

CITY OPEN TOURNAMENT RULES

1. This tournament is open to all adult members of the Greater Richmond USBC who previously had a 21-game average or are currently bowling in a GRUSBC certified league and has a 21-game average at the time of bowling. All entrants must be a 2024-25 GRUSBC member. USBC ID number and name must be provided on the entry form for processing.
2. The tournament is open only to GRUSBC members and their entering average is based on the following: (a) Highest 23-24 GRUSBC yearbook average. If no (a), then (b) Highest 21-game average as of December 31, 2024. If no (a) or (b), then (c) Highest 23-24 21-game average in a GRUSBC certified summer league. If no (a), (b) or (c), but have a GRUSBC sport or challenge average for 23-24, this will be converted to a standard average. All others will bowl scratch (230 avg). USBC rule 319(a) 20-pin rule does apply as of December 31, 2024. It is the bowler's responsibility to verify and report any average that is incorrect prior to bowling. If the bowler's average is found to be 20+ pins higher as of December 31, 2024 and not properly reported, the bowler will be disqualified if they have already bowled. If the submitted average is higher than actual and the bowler has bowled, the average will stand. No youth averages accepted.
3. Handicap is based on 90% of 230 for all entrants.
4. USBC rule 319(d) does not apply (reporting of prize winnings).
5. Teams will have a playing strength of four members. No more than two bowlers can place on the prize list together. Multiple entries are allowed in team event. A bowler may bowl singles and doubles a maximum of two times but must have different partners. A bowler may cash in singles only one time with the highest score. Only one entry is allowed in all events handicap or scratch. Entry in only the doubles or singles event is not permitted. All entry fees must be submitted with entry before closing date.
6. Proper attire: Shirts or blouses must have sleeves and no midriff showing. Trousers, skirts or shorts must come halfway to the knee. Bowlers will not be allowed to begin bowling unless dressed in proper attire and will receive a score of "0" for all frames missed.
7. The lineup for teams and doubles will be as submitted on the entry form. No rearrangements will be allowed after the closing date without Tournament Manager approval. All substitutes will take the place of the original bowler. Any bowler arriving late will be allowed to begin bowling in the current frame when ready to bowl with a score of "0" for all frames missed. A substitute may take the place of a bowler's all events entry only if the bowler hasn't participated in any event of the tournament.
8. Singles will be bowled first, then doubles on the same pair of lanes. Three doubles teams will be scheduled on the same pair of lanes unless circumstances necessitate less.
9. Only team captains may request a change of schedule for team, singles, or doubles. All changes must be made at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the shift unless approved by the Tournament Manager.
10. All-events fees must be paid prior to tournament closing date. Bowlers must enter handicap all-events to enter scratch all-events.
11. Scratch team, doubles and singles are optional. The entire team must enter team scratch and both doubles bowlers must enter doubles scratch. The highest score in any event will count towards all-events score.
12. Substitutes are not required to reimburse the original entrant for any entry fees, nor are they required to give original entrant any prize monies or award they may win.
13. Additional squads may be added during the tournament as deemed necessary by the Tournament Manager.
14. In the event of a tie for first place in any event, prize monies will be combined, Co-Champions will be declared, and duplicate awards will be issued. Prizes will be distributed on a basis of at least one for every ten entries in both handicap and scratch events.
15. Greater Richmond USBC will add monies to all Handicap events. All returned checks must be paid prior to bowling and include the amount of check, all applicable bank fees, and a \$25.00 processing fee.
16. Premature cancellation of the tournament for any reason beyond the control of the GRUSBC, will cause proration of all prize monies to the number of entrants in each event who have participated up to the time of termination. All others will receive a full refund of fees.
17. Any questions not covered in these rules will be governed by USBC rules or at the discretion of the Tournament Manager. All decisions made by the Tournament Manager will be final.
18. Confirmations will not be mailed prior to closing date.