



Michigan State USBC 122nd Annual Open Championship Tournament

TEAM

ALERT LANES
915 N Pine Rd
Essexville 48732
(989) 892-0374



DOUBLES & SINGLES

MONITOR LANES
1700 S Euclid Ave
Bay City 48706
(989) 684-4381

HOSTED BY THE BAY AREA USBC
BAY CITY & ESSEXVILLE, MICHIGAN

PRIZE FUND ENHANCED BY BOWLTV



TOURNAMENT OPENS
January 18, 2025
CLOSES April 27, 2025 (unless extended)
NO WALK-INS

ONLINE RESERVATION—www.michiganstateusbc.com/open-tournament/

CLOSING DATES FOR ON-LINE ENTRIES—January 3, 2025

Paper entries accepted with full fees, plus \$20 processing fee per entry

**** Late entries may be considered after the tournament begins on a space available basis at an additional cost of **\$10 per person** **** Call the state office at 616/635-2032 for information and availability

To accommodate the center and scheduling, late entries with full fees must be received in the state office 10 days prior to the date scheduled to bowl.

~ Handicap Competition in the Following Average Divisions ~

Division 1: Team: 925 and above	Doubles: 370 and above	Singles & All Events: 185 and above
Division 2: Team: 924 and below	Doubles: 369 and below	Singles & All Events: 184 and below

Handicap Based on 90% from 230 Scratch

State Champions shall be declared in each event, each division

Optional Scratch Available in Team, Doubles, Singles and All-Events

For more Information visit our Website: michiganstateusbc.com

Email: Office@michiganstateusbc.com — Phone: (616) 635-2032 for Information or Late Entry Availability

Note: credit card use is also available for LATE ENTRIES —(3% fee and email address is required)

For Anyone Sending Paper entries—Mail Entries with Full Fees (see above) To:
Michigan State USBC Open Tournament — P.O. Box 217 — Grandville MI 49468-0217

2025 Open Tournament Rules and Regulations / Keep these Rules – Return Entry Application Only

1. ELIGIBILITY:

The tournament is open to all Michigan State USBC Adult members. Those who are not members may establish eligibility by paying all applicable dues. Refer to USBC Rule 300c. Current membership cards must be available for presentation at check-in.

EXCEPTION: A team or doubles set is allowed one out-of-state non-Michigan bowler who will be required to purchase a USBC and/or Michigan membership (local & state) prior to competition. Average rules apply as in Rule 3 below.

Bowlers who identify themselves as professionals or who are members of, or who apply for membership in any professional or semi-professional bowler organization on or after August 1 preceding the tournament shall be eligible for participation as follows; a) Not more than two such players in a team lineup; b) Not more than one such player in a doubles lineup; c) Each such player shall be eligible to enter singles and all events. Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification from the event.

2. PARTICIPATION:

Bowlers may enter the TEAM event up to 4 times, whether as a regular bowler or a sub, but must have at least 2 different bowlers in each lineup. The bowlers' first team score will be used for all-events. **All Events (both handicap & Optional Scratch) may be entered only 1 time (no refunds) and must be paid prior to first event.**

Bowlers may participate in DOUBLES & SINGLES TWICE subject to the following conditions: You must change partners to bowl doubles a second time. Persons entering doubles the first time MUST enter singles and these events will be bowled consecutively. **If bowling doubles a second time, will not be required to bowl singles. (Please note this on entry).** The first doubles and the first singles scores will be used for the bowler's all-events score. You may cash only once in the singles event. PLEASE LIST SECOND DOUBLES & SINGLES ON A SEPARATE ENTRY FORM.

Optional scratch will be available for all the events, but entrants **MUST** also be entered in the handicap event. All members of team and doubles **MUST** be entered in the Optional Scratch to be eligible for Optional Scratch prize winnings.

