

Official Entry Form 2026



Arbor Valley
USBC
Association

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86th Annual Open Championship Tournament

This is a Handicap Tournament based on 90% from 230 Scratch.

Highest 2024-2025 average, 21 games or more, including summer leagues.

Tournament Opens • March 14, 2026

Reserved Entries Close • March 8, 2026

Late entries & Walk-ins for Team and S/D allowed if lanes available

Entries close ½ hour prior to squad time.

\$10.00 per walk-in entry

\$60 per team added to prize fund

Certified by USBC

Team Event

Saturdays - 9:00AM

March 14, 21, 28 & April 11, 18

Brighton Bowl

9871 E Grand River Ave, Brighton, MI 48116

Doubles & Singles

Sundays - 10:00AM

March 15, 22, 29 & April 12, 19

Lodge Lanes

**46255 S I94 Service Dr,
Belleville, MI 48111**

Open Championship Tournament Rules

Please Read Carefully

1. Eligibility

All bowlers entering the Arbor Valley USBC Assn. Open Championship Tournament must be at least 18 years old and adult members in good standing in the United States Bowling Congress (USBC).

ALL ENTRANTS MUST BE MEMBERS OF THE ARBOR VALLEY USBC ASSN. Bowlers who are members of multiple local associations must have a current season 21 game average within the Arbor Valley USBC Assn. or a 2024-2025 Arbor Valley USBC yearbook average (including summer leagues) of 21 games or more.

2. Scoring

The scoring will be on a handicap basis, and will be computed by adding 90% of the difference between the bowler's average and 230 scratch and will be computed on a three game series basis. There is no negative handicap.

USE HIGHEST AVERAGE FROM ANY CERTIFIED LEAGUE ANYWHERE.

Entrants in the Arbor Valley USBC Open Championship shall use their highest certified YEARBOOK average from the previous (2024-2025) season in **any** USBC association, provided they have bowled 21 games or more. 2025 Summer League averages of 21 games or more are considered YEARBOOK averages. If neither average applies, they will use their current certified season average as of December 31, 2025 provided they have bowled 21 or more games. If the entrant has none of these averages they may use their highest current certified league average of 21 or more games as of the date of their participation. Proof of this current average must be provided to the tournament manager prior to participation in any event. Failure to provide this documentation (league standing sheet) will result in the bowler using a 230 scratch average. **If any bowler's HIGHEST average of games bowled through December 31, 2025 is ten (10) pins or more higher for twenty-one or more games in any USBC certified league than their highest YEARBOOK average for 2024-2025 of twenty-one or more games, then they must use their highest average as of December 31, 2025.**

Any eligible entrant who has no average meeting the above requirements may enter and bowl without the benefit of handicap.

USBC rules 319.c (rerating) and 319.e (tournament average) will also apply. Rule 319d (reporting prize winnings) is waived.

It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average in this tournament, whether originally submitted by the bowler, their team captain, or others. Correction of averages can be made up to the completion of the first game of a series or within 48 hours of the completion of a series if the tournament manager, prior to the completion of the first game of the series, has given written consent to the bowler authorizing extension of time to correct their average. **Failure to use the proper average or make a correction prior to or at the time of bowling shall disqualify their scores if the submitted average is lower than actual average and increases the individual's handicap.** Prize winnings will be based upon the erroneous submitted average if it reduces the individual's handicap.

Scoring errors must be brought to the attention of the Tournament Manager within 72 hours of the completion of the series or the scores will not be corrected. In case of a tie for first place in any event, co-champions shall be declared. First and second place money shall be divided equally.

3. Entry Fees

Entry fees shall be \$25.00 per person per event (\$12.00 lineage, \$2.00 expense, \$11.00 prize fees). Optional team actual entry is \$50.00 per team. Optional events entry fees are \$5.00 per person for actual singles, actual doubles and actual and handicap All-Events. Prize fees will be returned 100% in prizes.

Ratio of HANDICAP prizes will be at least one prize for each 6 entries except All-Events Handicap, which will be at least one prize for each 12 entries. Ratio of actual prizes will be one for each 12 entries.

All fees must accompany the entry blank. All entry fees must be in the hands of the Association Office or postmarked by March 8, 2026. Deadline for teams with reservations is Saturday, March 8, 2026. Late entries for team and singles/doubles entries are allowed when lanes are available. Walk-in entries close ½ hour prior to squad time. **There is a \$10.00 fee per entry for walk-ins the day of the event.**

THERE IS A \$30.00 FEE FOR ANY RETURNED CHECKS, WHICH MUST BE PAID BEFORE PARTICIPATING IN THE TOURNAMENT!

