

2023 ALASKA STATE USBC OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT RULES -USBC CERTIFIED

1. All entrants in the Alaska USBC Tournament must be a member in good standing in their local association, Alaska State Association and USBC. To be eligible to enter the Alaska State USBC Open Tournament, a bowler must have a current season sanction card purchased through a certified league or purchase a card from the tournament director or other tournament official. An unmarried grade or high school student who has not attained the age of 18 shall have the written consent of one of their parents or guardians in order to participate in the association championship tournament. The consent shall be on a USBC approved form and shall be on file with the tournament director at least one week before the bowler is eligible for the tournament competition, unless the student is accompanied by their parent or guardian, in which case the parental consent form may be filed up to the time the student starts to bowl.
2. Handicaps shall be as follows: Divisions I, II and III will be 100% of the difference between the individual's average and 230.
3. Entrants in the Alaska USBC Tournament shall use their highest USBC certified average in the following order:
 - a) Previous winter season, provided they have bowled 21 or more games.
 - b) If no previous winter season average, an entrant shall use the highest USBC certified league average as of the end of the previous summer season, provided they have bowled 21 games or more.
 - c) If no previous winter or summer league average, an entrant shall use their highest current USBC certified league average for 21 games or more as of December 31, 2022.
 - d) An entrant without a 21-game average as of December 31, 2022 shall use their highest current certified average for 12 games or more as of February 28, 2023.
 - e) In the event of an association's only bowling center closing, member's certified average may be used for 2 consecutive years.
 - f) Tournament average relief will be governed by USBC rule number 4e.
 - g) All others will bowl scratch

The entrant must use their highest USBC certified league average regardless of whether bowled as a regular member or a substitute. When a bowler competes in leagues in more than one association, they shall use their highest current certified average to enter the tournament, based on the number of games required, unless the association tournament rules provide for the use of only those certified averages established in leagues within its jurisdiction.

4. USBC Rule 319a2 (10 pin rule) does apply. Rule 319c does not apply. Rule 319d does not apply. Rule 319e is waived. Rule 324a applies.
 - a. If an entrant's certified average is 10 pins higher than their yearbook average by December 31st, 2022, they will use their December 31st certified average.
5. All winners are subject to average verification by the tournament director.
6. Unlimited participation is permitted under the following provisions:
 - a) 4-person team event - Not more than 2 players on one team can place more than once in the event in any division for position standings. Should a duplicate team place in multiple divisions; the prize amount paid will be determined by the Winlabs software program.
 - b) Doubles event - In no case shall the same 2-person team be permitted to place more than once in the prize list for position standings.
 - c) Singles event - In no case shall the same individual be permitted to place more than once in the prize list for position standings.

Bowlers entering doubles or singles must enter both events. When a bowler competes more than once, their highest appearance in each event shall count toward their all events score.

7. Changes can be made to the entrant's scheduled time with the approval of the tournament director.
8. Substitutes will be allowed when warranted. Tournament Director should be advised as soon as possible, but not later than one hour before scheduled bowling time. Substitutions made because of an emergency are subject to the approval of the tournament director. A substitute must be able to provide their highest certified average. In the case of disability after a game is started, a substitute will be permitted if available, and the combined score shall count. If the substitutes certified average changes the division in any event, the event will be reclassified. An entrant arriving late will be permitted to bowl, with their scores to count beginning with the frame being bowled.
9. Team captains, doubles, and singles are to check in the entire team 30 minutes before squad time.
10. Singles will be bowled first. If one bowler in a doubles event has not arrived by the time the doubles event starts, and a substitute is not available, their partner will be allowed to bowl their games in the doubles event in order to qualify for all events.
11. When a team is scheduled by itself on a pair of lanes, and it is not possible to schedule this event with another team entered in the tournament, the team must bowl by itself on a pair of lanes. Each member will complete the frame on one lane before the team shall start its next frame on the adjoining lane. Pacers are not permitted.
12. No smoking, beverages, or food will be allowed in the bowling settee area. House rules prevail.
13. Each entrant must have a bowling ball for their individual use in the tournament.
14. Prize fund will be returned 100% based on one in ten entries for team, doubles, singles and all events, per division (see entry form) handicap and scratch.
15. Preliminary schedule will be posted and/or available on or before the opening of the tournament. It will be posted on the Facebook page Alaska State USBC Bowling Association. Bowlers will only be notified if requested squad time is not available.
16. All prize funds shall be distributed within 30 days following the close of the tournament, except when USBC has authorized delay in payment pending the settlement of a claim or protest which affects position standings.
17. Any protest affecting eligibility or general playing rules must be confirmed in writing to the tournament director or USBC before the tournament prize payments are made. Errors in scoring must be reported to the tournament director within 24 hours.