3. AVERAGES: (please read carefully)

a. Use Michigan State USBC Tournament average based on a minimum of eighteen (18) games over the last four (4) years. The State Tournament average may be found on the Michigan State USBC website (michiganstateusbc.com).

b. If no tournament average, use the highest average from the 2023-24 season (winter or summer) based on a minimum of 21 games. Bowl.com average will be recognized as official. Any bowler who has a USBC Sport/Challenge league average will use their highest of the two – (adjusted Sport/Challenge league average versus non-Sport league average).

c. If a or b do not apply, use your current season average based on a minimum of 21 games at time of participation (Individual Record sheet or league sheet must be provided).

d. If no qualifying average under a, b, or c, entrant shall bowl scratch – 230

e. USBC rule 319 applies to this tournament. Please review in its entirety regarding adjustment. Rule 319a-2 (ten pin rule) does not apply.

f. Bowlers who have been re-rated by USBC will use their highest average (rerate, or league), whichever is highest.

g. The delivery used in this tournament must be the same as that used when the average was established.

h. An entrant requesting tournament relief due to injury or disability for entry into this tournament **must be approved by USBC Headquarters** in accordance with USBC rule 4e.

4. AVERAGE VERIFICATION:

Each entrant is responsible for the accuracy of their average whether submitted by captain or others. Correction of an average must be made by the end of the first game of any event. Falsification of an average will result in disqualification if the submitted average is lower than the correct average. If the submitted average is higher than correct average, prize winnings will be based on submitted average. Tournament management reserves the right to correct any averages and adjust final tournament standings accordingly.

5. SUBSTITUTES:

a. First time participation only will count towards the All-Events score. A substitute shall take the place of the original entrant in the lineup. **No changes in the line-up (in any event) will be permitted.**

b. A substitute will not be required to reimburse the entry fee nor give the original entrant any prize money or awards.

c. A substitute's average may change the division.

d. Captains must provide verification of averages for substitutes as required in Rule #3 (properly signed affidavits and records when required) mailed to the state office at least two weeks prior to date scheduled to bowl or at least two (2) hours prior to bowling time.

e. In case of emergency/disability after team or doubles events have started, a substitute will be permitted if available. Combined scores to count and player subbed out cannot return. If no sub is available, only frames bowled will count.

Paid all-events are not transferable unless the substitute replaces the original entrant in all three events and the transfer is made by a tournament official prior to the time of substitute's participation in any event.

6. PRIZES & AWARDS:

In case of a tie for first place in any event, co-champions will be declared. Prize money for first and second place (or more) shall be divided equally between the teams or individuals tied.

All prize funds shall be distributed within 30 days of the close of the tournament except when USBC has authorized delay in payment. USBC Rule 304-a2

7. CANCELLATIONS & REFUND POLICY:

Requests for cancellations once confirmations have been sent, must be made in writing within 15 days of the date of the confirmation letter. Requests for cancellations received after 15 days will be assessed up to a \$50 service fee. **No refunds after the start of the tournament (USBC rule 314). NO EXCEPTIONS.** Overpayments of \$11 or less will not be refunded.

8. LATE BOWLERS:

Any player or team, arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. A bowler who misses one or more frames by not being present and ready to bowl when it is their turn shall not be credited with any pins for frames missed.

If an entrant is late for the doubles event, the entrant present shall bowl their singles first, if their partner has not arrived by the time they finish their singles event and a substitute cannot be found, the entrant present shall be permitted to bowl their doubles event without a partner.

9. LOST SCORES:

In the event a game (or portion of a game) is irretrievably lost in the scoring process, the game (or portion thereof) shall be bowled at a time and date determined by the Tournament Director.

10. ENTRY CLOSING DATE:

Entries close January 3, 2025. Late entries will be considered after the start of the tournament on a space available basis at an additional cost of **\$10** per person. **NO WALK-INS.**

To accommodate the center and scheduling, Late entries with full fees must be received by the state office 10 days prior to the date scheduled to bowl.

