

*Greater Pittsburgh USBC*  
*77th Annual Open Championship Tournament*

*Hosted By*

*New Great Valley Lanes  
1501 Highwood Avenue  
North Versailles, Pa. 15137  
412-829-0900*

*April 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024*

*Squad Times: 12:00 pm [noon] and 3:30 pm*

*Entry Fees: \$ 30.00 per entrant per event*

*Tournament Divisions*  
*185 and above*  
*184 and below*  
*Handicap and scratch are in each division*

*Walk-ins and Re-entries are welcomed (based on lane availability).  
Walk-ins, not previously registered, will be assessed a fee of \$5.00  
a minimum of 30 minutes prior to the start of the squad is  
required.*

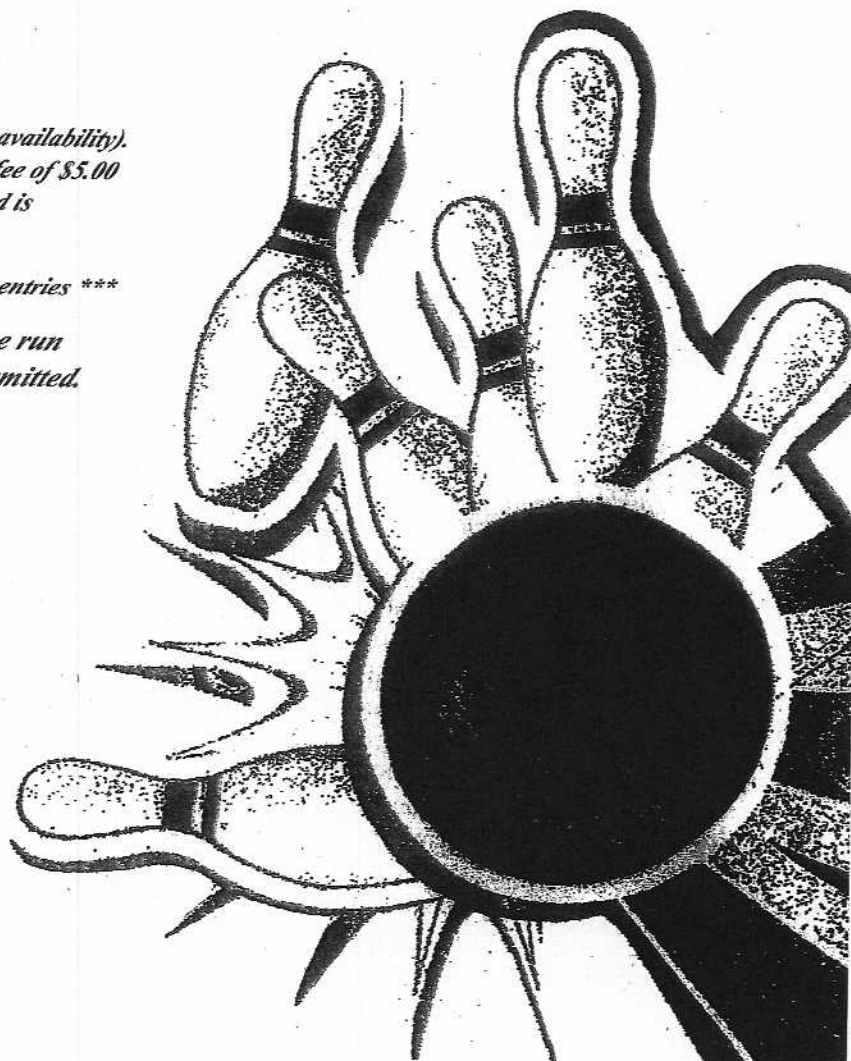
*\*\*\* Cash or checks will be accepted for walk-ins or re-entries \*\*\**

*Optional brackets and side pots [scratch] will be run  
during each squad. No other action will be permitted.*

*Lanes are limited, so get your entry in early.*

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*Greater Pittsburgh USBC*  
*1752 Greensburg Avenue*  
*North Versailles, Pa., 15137*