18. ENTRIES CLOSE TWO HOURS PRIOR TO THE SQUAD TIME CHOSEN ON A SPACE AVAILABLE BASIS. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE FILLED OUT IN THEIR ENTIRETY INCLUDING SANCTION NUMBER AND AVERAGES OR THEY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

19. Entry fees are non-refundable and shall be \$40 (\$18 lineage; \$17 prize fund, \$3 expense, \$2 fees) per person per event (team \$160, doubles \$80, singles \$40) Scratch events will be: team \$40; doubles \$20; singles \$10; all-events \$10. Handicap all-events will be \$10 per bowler. These must be paid prior to bowling. Unused expense is put into a separate fund for future State tournaments use.
20. This tournament shall be conducted in accordance with the USBC rules governing state association tournaments and the USBC general playing rules.
21. Standings will be posted on our Facebook page Alaska State USBC, Instagram alaskastateusbc. Additionally, final standings will also be posted at www.bowlalaska.com.
22. **ALASKA STATE USBC WILL ADHERE TO ALL COVID PROTOCOLS IN PLACE AT THE TIME OF THE TOURNAMENT INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO MASK WEARING AND LIMITING SPECTATORS.**
22. **ENTRIES MUST BE MAILED WITH PAYMENT TO ALASKA STATE USBC, PO Box 221515, Anchorage, AK 99522-1515. DO NOT TURN IN ENTRIES TO THE HOUSE OR LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS!** Checks should be made out to Alaska State USBC.

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March 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 2023 at Jewel Lake Bowl in Anchorage, AK

PLEASE READ THE RULES CAREFULLY AS THEY HAVE CHANGED!

ENTRIES SHOULD BE FILLED IN CORRECTLY AND FULLY OR THEY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!

	Team	Doubles	Singles
Division I	720 & over	360 & over	180 & over
Division II	600-719	300-359	150-179
Division III	599 & under	299 & under	149 & under

For Official Use Only	Date	Time	Entry#
Team			
D/S #1			
D/S #2			

Date	Squad Times		
Friday March 17		2pm	
Saturday March 18	9am	1pm	5pm
Sunday March 19	9am	1pm	
Friday March 24		2pm	
Saturday March 25	9am	1pm	5pm
Sunday March 26	9am	1pm	5pm

Early Bird Incentive!
All entries received by
mail prior to
March 7, 2023 are entered
into a drawing to win
one of 5 \$20 gift cards
Limited lane availability

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Entry Contact: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

TEAM

Team Name	1 st squad choice date/time	2 nd squad choice date/time

List in bowling order

Name	Sanction #	HOF or All Star	Average (see rule #3)	Mailing Address	R or L Hand
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					

DOUBLES/SINGLES

Entry #1 List in bowling order	1 st squad choice date/time	2 nd squad choice date/time

Name	Sanction #	HOF or All Star	Average (see rule #3)	Mailing Address (if not listed above)	R or L Hand
1.					
2.					

Entry #2 List in bowling order	1 st squad choice date/time	2 nd squad choice date/time

Name	Sanction #	HOF or All Star	Average (see rule #3)	Mailing Address	R or L Hand
1.					
2.					

Paid Side Events

Team	\$160	\$
D/S #1	\$160	\$
D/S #2	\$160	\$
All Events Hdcp	\$10/person	\$
Team Scratch	\$40	\$
Doubles Scratch #1	\$20	\$
Doubles Scratch #2	\$20	\$
Singles Scratch	\$10/person	\$
All Events Scratch	\$10/person	\$
Total Entry Paid		\$

Name	All Events Hdcp	Singles Scratch	Doubles Scratch	Team Scratch	All Events Scratch

For team and doubles scratch, all bowlers must pay for team or doubles to be entered in that event.

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