

MARCH 22-23, 2025
MARCH 29-30, 2025

SINGLES/DOUBLES @ 9:00 AM
TEAM @ 1:00 PM

90% HANDICAP

\$40.00 ENTRY FEE PER EVENT
\$5.00 ALL-EVENTS
\$25.00 SCRATCH OPTION

BRACKETS & JACKPOTS



SQUAD LEADER INCENTIVE FOR 6
OR MORE TEAMS (Rule #5)

RESERVED ENTRIES CLOSE
FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025
(WALK-INS ACCEPTED ONE HOUR PRIOR TO
SQUAD TIME BASED ON LANE AVAILABILITY)

CHECK-IN ONE HOUR
PRIOR TO SQUAD TIME

\$5.00 LATE FEE
PER PERSON PER EVENT

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

AMF BROOKGATE LANES

14950 Snow Road, Brook Park, Ohio 44142

Cleveland Ohio USBC Open Championship Tournament Rules (2024-2025 Season)

1. This tournament is open to all members of the Cleveland Ohio USBC (COUSBC). Non-members may enter by purchasing an associate membership (\$28.00) or paying local association dues (\$11.00). Membership dues must be submitted with the entry form. All entries must be completed in full and include the bowler's national USBC ID number. An entry is not considered final until all monies are paid in full.
2. This tournament consists of team, doubles and singles events and all-events. Teams consist of 4 bowlers; doubles teams consist of 2 bowlers. The singles event is bowled first followed by the doubles event. PBA/PWBA MEMBERS: All bowlers who carry a PBA or PWBA card at the time of bowling this event are limited to two (2) on a team and one (1) on a doubles team. PBA and PWBA members are eligible to enter the singles event and all-events.
3. Entry fee is \$40.00 per event and is broken down as follows: Lineage: \$10.50; Expenses/Awards: \$4.50; Prize Fund: \$25.00. Entry fee for all-events is \$5.00. Entry fee for the optional scratch events (team, doubles, singles and all-events) is \$25.00. Entry fees may be paid by cash, check or money order payable to Cleveland Ohio USBC (COUSBC). Checks returned for non-sufficient funds (NSF) will be charged a \$35.00 fee plus the amount of the check. Only cash will be accepted for NSF checks. No checks will be accepted after March 14, 2025. There will be no refunds (except for COVID-19; see Rule #17). Reserved entries must be filled out completely on the official entry form and submitted with full payment to the COUSBC office (14950 Snow Road, Suite 100, Brook Park, Ohio 44142) by Friday, March 14, 2025. After March 14, 2025, a \$5.00 late fee per person per event will be assessed. **No late fee will be charged for re-entries to the tournament. Teams who wish to cross lanes MUST submit their entry forms and payment in the same envelope.**
4. Multiple participation will be permitted in each event as follows: In the team event, a team must change two (2) bowlers each time they re-enter. In the doubles event, bowlers may only cash once with the same partner. In the singles event, bowlers may only cash once. If a bowler competes multiple times, their first appearance in each event will be counted towards their all-events score. The prize ratio is as follows: Handicap: at least 1 out of 5 will cash; Scratch: at least 1 out of 5 will cash. Prize money will be returned 100%.
5. Squad leaders will receive \$40.00 (payable on the scheduled bowling date) for six (6) or more teams they enter. **NOTE: All entries must be submitted together in the same envelope. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
6. Average Rule: All individuals must use:
 - a. Their highest USBC certified average (21 games or more) from the 2022-2023 or 2023-2024 season (including summer averages).
 - b. If the bowler does not have a USBC certified average from the 2022-2023 or 2023-2024 season, they will use their current (2024-2025) average of at least 21 games at the time of bowling. The current average must be verified in writing from the league secretary or the bowler can provide a current standing sheet, which lists the bowler's full name, # of games and current average.
 - c. If the bowler does not have an average as required in 6a or 6b, a 225 average will be used.
 - d. Rule 319-a2 will apply (10-pin rule). (When the previous season's average is used, and at the time of bowling an entrant has a current average for 21 or more games that is 10 pins or more higher than the prior season's average, the current average must be used.)
 - e. Any falsification of average will result in the entrant being disqualified from the tournament.

