

2026 KANSAS STATE USBC OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT RULES

1. All participants in the annual bowling tournament of the Kansas State USBC shall be USBC members in the State of Kansas. A USBC member who is a non-resident of Kansas may participate in the tournament by paying the additional Kansas State USBC and local association dues of the hosting city prior to tournament participation. No cards will be sold onsite by Kansas State USBC.
2. The annual Kansas State USBC Open bowling tournament shall include competition in one division and shall include competition in team (5 member and/or 4 member), doubles, singles, and All-Events (handicap and scratch).
3. Entrants shall use their highest USBC certified league average as a regular or substitute based on bowl.com as of the end of the 2024-2025 season, providing they have bowled 21 games or more. If there is no winter use 2025 summer average. If an average of 21 games or more as of January 1, 2026 is **10 or more pins** above their book average for 2024-2025, the higher average must be used. If eligible bowlers who have no acceptable average must enter at 220. Each bowler must use the same hand in bowling all games in the Kansas State USBC Open Tournament. In addition, each team captain will be required to include the January 1, 2026 average along with the 2024-2025 average as reflected on the front of the entry blank. Refer to USBC rule 319a.
4. **TOURNAMENT AVERAGE RELIEF: When a bowler is applying for relief/adjusted average from USBC to use in our annual Kansas State USBC Inc. tournaments, we are requiring the bowler supply our tournament directors/association manager, the same documentation which was provided to USBC for consideration. As well as a copy of the letter from USBC granting authorization for average relief/adjustment which includes time limit for relief. (Refer to USBC Rule 4e).**
5. Handicap to be based on 90% of the difference of the individuals entering average and 220. No minimum average required. All prizes and awards will be on a handicap basis.
6. Competition shall be open to all bowlers who are qualified under the rules and regulations of this Association.
 - a) Five-member teams with no restriction as to individual average.
 - b) Four-member teams with no restriction as to individual average.
 - c) Doubles teams shall have no restrictions as to individual average and must be entered in the singles event on the **same entry sheet**.
 - d) Singles events must be entered in the Doubles event on the **same entry sheet**.
7. Contestants entering the Doubles event must also enter singles and vice versa. All events may be transferred, provided the substitute replaces the original entrant in all three events, prior to the substitute starting to bowl.
8. **MULTIPLE TEAM ENTRY** – All bowlers may bowl the team event twice (any combination of 5-member or 4-member teams). You must change 2 bowlers to bowl a second time. The second team entry must be submitted on separate entry form before entries close. A bowler can cash four times. The **first bowled team event** counts for the All-Events score. The second team score does **not** count in the All-Events total.
9. **MULTIPLE DOUBLES/SINGLES ENTRY**–Entrants must change partners for the second event. Entrants in the doubles event must enter the singles event and vice versa including multiple entries. The **first bowled double and singles event** counts for the All-Events score. The second doubles and singles scores do **not** count in the All-Events total.
10. **CHECK-IN PROCEDURES: Lane assignments will be posted inside each center entrance for Team and Doubles/Singles without any changes. If changes are needed, your Team or Doubles/Singles will be highlighted for Team Captain or Doubles/Singles partners to come to the check-in table.**
11. In the event of mechanical failure or other restrictions, it is hereby agreed that the contestants affected will be moved to the next available pair of lanes.
12. Pacers will not be permitted, only those entered or qualified substitutes may bowl in the tournament.
13. No more than two members of the PBA/PWBA may compete on a 5-member team, or one member on a 4-member team, or one member in the Doubles event. Include PBA/PWBA membership number on the entry sheet.
14. Parental Consent – Individuals under the age of 18 must furnish a written consent signed by their parent or guardian. (Refer to USBC Rule 13)
15. All entrants' first and last names must be listed as shown in the USBC average book; **do not list nicknames**. Also, include the USBC membership numbers.
16. It shall be each individual bowlers' responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average, whether originally submitted by the bowler, team captain, or others. Failure to use the proper average or make a correction prior to the completion of the first game of a series shall disqualify the score if submitted average is lower than actual average. Prize winnings will be based on submitted average if it is higher than actual average, unless corrected.
17. **LATE ENTRIES: Allowed subject to availability of lanes. A late fee of \$5 per person will be assessed for entries postmarked after March 7th, 2026.**
18. Bowlers who have qualified for a prize of **\$600.00** or more in any event in a tournament which has ended within the previous 12-month period, even though payment of prize has not been made, must be reported at least one hour prior to bowling. Must include their actual scores, position (s), and amount won for a possible rerating. Failure to report the above information may result in forfeiture of tournament entry fees and prize winnings. Tournament Management reserves the right to rerate any entrant prior to bowling. Any entrant who refuses to be rerated will be refunded their entry fee. Refer to USBC rule 319d and 319e.
19. **PENALTIES:** Tardy bowlers will start in the frame being bowled with zero being given for each frame missed. Use of an ineligible bowler will nullify all claims for any prize or award.
20. **USBC Rules 319c, 319d, and 319e will be in effect.**
21. A prize ratio of 1:7 will be used for payouts in all divisions.
22. Protests of errors in scoring or calculations must be made in writing to the Tournament Management within 24 hours after bowling or the scores will stand as scored.
23. Any unclaimed bracket money not picked up after the last squad of the weekend the bracket was bowled in will be added to the prize fund. **We will not mail any bracket money.**
24. All entry fees must be paid in full and must accompany the entry blank. Make remittances payable to **Kansas State USBC. No entry fees will be refunded.** A charge of \$30.00 will be added to all returned checks. All entry fees and check charges must be paid before the start of the tournament.
25. ENTRANTS IN THE KANSAS STATE USBC OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT ARE PARTICIPATING AT THEIR OWN RISK.

Rules not covered on this form shall be covered by the current USBC playing rules book.