

2026 OPEN Tournament Rules

- 1) Only members of the Summit County USBC who are certified for the current season are eligible to compete in this tournament.
- 2) You must pay local association dues if not already certified in Summit County USBC. If not paid prior to bowling, bowler scores will be voided.
- 3) Tournament will be handicapped as follows:

Team - 80% of 960 scratch	Doubles - 80% of 480 scratch
Singles - 80% of 240 scratch	All Events - 80% of 240 scratch
- 4) All bowlers must use their highest certified winter average of 21 games or more from the previous season. If there is no certified winter average from the previous season, bowlers will use their highest certified summer average of 21 games or more from the previous season. If there is no certified winter or summer average of 21 games or more from the previous season, bowlers will use their highest certified average of 21 games or more from the current season at time of bowling (bring league standing sheet). All others must use 240. USBC Rule 319a pertaining to 10 pin increase in current average does not apply.
- 5) Tournament Management reserves the right to re-rate a bowler's average if it is determined the bowler's average was not bowled on a "house shot".
- 6) Multiple participation is permitted. To place more than once in the prize list for position standings, team players must change as follows:

Team Event: A team is made up of four bowlers. At least two players in the lineup must be different.
Doubles Event: A doubles team is made up of two bowlers. At least one player in the lineup must be different.
Singles Event: The same individual may not place more than once.
All Events: The bowler's first appearance in each event counts toward the All Events total.
- 7) Report all substitutions to the Tournament Office when signing in.
- 8) In case of injury, disability, or emergency after a game has started, in Team or Doubles, a substitute will be permitted if one is available. Handicap shall be prorated according to averages of both bowlers involved. If no substitute is available, the disabled bowler's actual score will count for the frames bowled.
- 9) Entries will be scheduled according to requests if possible and in the order received. The schedule will not be changed by the tournament manager except for emergencies.
- 10) No refunds of entry fees paid. Entry fee is \$20 per event. "Late Entries" - Entry fee for entries received after January 18, 2026 is \$25 per event.
- 11) The Handicap Event prize fund of Team, Doubles, Singles and All Events prizes will be based on highest total pins with handicap. The Actual Event prize fund of Team, Doubles, Singles and All Events will be based on highest actual pins. Handicap Event and Actual Event Champions will receive championship jackets (or equivalent).
- 12) Prize fees returned 100%. Prizes will be based on a minimum of not less than one (1) prize for every ten (10) entries. Bowlers may only cash once in either the Handicap or Actual Event prize funds based on the multiple participation rules outlined in Rule 6 above. Bowlers will cash in the Handicap or Actual Event prize funds based on their best finishing position for those events.
- 13) Entry fees must be paid in full with the submittal of the entry form. All Events is included in your entry fee.
- 14) Lanes will be assigned by the tournament manager. Check-in time is thirty (30) minutes prior to bowling.

- 15) Protests and appeals must be in writing stating the grounds for protest or appeal. A protest involving eligibility or playing rules must be filed with tournament management within seventy-two (72) hours of the infraction, or prior to tournament prizes being paid, whichever occurs first. The decision of the tournament management shall be final unless a written appeal is filed with the local association or USBC Headquarters within ten (10) days of notification of the tournament management's decision.
- 16) Tournament play will begin at the stated times on the front of the entry form.
- 17) PROFESSIONAL PBA CARD CARRIERS: All Bowlers who are Professional PBA Card Carriers at time of BOWLING are Limited to Two (2) on a Four (4) Bowler Team and One (1) on a Two (2) Bowler Team (Doubles). Automatic disqualification for failure to comply!
- 18) At the Tournament Manager's discretion, additional squads may be added during the Tournament prior to the last scheduled squad.
- 19) All Items not covered by these rules will be referred to USBC rules.

THE ENTRANTS WHOSE NAMES APPEAR HEREON OR THEIR AUTHORIZED REPLACEMENTS HEREBY AGREE THAT THE SUMMIT COUNTY USBC, ITS OFFICERS AND AGENTS SHALL BE LIABLE ONLY TO THE EXTENT OF RETURNING ENTRY FEES IF AND WHEN THESE ENTRANTS SHALL BE PREVENTED FROM BOWLING ANY EVENT IN THE TOURNAMENT THROUGH PREMATURE TERMINATION OF THE TOURNAMENT WHICH MAY BE BROUGHT ABOUT BY WAR, NATIONAL EMERGENCY OR EMERGENCIES, OR CASES RELATING THERETO OR RESULTING THEREFROM FIRES, STRIKES, LOCKOUTS, LABOR DIFFICULTIES OR OTHER CAUSES BEYOND CONTROL OF THE SUMMIT COUNTY USBC.

WEATHER: Summit County USBC reserves the right to cancel tournament or scheduled shifts due to inclement weather conditions.