

2012 NCS USBC Open Championship Tournament Entry Rules

Rules that have been added, changed or modified are in **bold** print.

1. This tournament is certified through the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) and rules not covered on this form are governed by the USBC rules and regulations.
2. Eligibility: Participants must hold a current USBC membership card and be a member of the North Carolina State USBC Association (NCS USBC) at time of entry.
 - a. NCS USBC limits the number of professional bowlers on any team to two (2) and one (1) on any doubles. **All professionals must indicate their PBA ID number along with their USBC ID number in the ID number box.**
3. Average: **League averages are from any certified league through USBC.**
 - a. Highest winter league average 2010-11 with 21 games or more; if not,
 - b. Highest summer league average 2011 with 21 games or more; if not,
 - c. Highest league average of 21 games or more as of January 1, 2012; if not, score of 220 will be used.
 - d. An entrant having an average as of 1/1/12 that is ten (10) pins or higher shall submit said average for re-rate purpose no later than time of check-in for the first event bowled.
 - e. USBC Rules 319 a-e will apply. **Refer to USBC Playing Rule Book to understand this rule in its entirety. Entrants must report previous composite tournament winnings, certified/uncertified, of \$600 or more, received within the past 12 month period prior to bowling in this tournament. Rule 319 is also on the website (www.bowl.com) if you want to review the complete rule.**
4. The tournament is bowled in two (2) divisions: scratch and handicap. Handicap will be based on 90% of the difference in the bowler's average and 220 based on a 3-game series by computer. Please indicate by check mark on entry form which division the team, each set of doubles and each singles entry wishes to bowl. If not marked, all members will automatically be entered into the handicap division.
5. Completed entry form and all fees must be submitted at time of entry. Entry deadline is **January 30, 2012**, and envelopes must be postmarked no later than that date.
6. Entrants may bowl team, doubles and singles. Entrants may bowl twice in team event with the second entry changing a minimum of two (2) bowlers and both entries and fees must be submitted at time of entry. Entrants must enter both doubles and singles if entered in either.
7. **Entry Fees Based on Per Person, Per Event: Handicap = \$6.75 lineage, \$5.25 expense, \$13.00 prize (Total = \$25.00); Scratch = \$6.75 lineage, \$5.25 expense, \$15.00 prize (Total = \$27.00). Optional Fees: \$6.00 All Events Scratch, \$3.00 All Events HDPC, \$3.00 Special Events (high game rolled in doubles and singles events only). If entering both handicap and scratch team event only pay lineage once per bowler.**
8. Prize Fund. Prize funds for the various events will be returned 100% based on a ratio of 1:6 for Team, 1:10 for Doubles/Singles, 1:20 for All Events (handicap and scratch) and 1:20 for Special Events.
9. Line Up. There shall be no changes in the line-up once the entry form has been submitted. Substitutes will take the position of the absent bowlers.
10. Please submit multiple team entries together as well as cross-over's (refers to those wishing to bowl together) for doubles/singles. This must be identified on the entry form.
11. Entrants are expected to participate in acceptable bowling attire. No tank tops or shirts with inappropriate language or graphics are allowed. **No head covering** will be allowed during tournament play except for medical or religious reasons. **Length of shorts, skirts and skorts must be at business-wear length. All shirts must have sleeves.** There will be **NO EXCEPTIONS**, so team captains **must** share this information with all team members.
12. In case of a tie for the championship in any event, co-champions will be declared (USBC Rule 326a).
13. All money won over \$600.00 – social security number will be needed **before prize fund distributed to winner.**

Entries will be scheduled on a **first-come basis**. The tournament manager has the right to make changes to the schedules to ensure all squads are properly filled. Please indicate your three choices of dates and times to bowl. Method of payment: Certified check, money order or business check only please; only one check per entry. Returned check fee will be \$35.00.

Mail completed form and all fees to: Priscilla Hamilton, Tournament Manager
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Participation rules will be mailed with confirmations or can be downloaded from www.ncbowls.com