

12th Annual



NWGA USBC Association

Open Championship Tournament

USBC Certification 05307



Brunswick Zone Austell Lanes

2750 Austell Rd.
Marietta, GA 30008
770.435.2120

Team: Saturday, October 28, 2017 @ 9:00am & 1:00pm
Sgls/Dbls: Sunday, October 29, 2017 @ 10:00am & 2:00pm

ENTRY FEE PER EVENT: \$22.00 (Pre Registered)
\$25.00 (Walk-In)

Lineage: \$9.00
Expense: \$1.85 (\$4.85 for Walk-ins)
Prize Fee: \$11.00 (returned 100%)
Scholarship: \$0.15

All Events (Optional): \$5.00 Handicap / \$5.00 Scratch

Reserved entries will close on October 23rd, 2017

Walk-ins (\$3.00 additional per bowler) will be accepted up to 30-minutes prior to start of squad if lanes are available
30-minute cutoff will be enforced!!

Send Entries to:

Pete Vetter • Tournament Director
3619 Southwick Dr., NW • Kennesaw, Ga. 30144
Home: [770] 591-5567 • Fax: [888] 553-3073
Email: tournaments@nwga-usbc.com

Make Checks Payable to: NWGA USBC Association Tournament Fund

RULES FOR THE NWGA USBC ASSOCIATION OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

The NWGA USBC Association Open Championship Tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress. The tournament shall be governed by the following rules and all other USBC rules pertaining to certified competition.

ELIGIBILITY

Entry in the Northwest Georgia (NWGA) USBC Association Open Championship Tournament is open to all members of the NWGA-USBC Association who have bowled a minimum of 12-games in a NWGA-USBC Association league this current season.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The tournament shall consist of a four member team event, doubles event, singles event, and optional All-Events Scratch & Handicap. Three games shall be bowled in each event and total pins, including handicap, shall decide the winner. The total of nine games bowled shall determine the All-Events winner.

HANDICAP & AVERAGES

The Open Championship Tournament will be a handicap tournament and handicap will be figured on the basis of 90% of the difference between the highest average of the individual and 210.

Averages will be accepted in the following order:

- A. Entrants will use their highest regular or substitute 2016-17 certified (Winter Season) average (based on at least 21 games), regardless of association.
- B. If no previous season average, use highest current league average of at least 12 games as of **October 20, 2017**. **Verification of such average (Signed by the League Secretary) must be submitted with entry.**
- C. If no current season average, use highest Summer league average of at least 21 games as of the end of the 2016-17 Summer league. **Verification of such average (Signed by the League Secretary) must be submitted with entry.**
- D. If none of the above applies, the entrant must bowl scratch and the entering average will be 210.
- E. Youth standard averages may be used.
- F. **USBC Rule 201a (Average Conversion) WILL apply – Please be aware that this is a newly changed rule**
- G. USBC Rules 319a/2 (Ten-pin Rule) and 319e (Use of Tournament Average Rule) will **NOT** apply
- H. **USBC Rule 319d (Reporting Prize Winnings) WILL apply – Please be aware that this is a newly changed rule and can be grounds for forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings**
- I. **BOWLERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR VERIFYING THEIR OWN AVERAGES.** (USBC Rule 319a/3)

ENTRY FEES

The entry fee will be \$22.00 per bowler/per event; Lineage \$9.00, Prize Fund \$11.00, Expense Fees \$1.85, and a special assessment of \$0.15 per entry/per event shall be included to support the Andy Willet Memorial Scholarship Fund. The entry fee for All-Events is optional and will be \$5.00 for handicap and \$5.00 for scratch. No fees shall be refunded after entries have been received; dates assigned by the Tournament Director and the Team Captain informed of the dates.

CERTIFIED CHECK OR MONEY ORDER should be used to pay entry fees. Make checks payable to **NWGA USBC Association Tournament Fund**. **A \$20.00 ADMINISTRATIVE FEE, PLUS BANK CHARGES WILL BE LEVIED ON ANY RETURNED CHECK.**

Entries open as soon as entry forms are available and reserve entries will close **October 23, 2017**. Walk-in entries will be accepted with **CASH ONLY** until 30-minutes prior to the start of a squad **if lanes are available**. A walk-in fee of \$3.00 will be assessed per bowler/per event.

PRIZE FUND

All prize money will be returned 100% in the event collected. Prize money will be awarded one for each eight (8) entries in each event. All Events scratch and handicap shall be paid at a ratio of one (1) place for every ten (10) entries. Ties for first place will result in Co-Champions and the prize money for the number of teams tying for First Place will be combined and divided equally and duplicate awards will be presented. If a tie exists for other than first place, the prize money will be combined and divided equally among the tied position winners.

USBC rules state the prizes must be distributed within 30 days of the completion of the tournament except when USBC HQ has authorized a delay in payment. Prize checks will be mailed to the Team Captain (listed on the Entry Form) for all winners on the entry and will be void after 60 days.

PARTICIPATION

Entries will be scheduled according to request if possible, and in the order received. The Tournament Director, except for an emergency, will not change the schedule. The Tournament Director will assign lanes for each event. The lineup will be the same as shown on the entry form. Any player or team arriving after the game has started will be allowed to bowl and the score(s) will count beginning with the frame then being bowled. **No score will be given for frames missed.**

MULTIPLE PARTICIPATION IS ALLOWED IN THE TEAM EVENT ONLY. Bowlers may enter the team event twice, however no more than two of the same members may bowl on the second team. First appearance shall count for All-Events.