7. HANDICAP will be 90% of 675 for a 3-game series. The team method will be used as follows: Team Event: 90% of 2,700; Doubles Event: 90% of 1,350; Singles Event: 90% of 675. The handicap game will not exceed 300, and the handicap series will not exceed 900.
8. Tournament winners are determined by the highest handicap series in each event and scratch series in the optional scratch events. Winners will be invited to the annual awards banquet at the end of the season.
9. Check-in will be one (1) hour prior to each squad time. Squad time is 9:00 AM for the Singles/Doubles event and 1:00 PM for the Team event. All individuals must check-in. Walk-ins are permitted one (1) hour prior to squad time based on lane availability. Walk-ins will incur a \$5.00 late fee per person per event.
10. Eligible substitutes will be permitted to bowl in the tournament.
11. Bowlers arriving after the squad has begun will be permitted to bowl but must begin in the current frame being bowled. All tardy bowlers not ready to bowl when the squad begins will receive zero (0) for all frames missed.
12. Tournament officials will collect money for brackets and jackpots.
13. The entrant whose name appears on this entry, or their authorized replacement, hereby agrees that the COUSBC, its officers and agents shall be liable only to the extent of returning the entry fee if and when this entrant shall be prevented from bowling in the tournament through delay, unexpected yet necessary schedule change, or premature termination of the tournament, which may be brought on by war, national emergency or emergencies caused by unexpected weather conditions or causes relating thereto or resulting therefrom fires, strikes, lockouts, labor difficulties or causes beyond the control of the COUSBC.
14. If a lane equipment malfunction occurs during tournament competition that requires participants to be moved to a new pair of lanes, the participants will start their tournament competition from the point of the interruption with no practice/shadow balls on the new lanes.
15. ETIQUETTE: Individuals are responsible for their own conduct during tournament competition. Disruptive and unsportsmanlike conduct, profane language and obscene gestures will not be tolerated. Proper attire must be worn. No cut-off shirts, tank tops, spaghetti straps, low-cut tops, bare midribs, short shorts or cut-offs will be allowed. No obscene printing on anything. Length of skirts, dresses, skorts or shorts must be below the competitor's fingertips when they are standing and their arms are hanging down at their side. Length of skirts, dresses, skorts, and shorts MUST be long enough to not see your bottom area (even if covered by under shorts) at any time, standing or bent over. Tops of shorts/pants must be worn at waist level. Appropriate hats are permitted. One courtesy will be observed by bowlers and enforced throughout the tournament. Failure to comply can result in disqualification from tournament competition.
16. Bowling equipment must meet USBC specifications. No balance holes will be permitted. All holes drilled must be used for gripping purposes on every delivery. NOTE: House balls are exempt from this rule. The use of any powder or foreign substance on shoes, on the approach, on the facility floor, on the carpet, or on a bowling towel is not allowed. **Use of all liquids, sprays and sanding pads must be done prior to the first ball of tournament competition.** NOTE: Any cleaner that is used prior to the start of competition must be approved by USBC (refer to the "Approved Cleaners" list in the Equipment Specifications manual on www.bowl.com) and in its original container which displays the USBC Approved Before/After logo. **Once competition has begun, the outer surface of the bowling ball may only be cleaned with a dry towel (USBC Rule 18). (Competition starts once any bowler throws a ball for score in the tournament.)** If a bowler is seen altering the ball surface during the tournament, the ball will be disqualified for the remainder of the tournament as soon as this is discovered. If the bowler incurs a second equipment offense, the bowler will be disqualified from the current event with NO refund of entry fee. NOTE: Should a foreign substance appear on the outer surface of a bowling ball which cannot be removed with a dry towel, an approved cleaner may be used with consent from the tournament manager.
17. COVID-19 Precautions: If you are feeling sick, have a fever over 100 degrees or have come in contact with someone who has had a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the last 14 days leading up to this tournament, please contact the COUSBC office to withdraw from the event. You will receive a full refund.
18. Any rule violation will be subject to disqualification. Errors in scoring must be reported immediately. Any protest affecting eligibility or playing rules must be confirmed in writing to the Tournament Manager with 72 hours of the infraction or prior to tournament prizes being paid, whichever occurs first. USBC Rule 303 will apply (Authority of Tournament Management). The Tournament Manager along with the Board of Directors of the Cleveland Ohio USBC will have the right to settle all disputes not covered in the above rules or in USBC rules. All decisions of the Tournament Manager are final, unless an appeal is made in accordance with Rule 329. All USBC rules will apply.
19. All participants agree to allow his/her name and likeness to be used on social media in regard to this event.
20. Questions should be directed to the COUSBC office (216-898-9115 or 216-898-9117).



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2024 – 2025 Season

AMF Brookgate Lanes ♦ 14950 Snow Road ♦ Brook Park, Ohio 44142

MAIL ENTRY FORM & FEE TO:

CLEVELAND OHIO USBC ASSOCIATION, 14950 SNOW ROAD, SUITE 100, BROOK PARK, OHIO 44142

(All entry fees & supporting documentation must accompany this entry. Checks should be payable to COUSBC.)

Tournament Dates: March 22, 23, 29 & 30, 2025

Tournament Times: 9:00 AM Singles/Doubles 1:00 PM Team

Squad Date/Time: 1st Choice Team _____ Doubles/Singles _____

2nd Choice Team _____ Doubles/Singles _____

Team Name: _____
 Captain Name: _____ Telephone # _____
 Address: _____
 E-Mail Address: _____

TEAM EVENT- LINE UP (Print Full Name) \$40.00 per person	USBC ID #	HIGHEST AVERAGE			\$5.00 HANDICAP ALL EVENTS	\$25.00 OPTIONAL SCRATCH	\$10.00 DEPOSIT MASTERS / QUEENS APRIL 12-13, 2025	
		2022-2023	2023-2024	CURRENT / # OF GAMES				
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3.								
4.								

DOUBLES & SINGLES EVENTS - LINEUP (Print Full Name) \$80.00 per person (If you enter Doubles, you must enter Singles)	USBC ID #	HIGHEST AVERAGE		
		2022-2023	2023-2024	CURRENT / # OF GAMES
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ENTRY # _____ DATE RECEIVED _____ PAID \$ _____ CK / MO / CASH _____