

FEBRUARY 28 – MARCH 1, 2026  
MARCH 7-8, 2026

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM  
SINGLES / DOUBLES

TEAM @ 1:00 PM  
ONLY 10 TEAM LANES ARE  
AVAILABLE ON SATURDAY SQUADS

90% HANDICAP

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



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

RESERVED ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY,  
FEBRUARY 20, 2026  
(WALK-INS ACCEPTED ONE HOUR PRIOR TO SQUAD  
TIME BASED ON LANE AVAILABILITY)

CHECK-IN ONE HOUR  
PRIOR TO SQUAD TIME

BRACKETS & JACKPOTS

## OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

NEW  
SEPARATE  
EVENTS FOR  
SINGLES &  
DOUBLES

ONLY 10 LANES  
AVAILABLE  
ON SATURDAYS  
FOR TEAM EVENT

### ROLLHOUSE PARMA

12859 Brookpark Road, Parma, Ohio 44130

#### Cleveland Ohio USBC Open Championship Tournament Rules (2025-2026 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. Youth eligibility: See USBC Rule 400.
2. This tournament consists of team, doubles and singles events and all-events. Teams consist of 4 bowlers; doubles teams consist of 2 bowlers. Singles and doubles are separate events this year. PBA MEMBERS & PWBA TITLE HOLDERS: All bowlers who carry a PBA card at the time of bowling this event or are a PWBA title holder are limited to two (2) on a team and one (1) on a doubles team. PBA and PWBA title holders are eligible to enter the singles event and all-events. Lanes will be oiled before the 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM squads; the 11:00 AM squad is designated as the burn squad.
3. Entry fee is \$40.00 per event and is broken down as follows: Lineage: \$15.00; Expenses/Awards: \$2.00; Prize Fund: \$23.00. Entry fee for handicap all-events is \$5.00. Entry fee for the optional scratch events (team, doubles, singles and all-events) is \$25.00 and is broken down as follows: \$5.00/team (all team members must enter); \$5.00/doubles (both team members must enter); \$5.00/singles; \$10.00/all-events. 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 February 20, 2026. There will be no refunds (except for illness; 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, February 20, 2026. **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 2023-2024 or 2024-2025 season (including summer averages).
  - b. If the bowler does not have a USBC certified average from the 2023-2024 or 2024-2025 season, they will use their current (2025-2026) 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 times are 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM for the Singles & Doubles events 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.
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. NOTE: The tournament director / official may authorize participants on the pair to practice prior to resuming the game/series.
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 midriffs, 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](http://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. Illness 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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2025 – 2026 Season

RollHouse Parma ♦ 12859 Brookpark Road ♦ Parma, Ohio 44130

## 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.)

## SQUAD DATES & TIMES

|         |                                    |         |   |
|---------|------------------------------------|---------|---|
| SINGLES | February 28 & March 1, 7 & 8, 2026 | 9:00 AM | 11:00 AM  |
| DOUBLES | February 28 & March 1, 7 & 8, 2026 | 9:00 AM | 11:00 AM  |
| TEAM    | February 28 & March 1, 7 & 8, 2026 | 1:00 PM | (Only 10 lanes available on Saturdays – 2/28 & 3/7) |

Squad Date/Time: 1<sup>st</sup> Choice Team \_\_\_\_\_ Doubles \_\_\_\_\_ Singles \_\_\_\_\_  
2<sup>nd</sup> Choice Team \_\_\_\_\_ Doubles \_\_\_\_\_ Singles \_\_\_\_\_

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

Captain Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## TOURNAMENT EVENTS

INDICATE WHICH EVENT EACH INDIVIDUAL IS BOWLING  
(X FOR TEAM & SINGLES; NAME FOR DOUBLES)

| BOWLER INFORMATION | USBC ID # | HIGHEST AVERAGE |           |                      | TEAM | DOUBLES PARTNER | SINGLES |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|----------------------|------|-----------------|---------|
|                    |           | 2023-2024       | 2024-2025 | CURRENT / # OF GAMES |      |                 |         |
| 1.                 |           |                 |           |                      |      |                 |         |
| 2.                 |           |                 |           |                      |      |                 |         |
| 3.                 |           |                 |           |                      |      |                 |         |
| 4.                 |           |                 |           |                      |      |                 |         |

## TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES

## SCRATCH OPTIONS

| BOWLER'S NAME | TEAM<br>\$40.00 | DOUBLES<br>\$40.00 | SINGLES<br>\$40.00 | HANDICAP<br>ALL-<br>EVENTS<br>\$5.00 | TEAM<br>\$5.00 | DOUBLES<br>\$5.00 | SINGLES<br>\$5.00 | ALL-<br>EVENTS<br>\$10.00 | TOTAL<br>PAID |
|---------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| 1.            |                 |                    |                    |                                      |                |                   |                   |                           |               |
| 2.            |                 |                    |                    |                                      |                |                   |                   |                           |               |
| 3.            |                 |                    |                    |                                      |                |                   |                   |                           |               |
| 4.            |                 |                    |                    |                                      |                |                   |                   |                           |               |

For Office Use Only

ENTRY # \_\_\_\_\_ DATE RECEIVED \_\_\_\_\_ PAID \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CK / MO / CASH \_\_\_\_\_ VERIFIED BY \_\_\_\_\_