

Tournament Rules

1) Bowlers are eligible to participate in this tournament if they have paid their 2024-25 USBC Membership dues thru the Greater Baltimore USBC Association (either full membership at \$25 or co-association at \$10).

2) AVERAGE RULE:

1. Entrants who have a 21-game GBUSBCA average for the 2023-2024 season (GBUSBCA summer average is used only if no winter average) will bowl with handicap.

2. Entrants who do not meet criteria 1, but are active GBUSBCA bowlers with a GBUSBCA 21-game average as of February 16, 2025 are also eligible for handicap. If using the average from a current GBUSBCA 2023-2024 league, please provide a written verification of this average, signed by the league secretary, to the tournament director prior to the start of bowling.

3. If criteria 1 or 2 does not apply, then we welcome the entrant as a scratch bowler without handicap, so a 230 applies as the average.

3) Prize fund shall be returned 100%. Prize ratio shall be at least 1 in 10.

4) Unlimited multiple participation is permitted. USBC Rule 315 applies.

5) USBC Rule 319a(2), ten pin up rule, will not apply.

6) USBC Rule 319d applies. Entrant must report (in writing) all prizes which they have qualified for within the last 12 months to tournament management prior to bowling. Failure to comply may result in forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings.

7) USBC Rule 319c (Rerating) applies. It shall be each entrant's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average, whether originally submitted by the entrant, team captain or others. Failure to use proper average shall disqualify scores if submitted average is lower than actual average. If you have been re-rated in the past 12 months, in any tournament, you must report in writing to the tournament director prior to squad time, If not reported, it is cause for disqualification.

8) Pre-registered bowlers shall check in 30 minutes prior to scheduled squad time. For walk-in entry bowlers, please arrive 60 minutes prior to scheduled squad time.

9) A \$25.00 fee will be charged for any checks returned by our bank for non-payment.

10) USBC rules applicable to sanctioned tournaments apply when not specifically covered by these rules.

11) The Tournament Director shall decide any questions not specifically covered by these rules.