Team Captains are responsible for notifying team members of the times scheduled to bowl.

Singles will be bowled first, followed by doubles on the same pair of lanes. If a bowler's partner has not arrived by the time the Singles Event has been completed, and a substitute is not available, the bowler will be permitted to bowl games in the Doubles Event in order to qualify for All Events. When a team is scheduled by itself on a pair of lanes, each member will complete the frame on one lane before the team shall start its next frame on the adjoining lane. **NO PACERS SHALL BE PERMITTED.**

In the Team Event, the Team Captain checks in the entire team no later than thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled bowling time. All bowlers in the Doubles/Singles Events must check in with the Tournament Official no later than thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled bowling time.

The tournament recap sheet will be the official score sheet. Scores will be verified from the automatic score printouts. Tournament games cannot be re-bowled, except as authorized by the Tournament Manager when scores are irretrievably lost in an automatic scoring device.

Only participants and tournament officials are allowed in the playing area. Food, beverages, and smoking are not allowed in the playing area. Smoking is governed by the bowling center, state, and local laws. These regulations must be observed in the bowling center.

Proper attire is required during tournament play. **Shorts and jeans are permitted (no tears, holes or cutoffs). No hats, sleeveless shirts, tank tops, t-shirts without bowling logos, short shorts or miniskirts are allowed. In addition, no vulgar or inappropriate language or pictures will be allowed.**

SUBSTITUTES

Substitute forms must be submitted to the Tournament Director thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled time. In case of disability after a game has started in the team and doubles event only, a substitute will be allowed, if one is available. If no substitute is available, only the actual score of the frames bowled will count. A substitute will not be required to reimburse the original entrant with the entry fee paid nor shall the substitute be expected to give the original entrant any prize money or award they may win.

PROTESTS AND APPEALS

Will be governed in accordance with USBC Rule 329

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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM • 12TH ANNUAL • ENTRY DEADLINE: October 23, 2017

Mail Entries With Full Payment To:
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 Fax: [888] 553-3073
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Team Event
 Saturday, October 28, 2017

Squad Time
 9:00am & 1:00pm

Singles / Doubles
 Sunday, October 29, 2017

Squad Time
 10:00am & 2:00pm

Office Use Only	Entry Number		
	Date Rec'd	Total Amt	
Check #			
Ck Amt			
ENTRIES ARE SCHEDULED AS RECEIVED WITH FULL PAYMENT			

Entry Contact / Team Captain: _____

Evening Phone: _____ Day Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

By checking box at left, captain agrees to receive tournament confirmation information via email.

TEAM NAME (required) _____ (Suggestive team names will be changed)

TEAM EVENT: \$88							
LIST IN ORDER OF BOWLING - Line-up will not be re-arranged. PRINT LEGIBLY							
#	Name	USBC #	Shirt Size	Squad Choice Choose One Saturday, Oct 28	Avg*	All Events	Total Fees
1				9:00am <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> \$5 Hcp <input type="checkbox"/> \$5 Scr	
2							<input type="checkbox"/> \$5 Hcp <input type="checkbox"/> \$5 Scr
3				1:00pm <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> \$5 Hcp <input type="checkbox"/> \$5 Scr	Total Team Fees
4						<input type="checkbox"/> \$5 Hcp <input type="checkbox"/> \$5 Scr	

SINGLES/DOUBLES EVENT: \$88 (\$44 per person)							
LIST IN ORDER OF BOWLING - Line-up will not be re-arranged. PRINT LEGIBLY							
#	Name	USBC #	Shirt Size	Squad Choice Choose One Sunday, Oct 29	Avg*	All Events (If Not Paid Above)	Total Fees
1				10:00am <input type="checkbox"/> 2:00pm <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> \$5 Hcp <input type="checkbox"/> \$5 Scr	
2							<input type="checkbox"/> \$5 Hcp <input type="checkbox"/> \$5 Scr
1				10:00am <input type="checkbox"/> 2:00pm <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> \$5 Hcp <input type="checkbox"/> \$5 Scr	Total D/S Fees
2						<input type="checkbox"/> \$5 Hcp <input type="checkbox"/> \$5 Scr	
1				10:00am <input type="checkbox"/> 2:00pm <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> \$5 Hcp <input type="checkbox"/> \$5 Scr	
2						<input type="checkbox"/> \$5 Hcp <input type="checkbox"/> \$5 Scr	

*See tournament rules for entering average requirements

TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: By signature of our Team Captain, acting as our agent, we hereby make application and tender our fees to participate in the NWGA-USBC Open Championship Tournament. We agree to abide by all the rules, regulations and provisions as prescribed by the NWGA-USBC, and we further agree, that in the event circumstances beyond the control of the NWGA-USBC shall arise before or during the scheduled tournament, thereby causing a cancellation, postponement or suspension of the tournament in part or in its entirety, the NWGA-USBC shall not be held liable for the payment of awards. Entrants who have bowled, will be refunded that portion of the fees allocated to the prize fund based upon the number who participated in each event, each division. Entrants not having bowled will be refunded fees allocated to prize fund, lineage and expense.

Signature of Team Captain: _____