

LOUISIANA STATE USBC
80th Annual Handicap Open Tournament

Sanctioned by the United States Bowling Congress



TEAM, DOUBLES & SINGLES

All Star Lanes
 9130 Mansfield Road
 Shreveport, LA 71118
 (318) 687-3676



CONDUCTED BY THE
Northwest LA USBC

SQUAD TIMES and DATES

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|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| TEAM | SUNDAY - 8:30 AM OR 1:00 PM |
| DOUBLES/SINGLES | SATURDAY - 8:30 AM OR 2:00 PM |

June 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 2025

SOME SQUADS MAY BE CANCELED DUE TO LOW PARTICIPATION

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES POSTMARKED MAY 6, 2025

A PARTICIPANT MAY COMPETE ON 3 TEAMS AND 1 SINGLES/DOUBLES (See Tournament Rule #9)
ENTRANTS HANDICAP IS BASED ON 90% DIFFERENCE OF BOWLER'S AVERAGE AND 220
USE THE HIGHEST 2023-2024 WINTER USBC AVERAGE (See Rule #3) No Summer Averages will be used.

TEAM CAPTAINS - PLEASE REVIEW TOURNAMENT RULE #1 (ELIGIBILITY)

TEAM CAPTAINS - PLEASE REVIEW TOURNAMENT RULE # 4 (REPORT OF WINNINGS)

| STANDARD EVENTS | TEAM | DOUBLES | SINGLES |
|--------------------------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| PRIZE FEE | \$ 12.00 | \$ 12.00 | \$ 12.00 |
| BOWLING FEE | \$ 16.00 | \$ 16.00 | \$ 16.00 |
| TOURNAMENT EXPENSE FEES | \$ 3.00 | \$ 3.00 | \$ 3.00 |
| ENTRY FEE PER EVENT | \$ 31.00 | \$ 31.00 | \$ 31.00 |

| OPTIONAL EVENTS | Cost Per Bowler |
|---|------------------------|
| SCRATCH TEAM (Entire Team Must Enter) | \$ 10.00 |
| SCRATCH DOUBLES (Both Doubles Partners Must Enter) | \$ 10.00 |
| SCRATCH SINGLES | \$ 10.00 |
| HANDICAP ALL EVENTS | \$ 10.00 |
| SCRATCH ALL EVENTS | \$ 10.00 |

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE LA USBC

ENTER EARLY TO GET THE TIME AND DATES PREFERRED - NO RESERVATIONS

MAIL ENTRIES TO:

LA State USBC
 10643 Ranchwood Dr.
 Baton Rouge, LA 70815

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULING

Susie Brown
 (225) 939-0032
 LWBASusie@cox.net

LOUISIANA STATE USBC TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Louisiana State USBC Tournament Eligibility: (a) Must be a member in good standing of the United States Bowling Congress, the Louisiana State USBC and a local association chartered in the State of Louisiana and have a minimum of 21 games in a league within that association for the current winter season or (c) A member of the Louisiana State USBC Hall of Fame, or (d) Have served on the Louisiana State USBC Board of Directors. Travel leagues do not meet eligibility requirement.
2. A handicap of 90% of the difference between each player's entering average and a scratch base of 220 will be allowed per game in each event. **Minimum average for computing handicap will be 125 (Rule 319b).**
3. A contestant's entering average shall be based on their highest 2023-24 winter average of 21 games or more in a USBC sanctioned league, provided their highest 2024-25 current average of 21 games or more in any USBC sanctioned league is not 10 pins or more higher than the entering average. The higher average will be used. If the bowler does not have a 2023-24 winter average, they may use their highest 2024-25 current average of 21 games or more in a USBC sanctioned league. May 2nd is the official cut-off date for current averages. Bowlers must report any changes in averages at check-in. Failure to report a current average that is 10 pins or more higher than your 2024-25 winter average will result in disqualification of the participant. **Summer averages will not be accepted.**
4. **USBC Rule 319c on re-rating will be in effect.** A bowler that has had his/her average adjusted/rerated in accordance with this rule is required to report all previous assigned average adjustments/rerates, whether accepted by the bowler or not, at the time of bowling.

The Bowler is responsible for keeping a record of the Names, Dates, Scores, and Prize Winnings (if applicable) in all tournaments entered in the previous 12 months, including those still running. These include all tournament scores bowled in accordance with the game of American tenpins (sanctioned or unsanctioned).

USBC Rule 319d on re-rating will be in effect. If a Bowler has won prize money in excess of \$300 in a single event, the combined prize money won in excess of \$500 in a tournament, and/or the combined prize money in excess of \$1000 in all tournaments competed within the last 12 months prior to the start of the tournament, the Bowler (regardless of average) **MUST** report it at the time of entry. **If prize winnings are reported and documentation is not provided, the Bowler will bowl with a scratch average of 220.**

