

7th Annual Greater Omaha Area USBC Open Tournament Rules

TOURNAMENT APPLICATION. Complete all information on the application. Full payment must accompany entry application.

1. **RESERVATIONS/CLOSING DATES.** To guarantee your entry date, payment should be made as soon as possible after calling in your entry. Walk-ins accepted up to one-half hour prior to last squad, based on lanes availability; entry fees by cash or check.

2. **ELIGIBILITY.** This tournament is open to all male and female league bowlers who are current or associate USBC members of the Greater Omaha Area USBC. All bowlers must display their 2011-2012 USBC Membership card at the time they bowl, if so requested. A non-member living within the jurisdiction of this association who is not a member of another association may enter by paying an associate membership fee of \$18.00.

3. **DIVISIONS.** This tournament will have two divisions:

<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>DOUBLES</u>	<u>SINGLES & AE</u>
Classic	1000>above	400>above	200>above
Regular	999<below	399<below	199<below

4. **HANDICAP.** 90% difference between entering average and 225 for all divisions. Bowlers above a 225 average receive no handicap.

5. **USBC RULES:** USBC Rule 319a3 regarding responsibility for average verification applies. USBC Rule 319e, Average Adjustment, USBC Rule 319d, Reporting Prior Prize Winnings and USBC Rule 319a2, Re-rate, are waived.

6. **ENTERING AVERAGE. Only Greater Omaha Area USBC standard ten pin average is acceptable.** A bowler will enter using their highest adult winter average for the 2010-2011 bowling season listed in the GOA USBC Yearbook or on file with the association. Bowler is required to declare correct average if their average in the yearbook is in error. If no 2010-2011 winter average, then the 2010-2011 summer average will be used. If no valid winter/summer 2010-2011 average, then entering average will be highest average based on a minimum of 21 games of the 2011-2012 winter season as of March 9, 2012. If a bowler needs more time to achieve 21 games this season, they may do so, but no later than the first day of the tournament. A bowler using this season's average must furnish proof of average by a league standings sheet, furnished to the Tournament Director as soon as possible, but not later than the first scheduled date to bowl; if not furnished, bowler will enter at 225. Members having no average may enter the tournament at 225.

7. **TEAM AVERAGE.** Team average is the combined total of the highest entering average of the five bowlers on the team, or two bowlers who make up the doubles team

8. **TEAM AND DOUBLES/SINGLES EVENTS.** Each event will be three games bowled on an assigned pair of lanes. Doubles and singles are a paired entry, and will be scheduled accordingly. Doubles event will be bowled first. No change in lineup allowed. See Rule 9 – Multiple Doubles.

9. **MULTIPLE ENTRIES.** Multiple entries in **team:** Only three members of a five person team already entered in the tournament may bowl together on another five person team. A bowler will be limited to **five** team entries. Multiple entries doubles: members of a doubles/singles team already entered in the tournament may enter in another **doubles/singles** event but must enter with a new partner. A bowler will be limited to three doubles entries.

10. **ALL EVENTS.** USBC Rule 306b. Fee must be paid before bowling in any of the events. USBC Rule 306c. All events entry can be transferred if the transfer is made before either of the bowlers involved have participated in any event of the tournament. Payment for All Events is optional. **A bowler may enter both scratch and handicap. Check All Events for those bowlers paying their All Events entry.** Each bowler paying into All Events is eligible to share in the All Events prize money. A bowler who places first in All Events, but has not paid the All Events entry fee, is eligible to receive only the Championship Award, and will not be entitled to any part of the All Events prize money. All Events scores will be awarded for scratch and handicap in each division. First team event score and the first doubles/singles event scores will count towards All Events.

11. **DELAY OF GAME/ LATE BOWLER(S).** Any player or team arriving late shall begin play with the score to count from the frame which is being bowled. An unforeseeable delay in arrival will be evaluated and approved only by the tournament director. Delay of game caused by any unnecessary activity will result in 0 per frame missed.

12. **TEAM CAPTAIN REPORTING.** Team captain must report thirty (30) minutes prior to bowling time.

13. **SCORING ERRORS.** All scoring errors must be brought to the attention of the Tournament Manager immediately.

14. **PINS RESET.** No reset of a full set of pins is allowed. Questionable pin set must be requested and approved by a tournament official.

15. **PRIZES.** Winning score will be based on actual scores plus handicap for team, doubles, singles and all events, except all events scratch. Co-champions will be declared for first place ties.

16. **PBA MEMBERS.** Not more than two professional bowlers allowed on any team. Not more than one professional bowler allowed on a doubles team.

(Make check payable to: GOA USBC Open Tournament)
(Returned checks will be assessed a \$20 fee)
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