11. DRESS CODE:

The Michigan State USBC requests that all bowlers wear suitable attire when participating in the Tournament: Slacks or walking shorts to the knee and bowling shirts with collars are preferred. UNSUITABLE ATTIRE: Tank tops, short shorts or short skirts, Bib Overalls, Torn or Unclean Jeans, Shirts or T-shirts with offensive language/pictures. Tournament management reserves the right to refuse participation to anyone deemed to be inappropriately attired without recourse. Attire needed for medical reasons must be discussed with Tournament management prior to participating in the Tournament.

12. SMOKING

Will not be allowed during competition including the use of E-cigarettes or vapes. NO BREAK BETWEEN DOUBLES & SINGLES.

13. EQUIPMENT:

See USBC Rule 18, Bowling Ball – Altering Surface – Doubles/Singles are run concurrently, therefore altering the surface of the ball between events is prohibited.

14. Each participant is expected to exhibit good sportsmanship while participating in this tournament. The use of excessive foul language or improper conduct including actions that disturb other bowlers (i.e. music, whistling, etc.) will result in the bowler being issued 1 warning. Additional violations could result in the immediate disqualification of the bowler from that event. Tournament management has the discretion to disqualify any participant for unsportsmanlike conduct or unruly behavior (physical or verbal abuse of equipment and/or other participants or tournament officials and/or for intoxication). See Rule USBC 303.

15. RULES OF GOVERNANCE:

Protests involving eligibility or playing rules must be filed in accordance with Rule 329. In case of scoring errors, they should be reported immediately upon discovery.

16. In order for us to stay on schedule we will monitor squad times. The team event expected time is (3) hours and ten (10) minutes. The doubles/singles expected time for 3 bowlers on a lane is four (4) hours.

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Team Captain: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

(Confirmations will be sent to this email)

Entrants are members of what Local Association: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY	
Amount Paid:	Entry #:
Date Received:	
Team	Doubles/Singles
Squad:	Squad:
Date:	Date:
Time:	Time:

TOURNAMENT DATES/TIMES

January: 18-19, 25-26
February: 1-2, 15-16, 22-23 (no bowling Super Bowl weekend 8-9)
March: 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 29-30
April: 5-6, 12-13, 26-27 (no bowling Easter weekend 19-20)

SQUAD TIMES:

Team: _____ **Doubles/Singles:** _____
 Saturdays: 9:00 am, 1:00 pm Saturdays: 8:30 am, 1:30 pm
 Sundays: 9:00 am, 1:00 pm Sundays: 8:30 am, 1:30 pm

All squads are subject to cancellation/change – pending number of entries, and smaller squads could be combined.

List 3 choices of Dates/Times:

Team		D/S	
Date	Time	Date	Time
1 st :	_____	_____	_____
2 nd :	_____	_____	_____
3 rd :	_____	_____	_____

Choices will be honored ONLY if available

TEAM EVENT:

*Teams wishing for the same dates and times **MUST** Register at the same time.*

Team Name: _____ We wish to cross with: _____

Optional Scratch: Yes: _____ No: _____ To enter Team Scratch – All team members must enter.

List Names as they appear on USBC Membership card – **No NICKNAMES**
No change of Lineup at Tournament check-in – Substitute must take place of the original entrant – **USBC #'s are MANDATORY**

USBC #	Name	Address	City	Zip	Average*
	1.				
	2.				
	3.				
	4.				
	5.				

***See tournament rules for entering average requirements**

DOUBLES/SINGLES EVENT:

Indicate if second doubles.

List Doubles on one entry only- **NO ½ PAIRS (bowlers not listed above – list on back)**
No change in lineup at Tournament Check-in –
 Substitutes must take place of original entrant.

This Section **MUST** be completed

You May Only enter All Events Once – No refunds for 2nd payments – Pay on First entry

Check ALL that Apply ✓						
USBC #	Name	Average	AE Handicap	Doubles Scratch	Singles Scratch	AE Scratch
	<i>Please indicate if this is a SECOND doubles (write 2nd next to name)</i>					
	1.					
	2.					
	1.					
	2.					
	1.					
	2.					

