

**97th ANNUAL
NJ STATE USBC OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT**

Certified by the United States Bowling Congress

Hosted by the NJ STATE USBC
Teams, Singles and Doubles Events for New Jersey USBC Certified Bowlers 100% Handicap

Kingpin Lanes

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Online registration is available at njusbc.com until April 12, 2026

Payment for online registration is made by debit or credit card.

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Mail in entry fee payments may also be made electronically via PAYPAL or ZELLE by using the email tournaments@njusbc.com

Walk-in entries will be accepted if space permits. A \$10 walk-in fee per person per event will apply for entries received on/after April 25, 2026

NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT FULL PAYMENT

TEAM EVENT - 5 PER TEAM / \$200.00 Entry Fee (Prize Fee \$120.00 / Lineage \$55.00 / Expense \$25.00)

DOUBLES EVENT - 2 PER TEAM/ \$80.00 Entry Fee (Prize Fee \$48.00 / Lineage \$22.00 / Expense \$10.00)

SINGLES EVENT - PER PERSON / \$40.00 Entry Fee (Prize Fee \$24.00 / Lineage \$11.00 / Expense \$5.00)

ALL EVENTS - PER PERSON / \$6.00 (Prize Fee \$5.00 / Expense \$1.00)

Prize Ratio

Regular Events: - At least 1 out of 6 entries — All-Events: - At least 1 out of 10 entries

SINGLES/DOUBLES AND TEAM SLOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE EACH SQUAD

(SINGLES AND DOUBLES WILL HAVE A MAXIMUM OF FOUR (4) ON A PAIR)

SQUAD DATES AND TIME SCHEDULE

SATURDAYS: APRIL 25 / MAY 2 / MAY 9 / MAY 16, 2026

SINGLES, DOUBLES AND TEAM 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM

SUNDAYS: APRIL 26 / MAY 3 / MAY 17, 2026

SINGLES, DOUBLES AND TEAM 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM

(The Lanes Will Be Redressed Before Each Squad of The Tournament)

KEY #

ALL MEMBERSHIP CARDS WILL BE CHECKED AT CHECK-IN TABLE
DO ANY OF YOUR BOWLERS REQUIRE HANDICAP ACCESSIBILITY? YES _____ NO _____

PRINT FULL NAMES ONLY (TEAM MUST BOWL IN ORDER SHOWN) (NO CHANGES in Bowling Order Permitted)	BOWLERS HOME TOWN (RESIDENCE ONLY)	HIGHEST AVERAGE PUT LETTER (RULE 5)	IS THIS A SPORT LEAGUE AVG? (YES / NO)	ASSOCIATION AVERAGES ARE LISTED IN: (Name: COUNTY ASSOC)	USBC ID NUMBER
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					

TEAM - DATE & TIME _____ 2nd CHOICE _____ SINGLES & DOUBLES - DATE & TIME _____ 2nd CHOICE _____

SINGLES AND DOUBLES
(Entrants Must Bowl In Both Events)

PRINT FULL NAMES ONLY (TEAM MUST BOWL IN ORDER SHOWN) (NO CHANGES in Bowling Order Permitted)	BOWLERS HOME TOWN (RESIDENCE ONLY)	HIGHEST AVERAGE (RULE 5)	SPORT LG AVG? PUT LETTER (YES / NO)	ASSOCIATION AVERAGES ARE LISTED IN: (Name: COUNTY ASSOC)	USBC ID NUMBER	"A" (YES or NO)	"B" (YES or NO)	"C" (YES or NO)
1.								
2.								
1.								
2.								
1.								
2.								

CAPTAINS MUST SIGN

I HAVE READ THE TOURNAMENT RULES AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM
 CAPTAIN: _____ (PLEASE PRINT)

SIGNED BY CAPTAIN: _____ HOME ADDRESS: _____

WILL YOU ACCEPT CONFIRMATION BY E-MAIL YES _____ NO _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

(For Official Use Only)

KEY #	TEAM	TIME SCHEDULE	SINGLES DOUBLES	TIME SCHEDULE	ALL EVENTS A	ALL EVENTS B	ALL EVENTS C	TOTAL
			\$		\$	\$	\$	\$

NJ STATE USBC TOURNAMENT RULES

RULE 1: All USBC Rules will prevail throughout this tournament.