*412.824.4850*



# Championship Tournament Rules

1. The Greater Pittsburgh Open Championship Tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress and is governed by the rules and regulations of the United States Bowling congress and the Greater Pittsburgh USBC.
  - a. Team entries will consist of any combination of four (4) male or female bowlers.
  - b. Double entries will consist of any combination of two (2) male or female bowlers.
2. **Eligibility:**
  - a. Bowlers must be a member of the GP USBC or have a current co-association membership.
  - b. A co-association membership must be purchased for any USBC member that is not a GP USBC member.
  - c. Co-association membership must be purchased prior to bowling in this tournament at a rate of \$15.00.
  - d. USBC cards must be shown at check-in.
  - e. Any non-USBC member must purchase an Unattached Membership prior to bowling in this tournament at a rate of \$30.00 and will be required to bowl scratch (220). (Subject to Rule # 4).
3. **Entry Fees:**
  - a. Entry fees must accompany each entry.
  - b. Entry closing date shall be one-half (1/2) prior to the last squad.
  - c. Entry fees per bowler per event is broken down as follows:
 

Team, Doubles and Singles	All Events
10.00	Bowling Fees 0.00
1.00	Processing Fee 0.50
4.50	Expenses 0.00
14.50	Prizes fund 4.50
30.00	Total fee 5.00
  - d. No Refunds for no shows at each event.
4. **Bowler responsibilities: USBC considers all averages on bowl.com as book averages.** Bowlers must use their highest certified USBC average from the previous season. If the bowler's average for the current bowling season is ten (10) or more pins higher than last year's average, the higher average must be used. Bowlers without a certified USBC average from the previous season must provide verification of their current certified average based on 21 or more games at the time of bowling. If no verification is provided at the time of bowling, the bowlers will bowl scratch (at an average of 220).
  - a) Bowlers are responsible for verifying his/her average whether submitted by the bowler, by the team captain, or others. If the submitted average is lower than required and results in a lower classification or more handicap, the bowler's score is disqualified. If the submitted average is higher than required, prize winnings will be based on the submitted average.
  - b) Average Adjustment: The Tournament Committee and/or the Tournament Director shall have the authority to adjust the entering average of any bowler based upon past performance and prize winnings in the Association Tournament.
    - Written notification of the adjustment will be sent to the bowler prior to the time of bowling. If a bowler refuses the average adjustment, written notification must be submitted to the tournament director. Upon receipt of such notification, all entry fees will be refunded. If the bowler does not submit a written notification, it will be assumed that the average adjustment has been accepted.
    - If a bowler refuses to be adjusted or neglects to notify the tournament director of any previous adjustments within the last three (3) years, the bowler will be subject to a penalty up to and including disqualification and forfeiture of all prize money and entry fees. (see Rule 319e)
  - c) Bowlers should become familiar with all USBC Tournament Rules, especially Rules 319 a, b, c and e.
5. **Substitutes** may be utilized when necessary, and the substitute meets all rules of eligibility. No substitute will be accepted in the All-events category when any one event, or portion of any event, has been bowled by the original participant or substitute. Substitutes must bowl in the same position as the original bowler as listed on the original entry. Substitutions must be made at least 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time of bowling.

6. **Multiple entries** will be permitted. Bowlers may compete as many times as space is available in the Team and Minor (singles, doubles) events. Teams and individuals shall be eligible for only one prize in each category (scratch, handicap) per event, that being the highest amount.
  - a) Bowlers may compete in as many Team events as space allows.
  - b) Bowlers competing in the Minor's event MUST bowl BOTH Singles and Doubles one time.
  - c) Re-entries in Singles and/or Doubles will be permitted as space allows; a bowler can choose EITHER to bowl Singles OR Doubles after competing in Minors once (see 4b).
  - d) In all cases, a bowler's first score in each event will count towards any optional All-Events category.
  - e) No more than two (2) players on the same Team may cash more than once in the Team event.
  - f) No bowler may cash more than once with the same partner in the Doubles event.
  - g) No bowler may cash more than once in the Singles event.
  - h) No more than two (2) individuals who qualify as PBA members (at the time of entry) may compete on a team in the Team event and only one (1) PBA member may compete on a Doubles team.
7. **Handicaps** for each event shall be 90% of the difference between the entering average and 220 (Singles), 440 (Doubles), and 880 (Team) and computed on a 3-game series.