ENTRY FEE CALCULATIONS (NO ½ PAIRS)	
Team _____ @ \$150.00	\$
Doubles on THIS entry _____ @ 60.00 / pair	\$
Singles on THIS entry _____ @ \$30.00 each	\$
AE Hcp on THIS entry _____ @ \$10.00 ea	\$
OPTIONAL SCRATCH EVENTS	
Team _____ @ \$50	\$
Doubles on This Entry _____ @ \$20 / pair	\$
Singles on This Entry _____ @ \$10 each	\$
AE Scratch on This Entry _____ @ \$10 each	\$
Total Fees THIS Entry	\$

Paper entries accepted with full fees, PLUS a \$20 processing fee per entry.

IF BOWLING DOUBLES AND SINGLES ONLY (no team event) – please complete this section/otherwise DO NOT complete
 List Names as they appear on USBC Membership card – **No NICKNAMES**

USBC #	Name	Address	City	Zip	Average*
	1.				
	2.				
	3.				
	4.				

FOR LATE ENTRIES ONLY

ALL FEES MUST BE PAID ON SAME CREDIT CARD Processing will not be completed until full fees are received	
Name & Email Address – Please print legibly	Amount
Name:	\$
Email:	

- Late entries will be considered after the tournament begins on a space available basis at an additional cost of \$10 per person.
- To accommodate the center and scheduling, Late entries must be received by the state office 10 days prior to the date scheduled to bowl.
- Mail completed entry forms with full fees (money order or certified check preferred). Make Checks payable to: Michigan State USBC. Personal checks that do not clear are subject to a \$30 NSF fee. Optional Payment Method: Credit cards will be accepted for full entry fees and will incur a 3% service charge. **Must have email address.** – Please indicate who should be invoiced and for how much.
- ENTRY WILL NOT BE PROCESSED/SCHEDULED UNTIL ALL FEES HAVE BEEN PAID. Invoices MUST be paid within Seven (7) days of receipt of Invoice.

Entry Fee Breakdown:

Prize Fee.....\$11.00
 Expense/Lineage Fee\$19.00
 Total Per Person per Event.....\$30.00
 Optional All Event Fee.....\$10.00
 Optional Scratch Events/Per Person/Per Event.....\$10.00

Prize Ratio is 1 in 5 entries..... Team, Doubles, Singles
 Prize Ratio is 1 in 10..... All Events
 Prize Ratio is 1 in 10.....All Optional Scratch Events
 Prize Fees returned 100%

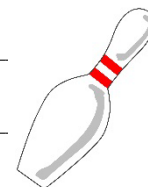
Please Note: ALL participants must be ADULT CERTIFIED

Please send all recognition requests to the state office as there is not a spot to enter this in the online registration.

Special Requests: (disabilities, needs, etc.)

Please list participants to be considered for recognition on the squad. Recognition will **ONLY** be given for Last year's Champion(s), State Hall of Fame, Current State Board Members and/or Current Association Presidents / Managers.

Name: _____
 Accomplishment/Position _____
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 Accomplishment/Position _____
 For additional names—please attach a note.



Please Note: Cancellation Policy:
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 No refunds after the start of the **tournament (USBC rule 314)**

IMPORTANT – Please read

Squad announcements and practice will begin 20 minutes prior to Squad time – so bowlers need to be at their lanes 20 minutes prior to listed squad time. There will be fresh oil for every squad. Squad times will be monitored – Team event should be completed in no more than 3 hours and ten minutes and Doubles/Singles should be completed in no more than 4 hours.

Premature termination of the tournament brought on by war, national emergency, or emergency causes relating thereto or therefrom, fire, national disaster, or any other reason beyond the control of the Michigan State USBC shall cause, to the extent required thereby, all advertised prizes, guaranteed or otherwise, to be prorated in accordance with the number of entrants who have bowled in each of the respective squads up to the time of such termination.