RULE 2: USBC Membership Cards must be shown, if requested, at check-in. All entrants must be certified members of a local NJ association within the NJ State USBC. Entrants who do not reside in New Jersey must currently be certified members of a local NJ association within the NJ State USBC and have bowled at least 21 games in a certified league within a local NJ association during the current 2025-2026 winter season as of March 1, 2026. Local USBC memberships cannot be purchased onsite.

RULE 3 ELIGIBILITY: All bowlers must be adult members of a New Jersey local USBC Association for the 2025 – 2026 season (USBC Rule 300c).

DRESS CODE: No sleeveless shirts or shirts with inappropriate verbiage will be allowed (USBC Rule 303). Pacers are not allowed (USBC Rule 323).

RULE 4: PRIZES AND HANDICAPS: Prize fees in Team, Singles and Doubles events will be apportioned: 50% for Handicap score prizes and 50% for Actual score prizes. Bowlers will be eligible for one prize (Handicap or Actual) in each event. Should a bowler's score qualify for both a Handicap Score prize and an Actual Score prize, the bowler shall receive the higher dollar amount of the two. A BOWLER PARTICIPATING TWICE IN DOUBLES (with a different partner) MAY CASH TWICE (once with each partner). A bowler may cash only once in singles in either the Handicap or Scratch division, whichever is highest. See Rule 8 for entry limits and prizes.

The handicap shall be on a per game basis and shall be 100% of the difference between the scratch figure and the total of the averages of each event in accordance with the following tables:

	<u>SCRATCH</u>	<u>MAX HANDICAP</u>
Team	1200	No Maximum Handicap
Doubles	480	No Maximum Handicap
Singles	240	No Maximum Handicap
All Events Actual Score Only, NO Handicap		

RULE 5: All Averages used in this Tournament must have been established and certified within a New Jersey Local USBC Association (or a youth and collegiate division) regular season (Winter) league. Composite averages will be waived throughout this Tournament (USBC Rule 319a-b).

Only local NJ USBC Association certified averages shall be used in the following order:

A. Highest 2024-2025 average regular season (Winter) league where entrants have bowled at least 21 games.

- **If a bowler's current winter league average as of March 1, 2026, is 15 or more pins higher than their highest 2024-2025 winter average, the current average MUST be reported and will be used for this tournament**

B. If there is no average as described in "A" above, highest 2025 Summer league average for a minimum of 21 games will be accepted,

- **If a bowler's current winter league average as of March 1, 2026, is 15 or more pins higher than their highest 2025 summer average, the current average MUST be reported and will be used for this tournament**

C. If there is no average as described in "A" or "B" above, the bowler shall use their highest current season (Winter) league average as of March 1, 2026, based on a minimum of 21 games.

NOTE: Averages used under Rule 5B or 5C **must be verified by League Secretary in writing** before the bowler begins the first game of any event.

D. If no average as described in A, B or C above the bowler shall use their highest 2023-2024 certified average regular season (winter) league where entrant bowled at least 21 games.

E. Entrants with none of the above average qualifications must use a 240-scratch average (USBC Rule 319b).

F. Sport/Challenge League Averages will be adjusted by USBC Rule 201.

RULE 6: The All Events shall be conducted in three (3) classes based on an actual score basis only. The classes shall be as follows:

CLASS A: AVERAGE OF 215 AND HIGHER: CLASS B: AVERAGE OF 190-214: CLASS C: AVERAGE OF 189 AND LOWER

Entrant's average as defined by Rule 5 above shall determine the class they must bowl in. Participants in the All-Events is optional. The entry fee is \$6.00. If a non-paying participant wins any division of the All-Events, they shall receive the Championship Award and the official title only but no cash prize (USBC Rule 306d). If a bowler competes more than once in any event, the first series in each event shall count toward the All-Events score (USBC Rule 315).