USBC Rule 319e on re-rating will be in effect. A Bowler shall adjust his/her entering average if, during the 12-month period immediately preceding the time and date of bowling, the Bowler's accumulated average for all, but not less than 21 tournament games, exceeds the average to be used for entry by 15 or more pins. In that case, the accumulated average must be used for handicapping or classification purposes. **A bowler whose tournament scores require an adjustment must submit the adjusted average in writing before the end of the first game.** Failure to use the adjusted average in accordance with the foregoing is cause for forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings, and the bowler is subject to suspension of membership in USBC. Failure to comply with the entering average rule shall be cause to forfeit entry fee and prize winnings. Sport league averages are acceptable but will be re-adjusted based on USBC guidelines.
5. Failure to use the right average or make a correction prior the completion of the first game of a series shall disqualify the score if submitted average is lower than actual average. If submitted average is higher than actual average, prize winning will be based on the submitted average (see USBC Rule 319). The 10-pin rule will apply to the actual average and not the submitted average.
6. Substitutions must be made at least 30-45 minutes prior to bowling time. Under no circumstances can the order (lineup) be changed from the order of bowling shown on the entry form. Check-in must be made 30 minutes to the scheduled bowling time. Practice will start 10 minutes prior to the start of the squad.
7. When the Tournament Manager deems it necessary (and it is possible to do so), entrants may be moved to a different date, squad, or pair of lanes other than when and where they were originally scheduled.
8. No team or individual shall be entitled to a refund after the entry form and entry fee have been received and definite dates have been assigned. The Tournament Manager may refuse to permit any team or individual to bowl if it is determined that the entry should not have been accepted.
9. All prize fees and bowling fees will be held in escrow and paid directly to the tournament winners and the host bowling centers for games bowled. 100% of the prize fees will be returned to the bowlers in prizes. The prize ratio will be 1:8 for each event and 1:13 for All-Events.
10. A Bowler will be permitted to bowl only one time in the Doubles and Singles events. Bowlers must enter both Doubles and Singles if entered in either. No substitutions may be made for the Singles only event. Must sub in for both doubles & singles. A Bowler may bowl 3 times in the Team event. When a Bowler competes more than once, their first appearance in the Team event shall count towards their All-Events score (See USBC Rule 315). Not more than 2 entrants on the same team can place more than once in the prize list for position standings. Doubles will be bowled first with Singles following immediately after. **No Reservations will be accepted.**
11. No more than 6 entrants will be assigned to a pair of lanes for Doubles and Singles except for emergencies. Any squad that does not have at least 10 lanes running is subject to cancellation.
12. A game or frames irretrievably lost may be re-bowled only when approved as outlined in USBC Tournament Rule 327c. Any and all matters not covered by these rules or by USBC Tournament Rules will be ruled upon by the Tournament Management Committee or the Tournament Manager.
13. **TRANSFER OF ALL-EVENTS FEE:** A Bowler who is entered in All-Events but does not compete in any of the events entered, as the original bowler or as a substitute, may transfer the All-Events fee to a substitute provided they bowl all of the events for the original entrant. Bowlers entered in All-Events who are entered more than once in the team event, must use the exact same name on all entries.
14. No obscene attire or language will be permitted. After a warning, violators may be disqualified at the Tournament Manager's discretion.
15. **IRS regulations require winnings of \$600.00 or more be reported. A notification will be sent to the Team Captain of any individual prizes totaling \$600.00 or more requesting the bowlers' social security number. Prize winnings will be released after the bowler provides his/her social security number to the Tournament Manager.**
16. Any questions regarding averages or eligibility must be directed to the Louisiana State USBC Association Manager.
17. This is a USBC sanctioned event. Anything not specifically stated will be covered by USBC Tournament Rules.



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ENTRIES WITHOUT PROPER FEES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Team Captain Information

Name: _____ Address: _____
 City/Zip: _____ Phone: _____
 Email: _____

(Please print email address)

NO HALF PAIRS ACCEPTED FOR HANDICAP OR SCRATCH DOUBLES. A BOWLER CAN ONLY ENTER SCRATCH DOUBLES WITH THEIR HDCP DOUBLES PARTNER.

| Team Information | | Team Name: | | | | Optional Scratch Events | | | | | | |
|------------------|--|------------|-----|-----------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|-------|
| Pos | Print Name (In order of Line-Up) Last Name, First | USBC ID# | Avg | Team \$31 | Handicap Doubles \$31 | Events Singles \$31 | All Events \$10 | Team \$10 | Doubles \$10 | Singles \$10 | All Events \$10 | Total |
| 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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* - Extra lines for Doubles & Singles Bowler Information and Fees
Lanes will be re-oiled for each squad

FAILURE TO REPORT WINNINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH USBC RULE 319(d) WILL BE DISQUALIFIED (See Rule #4).

BOWLERS THAT REPORT WINNINGS AND DO NOT SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION WILL BOWL SCRATCH (SEE RULE #4).

DOUBLES & SINGLES

List Doubles Partners (Please Print)

Bowler _____
 Last Name, First _____

1 _____
 2 _____

Team Event Dates & Times

| Sunday Only | |
|--------------------|--|
| June 8 | |
| June 15 | |
| June 22 | |
| 8:30 am or 1:00 pm | |

Dbis & Sgls Dates & Times

| Saturday Only | |
|--------------------|--|
| June 7 | |
| June 14 | |
| June 21 | |
| 8:30 am or 2:00 pm | |

1 _____
 2 _____

Team only on Sundays

D/S only on Saturdays

1 _____
 2 _____

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Entry No: _____

Date Received: _____

Remit Amount: _____

Above averages/eligibility certified correct by
 Association Manager/League Secretary

Team Captain Signature: _____

Make checks payable to LSUSBC
 A \$25.00 fee will be charged on return checks
 The IRS requires reporting of all winnings by an individual
 of \$600.00 or more. Prizes totaling \$600.00 or more by an
 individual will be released upon receipt of Bowler's
 Social Security Number.

| Select Team Dates & Times | |
|---------------------------|------|
| Date | Time |
| 1st | |
| 2nd | |

| Select Dbis & Sgls Dates & Times | |
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| Date | Time |
| 1st | |
| 2nd | |