

TOURNAMENT RULES

1. The Metro Phoenix USBC Association Open Championship Tournament is open to all current certified Metro Phoenix USBC members. Members of other USBC Associations are eligible provided they pay the required transfer fees prior to the start of the tournament.
2. A bowler may bowl twice in the team event, with a maximum of two (2) bowlers, from the original team, bowling on the second entry. When a bowler is a member of more than one team, the first scores bowled will be used for all-events. Multiple entries will not be allowed for doubles, singles, or all events.
3. Members of any professional bowler's organization shall be limited to two (2) members in the team event and one (1) member in the doubles event.
4. Three (3) games will be bowled in each event. Doubles and Singles will be bowled on the same pair of lanes.
5. Participants must enter both Doubles and Singles events to compete in either. Doubles will be bowled first.
6. Averages:
 - a. Entrants shall use their highest 2022-2023 certified Arizona league average (winter) minimum 21 games.
 - b. If no 2022-2023 certified Arizona league average is available, the bowler will use the highest certified Arizona league average as of March 9, 2024, with 21 games or more. Each bowler must provide a copy of their Arizona certified league sheet from the league secretary as verification.
 - c. If none of the above, the bowler will be assigned an average of 230.
 - d. It shall be the responsibility of each bowler to verify their own average, whether submitted by the bowler, team captain or some other person. Failure to use proper average may result in disqualification if submitted average is lower than the actual average. Corrections may be permitted up to the completion of the first game of a series.
 - e. Bowlers with a Sport/Challenge average will have their average adjusted, using the USBC Average Adjustment Chart, **if the bowler does not have a standard average.**
 - f. USBC Rule 319(a) is applicable for this tournament. If at the time of bowling, the current season average, minimum of 21 games, is 10 or more pins higher than the yearbook average, the current average must be used.
 - g. USBC Rule 319(c) dealing with AVERAGES ADJUSTMENTS APPLIES. Bowlers whose tournament average for the last 3 tournaments, minimum of 21 games is 15 pins or more higher than their yearbook average, will be re-rated to their tournament average.
 - h. USBC Rules 319(d) and 319(e) will not apply.
7. Handicap will be 90% of the difference between the bowler's average and 230, with no negative handicap.
8. Tournament participants are not allowed to practice on their scheduled lanes within 2 hours of squad time.
9. An appropriate award will be given to the scratch winners in each division of each event. In the event of a tie in any event or any division, Co-Champions will be declared.
- 10. Entrants not paying the optional Handicap and/or Scratch All events fees will not be eligible for appropriate awards and/or cash prizes in these events.**
11. Prize fees will be returned 100% with a minimum ratio of 1:6 in each event. Exception: the optional Scratch and Handicap All Events will pay 1:12 in either event.
12. Entrants shall register 30 minutes prior to their scheduled squad time. Late bowlers may bowl in accordance with USBC Rule 322. All participants will bowl at their scheduled squad time or be subject to forfeiture of their entry fee. There will be no lineup changes in any event.
13. Substitutions made at the tournament site must complete the entire series in which they substituted. Example: Team for Team; Doubles for Doubles; Singles for Singles, per USBC Rule 324b
14. No entry fees will be refunded after the tournament has begun. USBC Rule 314
15. No unreasonable delay in the progress of any game will be permitted. **USBC Rule 11:** In an effort to keep squads on time only 1 lane courtesy is required.
 - a. Including practice, competition needs to be completed in: Team Event within 3 hours and 20 minutes Doubles/Singles within 3 hours.
16. **No Bowler shall be permitted to use any ball that has not been released to the general public at the time of the event.**
17. All decisions of the Tournament/Association management will be final unless an appeal is filed with tournament management. USBC Rule 329
18. Entries deadline is March 8, 2024. If space permits, entries will be accepted up to March 16, 2024.
19. The cleaning of the bowling ball surface is limited to a dry cloth, shammy, towel, or rag.
20. Tournament/Association management reserves the right to cancel any tournament and/or squad due to lack of entries/participation by the closing date of the tournament, or as deemed necessary. All entries with fees will be returned to the team captain.
21. The current USBC Playing Rules Book shall govern any rule not covered above.
22. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. Corrective action by the on-site tournament director will be final.
23. **DRESS CODE: Proper bowling attire: Allowed - Polo Shirt, Bowling Jersey, Collared Shirt, Hemmed Jean Shorts, Jeans (neat & clean), Dress or Casual Pants, Capri Pants, Skirt, Skort (length below fingertips). NOT ALLOWED: T-Shirts, Tank tops, Workout attire (sweatpants, sweatshirts, spandex), Leggings of any kind, Halter tops, Bare midriff/tube tops, Sleeveless tops, and Spaghetti tops, Hats or Headwear, Caps, Clothing with obscenities, Holes, Frays, Tears. The Tournament Director will have the final decision regarding acceptable attire.**