

TOURNAMENT RULES

CERTIFICATION: This tournament will be certified by the USBC.

FORMAT: This tournament will be run in two divisions. Those averaging 199 and under and those averaging 200 and over (see average eligibility rule). Both divisions are handicap. See Handicap rule as the handicaps are different between divisions. All prizes will be paid based on handicap scores. Bowlers may ONLY bowl in the division for which they qualify per the Average Eligibility Rule (see below).

PARTICIPATION: All adult members of the USBC and CA USBC as of Jan 17, 2026. Bowlers who paid their USBC dues through another association and residing outside of the boundaries of CAUSBC must have 21 games in a single CAUSBC league as of Jan 10, 2026 to be eligible to participate.

ELIGIBILITY:

199 and Under Division-All bowlers in this tournament must not have a 2024 -25 CA USBC Yearbook average of over 199 (highest average). Bowlers with no 2024-25 CA USBC Yearbook average must not have a current USBC average in a CA USBC certified league of over 199 in their highest league with 21 or more games as of Jan 10, 2026. Bowlers not qualifying for the 199 and Under division by the preceding conditions will bowl in the 200 and over Division.

200 and Over Division -All bowlers must have a 2024-25 average of 200 or over to be in this division. Bowlers with no 2024-25 average must have a league average as of Jan 10, 2026 of 200 or better. Bowlers with none of the above will bowl scratch in the 200 and over division.

EVENTS:

SINGLES: All bowlers will bowl a singles event each time they bowl. Bowlers may enter this event up to four times but cash in the singles only once. Bowlers will bowl four games on one pair of lanes using the best three of the four for positions in the standings.

DOUBLES: Bowlers will be allowed to pair up with other bowlers on their squad for a "doubles" event. This event will consist of the first three games bowled by each partner including handicap. The Singles and Doubles events will be bowled simultaneously. Both bowlers must enter the doubles event. Bowlers may pair with as many other bowlers as they want **on their squad AND within their division**. Doubles entries for bowlers on a squad will be accepted up to the scheduled starting time of the squad.

HANDICAP: 100% of 220 scratch for the 199U division. 80% of 220 scratch for the 200 and over division.

AVERAGES USED FOR HANDICAP: For tournament handicap purposes The following will apply for both divisions. Bowlers will use the highest of the following averages:

* **Highest** yearbook average for 2024-25

* Highest current average in CA USBC league as of Jan 10, 2026, with 21 or more games

* Tournament composite average

Entrants with current averages over 220 will bowl scratch. It is possible for a bowler in the 199U division to have a current or composite average of over 200 (but will still be eligible for the 199U division). Entrants in the 200 division without any of the above three averages will bowl scratch. USBC Rules 319a, 319d and 319e will be waived for this tournament.

ENTRY FEES: Entry fees must be paid prior to bowling. There will be a \$25.00 charge for *any* returned check for *any* reason. The entry for which it paid for will be cancelled until guaranteed funds are provided to the Tournament Committee along with THE \$25 charge. In the SINGLES event the entry fee is \$36.00 per individual (\$20.00 bowling and expense fee, \$16.00 prize fee). In the DOUBLES event the entry fee for each doubles pair is \$20.00 (\$20.00 prize fee). **ALL PRIZE FEES WILL BE RETURNED 100% IN THE FORM OF CASH PRIZES.** Walk in entry fee will be \$40 for singles per bowler (\$24 bowling and expense, \$16 prize fee)

RESERVATIONS AND ENTRY CLOSING DATE: Reservations will only be held with paid entries. Walk-ins will be accepted up to **one hour** before the **scheduled** starting time of any squad, space permitting. The tournament management reserves the right to shift bowlers to different squads to minimize small squads. Bowlers will be given sufficient notice in the event of a squad change.

AWARDS: All *cash* awards will be paid on a handicap basis for both divisions. Bowlers may cash only once in the singles event and only once **with the same partner** in the doubles event. At least **one in five** entrants will cash in both the singles and doubles events. In the case of a tie for any places, the tied participants will split the prize monies (i.e. a tie for first place will split the combination of first and second place prize money). Doubles monetary awards will be paid to both bowlers, regardless of who paid the entry fee.

GENERAL RULES

- Bowlers will bowl in the positions assigned by the tournament committee. Replacements must bowl in the same place as the original bowler. A replacement in fact will become the original bowler and all prize money will be paid to the bowler actually bowling the event.
- All squads will start on time unless held up due to equipment failure. A tardy bowler's score shall start in the frame in which he/she enters the game. Ten minutes of practice will be given, starting ten minutes **before** the **scheduled** starting time of a squad, lane availability permitting.
- Tournament management reserves the right to make full squads or limit the size of squads based on lane availability.
- **All prepaid entries must be accompanied by full fees. Entries will not be scheduled until fees are paid. There will be a \$25.00 charge for any returned check for any reason** and the entry for which it paid for will be cancelled until guaranteed funds are provided to the Tournament Committee along with the \$25 charge. **All entries paid for by such checks will be cancelled or disqualified if check returned after bowling. Failure to immediately pay for returned check will be cause for USBC disciplinary action.**
- Automatic scorers will be official and the bowler and at least one other competitor must initial the correctness of the transference of the score to the *OFFICIAL RECAP SHEET*. In the event of a loss of scores from the automatic scorers, games lost may need to be re-bowled in their entirety in accordance with USBC rules.
- The tournament committee reserves the right to reject any entrant prior to the scheduled time of bowling or at any time later in the tournament should an entrant be discovered ineligible to compete in accordance with the participation rules listed under TOURNAMENT RULES AND GENERAL RULES. Any entrant so rejected after beginning to bowl shall forfeit all entry fees and prize money. The committee shall remove from the lanes, after one warning, any entrant, who in the judgement of the committee, is guilty of misconduct.
- In the case of a breakdown, the tournament committee reserves the right to move the bowlers to an alternate pair of lanes. If moved, each bowler will be allowed ONE practice ball on each of the alternate lanes with no reracks between shots.
- The tournament management will be the Tournaments Committee of the Champaign Area USBC Association. Any protests must be submitted to the committee prior to the payment of prizes.
- USBC rules shall govern any situation not covered by the above rules.