
Singles & All Events	175 and above	174 & below

8. **All bowlers must check in one hour prior to squad time.** In the team event, the team captain may collect all USBC cards from his/her team and check them in without their presence. In the doubles/singles event the bowlers may check in individually. **PROPER BOWLING ATTIRE IS REQUIRED. Not okay crop tops, tank tops, short shorts, mini skirts, mini skorts, leggings no sagging pants and hats (only for medical reasons). Skorts or shorts are too short when their hemmed edge comes above a bowler's fingertips when the bowler is standing straight with arms down.**
9. Any player or team arriving after the squad has started bowling will be allowed to bowl, and the scores will count beginning in the frame then being bowled. **No scores will be given for frames missed,** and no make-up frames are permitted.
 - a. **Substitutes will be allowed, and should arrive an hour and 1/2 prior to squad time,** so the tournament directors can make handicap, recap and monitor changes. Both substitute and team captain must complete a sub form.
 - b. In an emergency, after a game has started, a substitute (if one is available) shall be allowed in the team and doubles events only. The combined scores are to count in either of these events. If no substitute is available, only the actual score of the frames bowled shall count.
 - c. Pacers will not be allowed.
 - d. Substitutes will not be required to reimburse the original entrant for entry fee paid, nor shall the substitute be expected to give the original entrant any prize money or award he or she may win.
10. Winners of first place ties in any handicapped event (except All Events) shall be determined by a one-game roll-off within seven days, at a time to be scheduled by the tournament director. GSUSBCA will pay the lineage, and total pins plus handicap will decide the winner. First place ties for All Events will have the prize money combined and divided equally.
11. Entries will be scheduled according to requests, **if possible,** and in the order received. **Line-ups will be the same as listed on the entry forms, and will not be changed** except for an emergency.
 - a. Each event will be bowled on a pair of lanes.
 - b. No more than two pairs of doubles will be assigned to a pair of lanes.
12. Doubles event will be bowled first, followed by singles. Doubles and singles will be bowled on the same pair of lanes.
13. When players are scheduled alone on a pair of lanes, they must bowl as though they were actually contested. Players shall complete a frame on one lane before the leadoff player commences the next frame on the adjoining lane.
14. The Tournament Directors shall decide any question not covered by tournament rules (USBC Rule 303). Any protest involving eligibility, playing rules, etc., must be filed in writing with the Tournament Directors no later than 48 hours after the tournament has ended. Errors in scoring must be reported to a tournament official within 24 hours after the games are bowled.
15. The GSUSBCA Board of Directors shall hear and decide any protests concerning the tournament.
16. The entrants whose names appear on this application and/or their authorized replacements hereby agree that the GSUSBC, and its officers and agents, shall not be liable for any injury resulting from participation in bowling in the GSUSBC City Championship Tournament, absent willful or gross negligence on the part of GSUSBC.