



MCUSBC ASSOCIATION 69TH ANNUAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT 2024

ENTRIES OPEN NOVEMBER 1, 2023

ENTRIES CLOSE MARCH 11, 2024

**See rule #3 for late entries*

TOURNAMENT DATES AND TIMES - CIRCLE ONE FOR EACH EVENT

EVENT	DATES	TIMES
D&S* / 300 BOWL	SAT, MAR 23	9:00 AM OR 2:00 PM

**There will be a max of 48 doubles teams per squad, so get your entry in early to get the time you want. MCUSBCA will notify the team captain if the time needs to be changed*

TEAM / TIME TO SPARE	SUN, MAR 24	9:00 AM OR 1:00 PM
<i>IF NEEDED, ADDITIONAL SQUADS WILL BE ADDED</i>		

LAST
YEAR
WE PAID
OUT
PRIZES
IN
EXCESS
OF
\$8,700!

READ AND SHARE TOURNAMENT RULES WITH YOUR TEAM

NOTE AVERAGE RULES #5 & #6 REGARDING COMPOSITE AVERAGES AND RERATES
EACH BOWLER SHOULD CHECK IN 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO BOWLING AND VERIFY
THEIR CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

TEAM EVENT: TYPE OR PRINT

TEAM NAME	CAPTAIN	PHONE #

MUST INCLUDE AVERAGE VERIFICATION FOR EACH BOWLER FROM BOWL.COM WITH ENTRY FORM

DOUBLES & SINGLES EVENTS: TYPE OR PRINT

USBC BOWLER ID#	LIST IN ORDER OF BOWLING LINEUP WILL NOT BE RE-ARRANGED	ASSOC NAME	2022-23 COMPOSITE	SINGLES CLASS	D & S CLASS	D & S AMT PAID
1.						
2.						
1.						
2.						

TEAM CAPTAIN'S SIGNATURE _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED

We want to bowl with another team: Team name/Captain _____
MCUSBCA will make every attempt to put teams together when requested.

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MCUSBCA.org

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**See back of form for fees, divisions and more*

MAIL ENTRIES AND PAYMENT TO:
 MCUSBCA
 PO BOX 584
 CONROE, TX 77305
 IF NEEDED, CALL 936-520-7385
SEE RULE #3 FOR ENTRY PAYMENT OPTIONS

ENTRY FEE

PER PERSON / PER EVENT

BOWLING/EXPENSE FEES	\$ 11.50
PRIZE FEE	\$ <u>13.50</u>
TOTAL PER EVENT	\$ 25.00
OPTIONAL ALL EVENTS	\$ 15.00

*If all of the events are bowled (including optional all-events) the total would be \$90 per person. **LATE ENTRY FEE WILL BE \$10.00 PER PERSON/PER EVENT - SEE RULE #3**

NEW THIS YEAR!

Starting with Feb 12th, every person on your team will receive free raffle tickets to be used in any of your squad's bowling ball raffles! The number of tickets received will depend on how early you submit your entry. The earlier you enter, the more tickets you will receive!

Enter by Feb 12th, every bowler will receive 5 tickets
Enter by Feb 19th, every bowler will receive 4 tickets
Enter by Feb 26th, every bowler will receive 3 tickets
Enter by Mar 4th, every bowler will receive 2 tickets

SINGLES	DOUBLES	TEAM
(1) 180 & UP	(1) 340 & UP	(1) 680 & UP
(2) 179 & UNDER	(2) 339 & UNDER	(2) 679 & UNDER

NOTE Squad assignments are limited and entries will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. **The Doubles/Singles squads will be held to a maximum of 48 doubles per squad, so you will need to get your entry in ASAP in order to get the time you want.** Entries that do not contain all entry fees will not be processed until all money is received, one payment per team. Bowlers may enter multiple events; see Rule #4. Re-entries the day of the tournament will need to pay a \$10 late fee in addition to the fees for the event that is being re-entered.



DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES:

