

TOURNAMENT RULES
St. Louis USBC OPEN Championship

1. Tournament is open to all adult USBC certified members.
2. Entrants shall be permitted to bowl more than once. However, entrant may only cash once based on highest score.
3. All averages must be established in a certified league and will be used in the following order: Rule 319a Averages
 - a. Highest book average of the 2023-2024 season, any association (21 games or more).
 - b. If no book average, the entrant's highest current league average as of closing date. (21 games or more)
 - c. If none of the above, the entrant will bowl 230 scratch.
 - d. Bowlers using their current average must present written verification from their secretary.
 - e. Rule 319a-2 (10 pin rule) will apply.
 - f. It is each bowler's responsibility to verify her entering average in this tournament.
4. No entry fees will be refunded after entry deadline has passed. **No-show spots and previously established vacant spots will be sold on a first come, first served basis at \$5 above current entry fee per spot up to one-half hour before squad.** There will be **NO SUBSTITUTES**.
5. **BOWLERS WISHING TO BOWL TOGETHER MUST SEND ENTRIES IN THE SAME ENVELOPE.** The **schedule will** not be changed. Lanes will be assigned by the tournament director. Bowlers will not be allowed to practice before squad time on the lanes which they are scheduled to bowl tournament games.
6. Any player arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. The late bowler will not be credited with any pins for the missed frame(s) (Rule 322-a). It will be up to the Tournament Director and Tournament Coordinator(s) to allow a player who missed their assigned time, to bowl a different squad.
7. Any protest affecting eligibility or general playing rules must be confirmed in writing to the tournament director before the tournament prize payments are made. Errors in scoring must be reported to the tournament secretary within 24 hours.
8. Any bowler using abusive language or unsportsmanlike conduct may be removed by a tournament official.
9. This Tournament will be USBC certified. All USBC rules will apply. The Tournament committee of the St. Louis USBC shall decide on any questions not covered by these rules. USBC Rule 11 will be strictly enforced (no unreasonable delay).

Entrants whose name appears here on hereby agrees that the St. Louis USBC Association, 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 causes relating hereto or resulting from, fires, strikes, lockouts, labor difficulties or other causes beyond the control of the St. Louis USBC Association.

THANK YOU for supporting the St. Louis USBC Association Tournament. \$3.00 from each entry will be given to the Tom Vercellone Scholarship Fund which allows the St. Louis USBC Association to present a scholarship each year to a youth bowler.

Checks are to be made payable to the St Louis USBC Association (A \$12.00 fee will be assessed for all returned checks).

***In case of inclement weather please contact the host center or call the STLUSBC Office.**