RULE 7: SUBSTITUTES: Substitutes may be used when necessary if he / she meets all rules of eligibility (see rule 3 above). No substitutes will be accepted for All-Events participation after the original entrant has begun any event (USBC Rule 306c). If a substitute is assuming the All-Events of another bowler, they must report the proposed transfer to the Tournament Director prior to bowling. Forms will be available and must be signed by the substitute bowler prior to beginning the FIRST scheduled event. The substitute must compete in the All-Events class determined by his / her entering average. Only one (1) substitute will be allowed in a Doubles Event.

RULE 8: ENTRY LIMIT: A bowler may bowl in the Team Event as often as desired. For a team to cash twice, they must change at least two (2) bowlers. A bowler may compete twice in the Singles and Doubles events. Entrants must bowl both Singles and Doubles (USBC Rule 303). The Singles Event will be bowled first.

Re-Entrants in the Doubles event must enter with a different partner. Exception: Any original entry in team and/or doubles/singles can reenter once provided there is space available. Cashing is limited to as described in Rule 4 above. A professional bowler living within the jurisdiction of the NJ State USBC Association is eligible to participate in this tournament as follows: A maximum of 2 Touring Professional Bowlers will be allowed to participate on a Team entry and only 1 Touring Professional Bowler on a Doubles entry, providing they are certified members through a local NJ State USBC Association.

RULE 9: CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS: In the Team, Singles and Doubles Events, the entry that bowls the highest actual total shall be the Actual Champion of that event, and the entry that bowls the highest Handicap total shall be the Handicap Champion of that Event. Each Champion shall be recognized with State Tournament and USBC Championship Awards. If one entry wins both Actual and Handicap Titles only one set of Championship Awards will be given to the entry, but the value of the awards will be increased proportionately.

RULE 10: BOWLERS RESPONSIBILITY: It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of the scores entered onto the recap sheet for each event, and each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average in the Tournament (USBC Rule 319a3). Failure to use the correct average or to make a correction prior to the end of the first Game in each event shall disqualify the bowler if a submitted average is lower than the correct average (USBC Rule 319a3). When a submitted average is higher than the correct average and is not corrected prior to completion of the first game in any event, prize winnings will be based upon the submitted average for that event. USBC Rule 319d (reporting prize winnings) will NOT apply to this tournament. The Average Re-rating Rule (USBC Rule 319c) applies throughout the Tournament. Per this revised USBC Rule a bowler must report details of any re-ratings from previous Tournaments to this Tournament's Director whether it was accepted by the bowler or not! This rule allows the Tournament Director to adjust the bowler's entering average. The bowler or bowlers affected have the right to appeal against the rerating (USBC Rule 319c). Failure to comply with any of the above provisions of Rule 10 shall be cause for the bowler to forfeit all entry fees and prize winnings. Please observe the ONE LANE Courtesy Rule on either side throughout this Tournament.

RULE 11: Premature termination of this Tournament brought about by war, national emergency, or emergency causes related thereto and there from - Fire, strikes, lockouts, labor difficulties or other reasons beyond the control of the New Jersey State USBC , shall cause the forgoing prize schedule to be pro-rated in accordance with the number of entrants who have bowled in each of the respective events up to the time of termination.

RULE 12: Automatic scoring keeping systems are used. Tournament Management has the discretionary authority to determine if any irretrievable game and or frame (s) should be re-bowled (USBC Rule 327c). Likewise, any equipment malfunctions (USBC Rule 321) resulting in delays and/or rescheduling will be the decision of the Tournament Management (USBC Rule 303),

RULE 13: No fees returned after an entry has been received and the days assigned by tournament management are not refused before preparation of the schedule, the entry fee cannot be refunded (USBC Rule 314). No changes in bowling order permitted after entries have been accepted (USBC Rule 303).

RULE 14: Tournament squads may be extended if applications so warrant.

RULE 15: Tournament Management reserves all rights to make interpretations of these rules as necessary (USBC Rule 303).



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