

RULES & REGULATIONS — OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Only members of the Metro Detroit USBC Association bowlers are allowed in the tournament. Bowlers must have bowled 21 games or more in the Metro Detroit USBC Association the previous season or be MDUSBC members with 21 games or more in the current season in any given league in the MDUSBC as of the time of bowling. Collegiate bowlers with a Metro Detroit primary residence and those who live within the Metro Detroit area without being a current member of any other USBC location can purchase Affiliate membership cards (\$30.00) at ~~W~~ time of bowling.

All averages, including summer, are considered. Averages to use, the highest of those below in accordance with USBC Rule 319a except USBC Rule 319a(2) does not apply:

\$ Highest 2023-2024 USBC average with 21 games or more

% 2023-2024 USBC composite average as listed on bowl.com including averages with less than 21 games bowled

& 2023-2024 Sport to Standard Tournament average as specified in USBC Rule 201c for Sport/Challenge leagues

If none of the above use:

Highest 2022-2023 USBC average with 21 games or more

Highest average with 21 games or more as of December 31, 2024.

If no December 31st average use current, with verification, with 21 games or more.

If no December 31st or current average use 230.

3. Any four eligible members as stated in #1 above can form a team but not more than two players can compete together more than twice in the four person event. In Team event the same three or four players can bowl together twice, but only cash once (must change two players). In Doubles event the same two players can bowl together twice, but only cash once. In Singles a bowler can only cash once. Bowlers may bowl each of the events any number of times. Bowlers can pay for All Events up until bowling in their first event. If they bowl more than once in any event, first score will count for their All Events total.
4. Bowlers must report any lifetime re-rated average or tournament average adjustment to tournament management before bowling.
5. Doubles and singles cost is \$30 per person per event. All-events cost is \$10 per person. Optional scratch divisions in each event at a cost of \$10 per person per event. (Team event \$40, doubles event \$20, singles event \$10, all-events \$10). No refunds of entry fees (USBC Rule 314).
6. Point tabulation toward All City Team to be awarded to tournament leaders in doubles, singles and all events on actual pinfall basis. This would be the first time in each of the events only.
7. If entering doubles event, must bowl singles — or vice-versa — if entering singles, must bowl doubles.
8. Any individual submitting 10 or more teams shall receive a \$10.00 per team cash award. (They do not have to come from the same league). Or if you submit six to nine paid entries, you shall receive a \$50.00 cash award. You can qualify for only one of the above.
9. **NOTE:** It shall be the bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average. Failure to use the proper average shall disqualify score if submitted average is lower than actual average thereby resulting in more handicap. Prize winnings shall be based on the submitted average if it is higher than the actual average. In case of Doubles or Team Event, the averages shall be combined to determine whether the correct total is higher or lower than the submitted total. Corrections can be made up to the completion of the first game of a series or within 48 hours after completion of a series if the Tournament Manager, prior to the completion of the first game of a series, has given written consent to the bowler authorizing such extension of time to correct their average.
10. **All bowling equipment must be approved by USBC and no bowling ball can be used prior to the release date to the public.**