

# Greater Austin Area USBC Open City Championship Rules 2023-2024

## TOURNAMENT IS OPEN TO ANY MIX ADULT MALE/FEMALE

1. Entry is limited to members in good standing of the Greater Austin Area USBC who have a qualifying average for participation, as follows:

**AVERAGE RULING A** – Entrants shall use their HIGHEST GAAUSBC 2022-2023 book average of at least 21 games.

**AVERAGE RULING B** – If Ruling A does not apply, the bowler will use their highest 2022-2023 summer average of at least 21 games if verifiable on BOWL.com.

**AVERAGE RULING C** – If Rulings A & B do not apply, entrant will use their highest 21 or more game current average from a **GAAUSBC CERTIFIED LEAGUE** as of April 1, 2024. **Must provide verification from league secretary.**

**AVERAGE RULING D** – If none of the above Rulings apply, bowler will use 220.

### **USBC TOURNAMENT RULE 319 a-2 (10 pin rule) WILL NOT apply.**

*Tournament Director has the right to re-rate entrants and has final say in any questions or disputes regarding the tournament or tournament payout. Each bowler is responsible for verification of their average whether submitted by bowler, team captain or others. Average books are available at all local bowling centers or online at [www.usbcaustin.org](http://www.usbcaustin.org). Please enter all names exactly as shown on USBC membership cards. Averages will be checked on all bowlers that win prize money. Failure to use the proper average or make a correction prior to completion of the first game bowled shall disqualify the score if submitted average is lower than actual average. Any protest must be explicit and in writing as soon as possible after infraction occurred. In no case will a protest be considered after the prize list has been paid.*

2. The tournament will have two (2) average-based divisions each for team, doubles, singles and all events. Handicap is based on 90% of 220. Bowlers holding professional cards or coming in under the qualifications of Article 7, USBC Championship Rules will be classified as professional bowlers. **Team entry is limited to two (2) professional bowlers per team. Doubles entry is limited to one (1) professional bowler.**

	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>DOUBLES</u>	<u>SINGLES &amp; ALL EVENTS</u>
<b>Division 1</b>	720 & UP	360 & UP	180 & UP
<b>Division 2</b>	719 – UNDER	359 – UNDER	179 – UNDER

3. **MULTIPLE ENTRIES** – A BOWLER MAY ENTER THE TEAM EVENT AS MANY TIMES AS DESIRED, PROVIDED NO MORE THAN TWO (2) PLAYERS REPEAT ON THE SAME TEAM. First team series bowled will count towards all-events only. **Each squad is limited to 16 teams and 24 doubles/singles.**
4. The GAAUSBC shall recognize the city champion as the individual who bowls the highest ALL-Events **scratch** score.
5. If only bowling doubles/singles, the entry form should only list the names of the bowlers who are submitting payment with this entry. **Entrants MUST bowl doubles to bowl singles and vice versa.**
6. It is the team captain's responsibility to secure team members and substitutes as needed. Substitutes should report to tournament check in no later than 30 minutes prior to scheduled squad time. A substitute shall not participate in All Events unless they bowl all three (3) events as a substitute for the same original entrant. All events entry must be paid prior to bowling.
7. Any player arriving late shall receive a zero for each frame missed and shall begin bowling with the frame being bowled once they are ready to participate. All players should check in 30 minutes prior to squad time.
8. No pacers will be allowed in any of the events.
9. No refunds will be made after an entry has been confirmed and scheduled.
10. Participants are required to wear **SUITABLE ATTIRE**. Skirts and shorts should be a minimum of mid-thigh in length. No crop tops or tank tops will be allowed. No cutoff or bike shorts. Shirts must have sleeves.
11. The total prize fund shall be distributed on the basis of at least one (1) cash prize for every five (5) entries on the team, doubles and singles events. At least one (1) cash prize for every eight (8) all events entries. Checks will be mailed to team captains within 30 days of tournament completion.
12. **If entering by mail, make checks payable to GAAUSBC. Mail entry form and payment to: Greater Austin Area USBC, 20505 Horned Owl Trail. Mailed entries must be RECEIVED by March 27th.**
13. Questions? Email Association Manager/Tournament Director for more information – [usbcaustin@gmail.com](mailto:usbcaustin@gmail.com)
14. **Lanes will be oiled prior to each squad.**