

Tournament Rules

- 1) Bowlers are eligible to participate in this tournament if they have paid their 2025-26 USBC Membership dues through 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 2024-2025 season (if no winter average, a summer average will be used) 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 7, 2026 are also eligible for handicap. **If using the average from a current GBUSBCA 2025-2026 league, please provide written verification of this average, signed by the league secretary, to the tournament director prior to the start of bowling. If in multiple leagues, submit average of the highest current average. Reference rule 11.**
 3. If criteria 1 or 2 does not apply, THEN we welcome the entrant as a scratch bowler without handicap, so a 240 applies as the average.
- 3) Prize fund shall be returned 100%. Prize ratio shall be at least 1 in 10 for each event.
- 4) Unlimited multiple participation is permitted. USBC Rule 315 applies.
- 5) No more than two PBA Members shall be permitted to bowl on a four person team while no more than one PBA member shall be permitted to bowl on a doubles team. A violation of this rule will result in disqualification.
- 6) Entrants must enter both singles and doubles when entering minor events.
- 7) Singles shall be bowled first in minor events.
- 8) All Events: All Events is a separate prize category where your FIRST scores from each event (Team, Doubles, and Singles = 9 games bowled) are totaled to compete for an additional scratch OR handicap prize. It does not matter which entry you select to participate, you pay only once and your first scores bowled in the tournament are used. This is an OPTIONAL prize category, but you MUST sign up prior to the tournament start. Entry is not accepted after first ball of the tournament is delivered.
- 9) USBC Rule 319a(2), ten pin up rule, will not apply.
- 10) 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.
- 11) 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.
- 12) Bowler shall check in 30 minutes prior to scheduled squad time.
- 13) If an entry is first in both scratch and handicap in an event they will receive the title for both scratch and handicap. The cash award will be highest of the two associated values, not a sum of both.
- 14) A \$25.00 fee will be charged for any checks returned by our bank for non-payment.
- 15) Additional squads may be added during the tournament prior to the last scheduled squad.
- 16) USBC rules applicable to sanctioned tournaments apply when not specifically covered by these rules.
- 17) The Tournament Director shall decide any questions not specifically covered by these rules.