4. Participation Restrictions

A bowler may compete up to three times in the team and singles/doubles events. Not more than three players can compete together more than once in the five-person team event. The same doubles pairings cannot compete more than once in the doubles event. Bowlers may cash up to three times in the singles and doubles events. When a bowler participates more than once in the five-person team or singles/doubles event their first score in the event shall count towards their all-events scores. Only two bowlers who have belonged to the PBA during the last 24 months will be allowed on each team. Only one bowler who has belonged to the PBA during the last 24 months is allowed on each doubles team. **Entrants in doubles event must bowl in singles event, and vice versa.**

All-Events: A replacement may be made in the All-Events providing the replacement is made before the original entrant and their replacement have bowled in the tournament.

5. Lane Assignments and Rosters

The Tournament Manager may pair teams according to averages. Two teams may request to be paired together if they notify the Tournament Manager at least five days before the squad. Teams will bowl all three games on the same pair of lanes.

The Tournament Manager will assign the starting lanes for Team, Doubles and Singles by random draw. Doubles and Singles will be bowled on the same pair of lanes.

The line-up of the Five-Person Team and Doubles Events will be printed as written on the entry blank unless the Captain gives the Tournament Manager five (5) days advance notice of the change. Substitutions may be made when the team Captain checks in. Substitutes will take the bowling order position of the person being replaced.

6. Protests

USBC playing rules shall govern situations not addressed in these rules. All decisions of the Tournament Manager are final unless an appeal is made in accordance with USBC Rule 329.

TEAM NAME _____

WHERE TEAM BOWLS _____

LEAGUE NAME _____

GIVE PREFERRED DATES BELOW. FILL IN ALL SPACES.

TEAM _____ S & D _____
1st choice 1st choice

TEAM _____ S & D _____
2nd choice 2nd choice

DATES NOT TO SCHEDULE _____

Note: Do Not Write in These Spaces

REGISTER NO.

| TEAM | DOUBLES | SINGLES | |
|------|---------|---------|-------|
| AE/H | | AE/A | |
| TEAM | DATE | TIME | LANE |
| D/S | DATE | TIME | LANES |

Give full names and list bowlers in order in which they will bowl. (6th bowler is bowling singles & doubles only)

✓ Check Team Captain

| Member No. | BOWLER'S FIRST NAME AND LAST NAME (Type or Print, Do not use pencil) (First Name) (Last Name) | Entering Average | \$5.00 All Events HDCP | \$5.00 All Events ACTUAL |
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Entrants in the doubles event must also enter the singles event. Entrants in the singles event must also enter the doubles event. Doubles entries must be complete (**Two, Four or Six Bowlers. If half pair is listed, money will be returned.**) If your fifth bowler is paired with one from another team, enter both on this entry form or both on the entry form for the other team. *Do not list the same pair on both entry forms. Do not split on each entry form.*

| Member No. | ENTER BOWLERS IN THE ORDER THEY ARE TO BOWL. GIVE FULL NAMES (FIRST NAME) (LAST NAME) | Entering Average | \$5.00 Actual Doubles | \$5.00 Actual Singles |
|------------|---|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | 1 2 | | | |
| 2 | 1 2 | | | |
| 3 | 1 2 | | | |

In order to be scheduled at the same time, teams bowling together should send entries and fees in the same envelope. Teams that wish to cross lanes together shall submit their entry forms and fees in the same envelope along with their written request to cross lanes.

THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED FOR MEMBERS OF OTHER ASSOCIATIONS ONLY.
List AVUSBC members who are also members of other associations and identifying all outside associations and bowling centers in which each participated during the 2024-2025 season.

| Full Name | Bowling Center | Association | Avg |
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Number of Bowlers Cost per Bowler Fees Due This Event

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|------------------------------|---------|--|
| Team Event | \$25.00 | |
| Optional Scratch Team Event | \$10.00 | |
| Doubles* | \$25.00 | |
| Optional Scratch Doubles* | \$5.00 | |
| Singles* | \$25.00 | |
| Optional Scratch Singles* | \$5.00 | |
| Optional Handicap All Events | \$5.00 | |
| Optional Scratch All Events | \$5.00 | |
| Walk-In | \$10.00 | |
| Total Fees Due | | |

***Bowlers Entering Doubles Must Also Enter Singles**

ENTRY COST PER ENTRANT PER EVENT

| | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Prize Fee | \$11.00 |
| Lineage Fee..... | \$12.00 |
| Tournament Expenses..... | \$2.00 |
| TOTAL FEES (Each event). | \$25.00 |

CAPTAIN (PLEASE PRINT)

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

E-MAIL

Pay by credit card:

Name on credit card:

Credit card type:

Credit Card Number: _____

Card Exp Date: _____ CVV: _____

E-MAIL

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11. *What is the primary purpose of the following sentence?*

All entry forms and full fees must be postmarked by March 8, 2026. (including those with advance reservations.) Team and singles/doubles entries accepted after this date if lanes are available. Entries close ½ hour prior to squad time.

Make checks payable to: **Arbor Valley USBC Assn.** (Remittance must be in form of check or money order).

Mail entries to: Arbor Valley USBC Assn.
3598 Bella Vista Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48108v

For Reservations Call: (734) 973-2695