DATE REC'D	_____
TIME REC'D	_____
AMT REC'D	_____
# A/E	_____
BOARD MEM	_____



1. Bowler must be a member in good standing with MCUSBCA and have purchased an MCUSBCA 2023-2024 sanction card or paid a transfer fee (\$15.00) prior to bowling in the Tournament. Bowler must have bowled on a Summer league in 2023 or currently bowling on a 2023-2024 Fall league in Montgomery County. Bowler cannot be an active touring WBA (woman) or PBA (man) Bowler on the National level.
2. USBC 2023-2024 rules and regulations shall govern this Tournament. The Tournament committee of MCUSBCA shall have power to hear and act on protests pertaining to the MCUSBCA Tournament and shall decide any questions not covered by these Tournament rules. Tournament protests must be confirmed in writing and submitted to the Tournament officials within 7 calendar days upon conclusion of the tournament. Any obvious error should be reported to the Tournament officials within 48 hours of the close of the tournament.
3. Entry Fee (Cash, Check, Cashier's Check or Money Order) must accompany entry form; one payment per team. A fee of \$35.00 will be assessed for any returned check. Cash will be accepted if the entry is hand delivered to one of the Board of Directors (their names can be found in the average book at the center). Entries that are mailed must be postmarked prior to midnight on the entry closing date. All entries must be complete, and all fees paid with entry. Entry forms must include a team name and be signed by the Team captain. Entry fees are non-refundable. **LATE ENTRIES (AFTER MAR 11TH) MUST PAY AN ADDITIONAL FEE OF \$10.00 PER PERSON/PER EVENT (the entire entry fee must be paid in cash) and will be accepted up to 10 minutes prior to the start of the squad, based on lane availability. DO NOT TURN YOUR ENTRIES IN TO THE CENTER!**
4. A bowler may enter any event more than once with the first score in each event to count for all-events.
TEAM: No more than 2 of the same players on a team may place more than once in the prize list for position standings.
DOUBLES/SINGLES: If Doubles are entered, Singles must be entered also, or vice-versa (with the exception of multiple entries). IN NO CASE shall the same 2 players on a doubles team be permitted to place more than once in the prize list for position standings. Individuals shall not be permitted to place more than once in the prize list for singles and all-events position standings. **On re-entry of Doubles, Singles will be optional, and on re-entry of Singles, Doubles will be optional.**
5. **ATTENTION TEAM CAPTAINS:** *Averages – Entrants in the 2024 Tournament shall include their average verification (from Bowl.com) with their entry, and they shall use:*
 - (A) The entering average shall be the bowler's USBC 2022-2023 composite average of the hand they will be using in the tournament for at least a total of 21 games
 - (B) If Ruling A does not apply, the bowler shall use their highest USBC current average for at least 12 or more games as of the tournament entry closing date.
 - (C) If all other rulings do not apply, bowler must enter with a 225 average.
6. **RERATE RULE:** If your current league(s) or book average of 21 games or more, as of the closing date of the entry, is 10 pins or more higher than your 2022/23 composite average, the higher average must be used. Failure to report it will result in disqualification (USBC Rule 319/A/2)
7. The bowler's delivery must remain with the same dominant hand throughout the tournament or the entrant will be subject to disqualification. **(USBC Rule 108B and Rule Chapter 8,7)**

8. The handicap will be 90% of 900 base for Team, 90% of 450 base for Doubles and 90% of 225 base for Singles. All-events will be handicapped (90%). The maximum score for any game (including handicap) is 300.
9. All money received for the prize fee will be returned 100%. *A percentage of the proceeds from all side pots/games will be added back to the prize fund. There will be a guaranteed prize payout of 3 positions, per division, per event with 3 or more entries.* Prize ratios will be: Team, 1 for every 5 entries; Doubles, 1 for every 5 entries, Singles, 1 for every 5 entries and All-Events, 1 for every 8 entries. Prize money shall be combined and equally divided in case of ties. If the tie is for first place, duplicate awards will be given, and Co-Champions declared. The bowler with the highest **scratch** all events score will be declared the Open Association Champion and will receive a jacket or plaque. The all-events entry fee is \$15.00 and is optional. Bowler must pay the all-events fee to be eligible for cash prizes in that event.
10. No substitutes shall be allowed once a squad begins, except in case of emergency, in which the remainder of the game being bowled will be pro-rated. Then the substitute will be allowed to bowl the next game in full. Substitutes will not be expected to give the original entrant any entry fees or prizes the sub may win. *Pacers will not be allowed.*
11. Any player or team arriving after the squad has started will be allowed to bowl and the score or scores will count beginning in the frame they begin their competition, with zeros being given for any missed frames.
12. Schedules of dates and times will be posted in the bowling centers prior to the start of the tournament.
13. **ATTIRE:** Members are requested to wear suitable attire when participating in the MCUSBCA Tournament and will be verified at check-in. Shorts and skirts will be allowed if the bowler, when standing up straight with arms down to the side, is not able to touch skin. **(Note: No short-shorts, short skirts, halter tops or shirts that expose the midriff may be worn during competition).** No saggy shorts or pants will be allowed. Shirts must extend past the waistline and there can be no visible undergarments. The tournament director or representative will determine proper attire and the bowler will be required to change or be disqualified.
14. Doubles and Singles events will be bowled on the same pair of lanes, with doubles being bowled first.
15. If equipment failure on a pair of lanes would delay the progress of the game/series and tournament officials authorize the completion of a game/series on another pair of certified lanes, the interrupted game/series must be resumed from the point of interruption. One practice ball per bowler will be allowed per lane.
16. Extreme profanity, obscene gestures, forceful contact with center property, and/or disruptive behavior are prohibited and may result in disqualification from the event being bowled.
17. There shall be no practicing on the assigned lanes within 30 minutes of the start time.