A handicap score shall be capped at 300 (game) and 900 (series).
8. The following general playing and tournament rules must be adhered to during this Tournament:
  - a) Failure to comply with the playing and tournament rules shall be a cause for disqualification.
  - b) Practicing on the scheduled tournament lanes will not be permitted.
  - c) All bowlers should be ready to bowl at their scheduled time of tournament play. Should any bowler be late or absent, they will be permitted to enter the game in the frame that is currently being bowled. Missed frames cannot be made up and will be scored as zero.
  - d) Doubles will be bowled first, followed by Singles.
  - e) **Improper conduct while bowling in the tournament shall be cause for disqualification.**

Proper bowling etiquette will be adhered to at all times if not it shall be a cause for disqualification ie: public drunkenness, unruly conduct, delay of game, etc.
  - f) The tournament director shall schedule lane assignments for each event of the tournament. Once published, lane assignments cannot be changed.
  - g) Bowlers wishing to be scheduled to bowl together must submit their entries together with a request that they wish to be paired together (as noted on entry form).
9. **Awards and Prizes**
  - a) Prize fees shall be paid 100% in cash awards. Allocation of the prize list in each event will be 75% to the handicap and 25% to the scratch. Minimum prize in any event shall be no less than the prize fee for that event.
  - b) Awards: All Handicap and Scratch Champions will receive an appropriate award in each event.
  - c) In the event of a tie, co-champions will be declared. Ties in the prize listing will split prize monies for that finish position. (ex. 2<sup>nd</sup> place tie = 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winnings will be combined and split between the 2).
  - d) Decisions of the Tournament management shall be final unless an appeal is made in accordance with Rule 329.
  - e) A reimbursable entry will be paid at the conclusion of the tournament, (for all fours events – team, doubles, singles and all-events) will be given to a sponsor of eight (8) teams or more who: (1) Schedules the teams on one squad or same weekend. (2) Enters the team members in team, doubles, and singles.
  - f) If there are less than 130 entries in the Team event, 260 entries in Doubles, 520 in Singles, the prize fund will be adjusted accordingly to reflect the amount of funds collected. **ALL PRIZE FUNDS WILL BE RETURNED 100% PER EVENT.**
  - g) Ratio of awards are 1 in 8 per event, and 1 in 10 for all-events
10. The GP USBC will be offering brackets and scratch side pots during each squad. No other side action will be permitted.
11. **Covid-19**

**The GP USBC Open Championship Tournament will follow all COVID-19 Guidelines in effect at time of competition.**

For more information or questions, contact the GP USBC office at 412-824-8450

Do Not Write in These Columns		Dates Requested	
Entry No.	Team	Date/time	Minors
TM			
D	Squad	1	1
S		2	2
AE	Lane	3	3
Total			
Rec'd			
Over:	Under:		

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

IRS regulations require the GP USBC to report all winnings of \$600 or more. If any individual receives over \$600, they must provide the Association with their Social Security Number upon request or it may result in withholding of prize money and/or taxes.

Team Line-up		Highest Average 2022-2023					
4-person line-up (\$120.00 per team) PRINT legibly							
Team must bowl in order listed below							
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	Bowler ID #	HDCP	Scratch	9-game All-Events	6-game All-Events	Scratch 6-game All-Events
1							
2							
3							
4							

Minor Event		Team to be paired with:	
Doubles (\$60.00 per team), Singles (\$30.00 per person) Must enter BOTH Doubles and Singles Team must bowl in order listed below			
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	Bowler ID #	Highest Average 2022-2023
1			
2			
1			
2			

Remit total fees by Money Order or Personal Check with this form by April 12, 2024 to:

**Greater Pittsburgh USBC**  
 2024 Open Championship Tournament  
 1752 Greensburg Avenue  
 North Versailles, PA 15137  
 Phone: 412.824.4850 Fax: 412.825.4809

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

I hereby certify as the team captain to be responsible for the correctness and authenticity of the last season's highest averages of individual team members while the players in turn be responsible to me. Should the Tournament officials ascertain at any time that the highest averages have been falsified and the players are listed on this entry blank, the team shall forfeit all claims for prize money as well as the entry fees.

Team captain (Print)
Team captain (Sign)
Address, City, State, Zip Code
Phone Number (cell / Home)
E-Mail Address

**\*\* There will be a \$40.00 charge for any returned check \*\***

**Incomplete Entry Forms will be returned.**