

2023 NCS USBCA Open Championship Tournament Entry Rules/General Information

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: Participant must hold a current USBC membership card and a member of the North Carolina State USBCA (NCS USBCA) at time of participation.
 - a. NCS USBCA limits the number of professional bowlers on any team in two (2) and (1) on any doubles. "Professional is defined as that person holding a current card, touring or regional, that lists them as professional."
3. Average: League averages are from those bowled in any certified league through USBC and a NC league. If your average is not posted on bowl.com before bowling your first event, you must provide written verification of your average or bowl with a scratch average of 230; no exceptions. Team captains – please share this information with all your team members.
 - a. Highest USBC league average 2021-22 with 21 games or more (whether winter or summer).
 - b. If you did not bowl in 2020-21 season; you can use your current league average of 21 games or more for 2022-2023 season. Proof must be posted on bowl.com before your first bowling event or send proof with your entry.
 - c. USBC Rules 319 a-e will apply. Refer to USBC Playing Rule Book to understand this rule in its entirety.
4. The tournament is bowled in two handicap (2) divisions. Handicap will be based on 90% of 230.
5. Entrants may bowl twice in team event with the second entry changing a minimum of two (2) bowlers (DOUBLES & SINGLES CAN ONLY BE BOWLED ONCE). Entrants must enter both doubles and singles if entered in either. The bowler's first appearance in team event counts toward the all-events total.
6. Entry Fees Based on Per Person, Per Event (Handicap): Lineage/Expense (3-game series) = **\$16.00**, Prize Fund = **\$16.00**; total per event = **\$32.00**. Optional Fees: All Events Scratch; **\$6.00** All Events Handicap; **\$12.00 Scratch Team, \$12.00 Scratch Doubles, \$12.00 Scratch Singles** bowler's average and 230 based on a 3-game series by computer. We also offer an optional scratch division.
7. Completed entry form and all fees must be submitted at time of entry. **Entry deadline is March 1, 2023 envelopes must be postmarked no later than that date.**
8. **Total cost to enter everything Hdcp. & Scratch will be (\$144 pp to enter everything) Total per Team for all \$576.**
9. Prize Funds will be returned 100% based on a ratio of 1:6 for Team HDCP, Doubles HDCP, Singles HDCP; 1:10 for All Events HDCP & All Events Scratch; and 1:6 Scratch Team, Scratch Doubles, Scratch Singles.
10. Line-Up: There shall be no changes in the line-up once the entry has been submitted. Substitutes will take the position of the absent bowlers.
11. Submit multiple team entries together as well as cross-over (refers to those wishing to bowl together) for doubles/singles. This must be identified on the entry form.
12. Entrants are expected to participate in acceptable bowling attire. NO TANK TOPS, NO SHIRTS WITH INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE OR GRAPHICS ARE ALLOWED. **All shirts must have sleeves.** NO EXCEPTIONS - team captains MUST share this information with all team members.
13. In case of a tie for the championship in any event, all teams tied will be declared co-champions.
14. All tournament money won over **\$300** – social security number will be required to disburse funds.
15. **If bowlers check in early, we will start the squad early if all lanes are available.**

HANDICAP DIVISIONS

	1	2
TEAM	741 & UP	740 & UNDER
DOUBLES	371 & UP	370 & UNDER
SINGLES	186 & UP	185 & UNDER

Brackets will be offered – lanes will be redressed prior to each squad.

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 choices of dates and times to bowl. Method of payment: **only one check/money order per entry.** Return check fee will be \$30.00.

Entry rules and participation rules can be reviewed or can be downloaded on www.ncbowls.com. Confirmations will be mailed to the team captain. All backup documents will be on our website.