

## GREATER OKLAHOMA CITY AREA USBC OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

1. **ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS:** Any male or female USBC member in good standing that has paid for an Adult Membership through the Greater Oklahoma City Area USBC. Participants who are not Greater Oklahoma City Area USBC members may qualify prior to participation by paying the appropriate associate membership dues.
2. **ENTERING AVERAGE:**
  - a. Previous season's highest of:
    - 1) A single USBC league average based on a minimum of 21 games.
    - 2) A composite average of all USBC leagues, including leagues with less than 21 games
  - b. If no average last year, use highest current season USBC average (as of January 20, 2024) of a single USBC league average based on a minimum of 21 games or more.
  - c. Bowlers with neither of the above averages must bowl scratch.
3. **HANDICAP** is determined as (225 minus your ENTERING AVERAGE) multiplied by 80%.
4. If current season average (as of January 20, 2024) of a single USBC league average exceeds last season's average by 10 or more pins, current season average (as of January 20, 2024) must be used (Rule 319a-2).
5. Reporting of previous tournament winnings will apply (Rule 319d).
6. The average adjustment rule will apply (Rule 319e).
7. It is each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their own average in handicap tournaments, whether originally submitted by the bowler, the team captain or others. Failure to use the correct average may disqualify the score if submitted average is lower than correct average, thereby resulting in a lower classification or more handicap. Prize winnings will be based on the submitted average, if it is higher than the correct average (Rule 319-3).
8. If there is a breakdown of pin-setting equipment or scoring device bowlers may be moved to the first available lanes, or may bowl out on one lane if a pair of lanes is not available. Failure of the scoring device shall not void score of games already completed, but if the status of an incomplete game cannot be recreated through the automatic scoring equipment data file, the game underway shall be re-bowled.
9. **CASH PRIZES:** There is 1 cash prize for each 6 entries in the Team, Doubles and Singles events. There is 1 cash prize for each 15 entries in the Handicap All-Events and Scratch All-Events competitions. All prize fees collected in an event will be returned 100% to the participants in that event (Rule 308).
10. **ENTRIES & FEES:** Entries and Fees are accepted on the USBC Online Tournament portal at bowl.com. If unable to register online, contact OKC USBC at (405) 943-5590 for assistance. Reserved entries close at midnight January 20, 2024. Entries received after this date will be assessed a \$20 administrative fee.
11. **TEAMS** may be composed of all men, all women or mixed with a playing strength of four. No team or doubles may have more than 1 member of the PBA or PWBA.
12. **MULTIPLE ENTRIES:**
  - a. **SINGLES EVENT:** Enter as often as you like. For each Singles entry, you must also enter Doubles.
  - b. **DOUBLES EVENT:** Enter as often as you like. You **MUST** change your doubles partner with each Doubles entry.
  - c. **TEAM EVENT:** Enter as often as you like. No more than 2 members of the original team are allowed to compete together on another team.
  - d. **ALL-EVENTS:** Bowlers entering the Team, Doubles and Singles events may have their scores count towards the All-Events (Handicap and/or Scratch) competitions with optional entry fees paid.
13. **SUBSTITUTES** will be allowed, however, no change in the line-up position of the person being replaced will be allowed. All substitutions will be made at the discretion of the Tournament Director and should be requested at least 30 minutes prior to the start time of event. Substitutes are eligible to participate in the All-Events competition **ONLY** if the substitute is for the same person in Team, Doubles and Singles **AND** the original member has pre-paid for the All-Event competition prior to the entry deadline.
14. The Tournament Director may inspect any bowling ball for compliance with USBC specification at any time during the tournament.
15. **LATE ARRIVALS:** Check in begins 1 hour prior to scheduled start time of each event. Bowlers arriving after the start of their scheduled event must begin in the frame being bowled when they arrive. A zero is assigned to each missed frame.
16. **USBC CERTIFIED:** Certification Number 6738. All USBC rules will apply.
17. **TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:** John Williamson, Association Manager of the Greater Oklahoma City Area USBC.
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