



Middle Georgia USBC Association 2023-2024 Open Championship Tournament

Gold Cup Bowling Center

1041 Russell Pkwy



USBC CERTIFIED 08398

Entry Fee Per Bowler, Per Event

	TEAM	DOUBLES	SINGLES
Lineage	\$ 14.50	\$ 14.50	\$ 14.50
Expenses	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Prize Fund	\$ 13.50	\$ 13.50	\$ 13.50
Total	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00

CLOSING DATE for entries

March 8, 2024
NO WALK - IN

Tournament Director is
Erie Chisolm

Assisted by Tom Miliken Jr, Assoc Board

Optional – Scratch Only Division

Same cost as above

Optional – Scratch with scores from Handicap

Cost: Expense Fee & Prize Fund

All Events (Optional - must bowl all 3 events)

Handicap \$ 3.00

Scratch \$ 3.00

Leave entries/fees at bowling center or

Mail entries with check/money order to:

Middle Georgia USBC

109 Ginko Ln

Kathleen, Ga. 31047

Returned check fee is \$35.00 plus bank charges

Date (Saturday)		Time	Date (Sunday)		Time
March 16, 2024		10:00 AM & 1:30 PM	March 17, 2024		11:00 AM & 2:30 PM
March 23, 2024		10:00 AM & 1:30 PM	March 24, 2024		11:00 AM & 2:30 PM
1 st Choice		TM – S/D	1 st Choice		TM – S/D
Date: _____	Time: _____	_____	Date: _____	Time: _____	_____
2 nd Choice			2 nd Choice		
Date: _____	Time: _____		Date: _____	Time: _____	

Team Name		Captain	Phone		
Team Members according to line up		Bowler ID	Highest 2022-2023 Yearbook Avg	Highest Avg Dec 31, 2023	Phone Number
1					
2					
3					
4					

Doubles Pairings

Bowler Name (Doubles entries must be complete. Do not split pairs.)	Team			Doubles			Singles			All Events	
	Hdep Only \$30	Scr Opt \$15.50	Scr Only \$30	Hdep Only \$30	Scr Opt \$15.50	Scr Only \$30	Hdep Only \$30	Scr Opt \$15.50	Scr Only \$30	Hdep \$3	Scr \$3
1											
2											
1											
2											
Entry Account Totals											

Entry # _____ Amount Rec'd _____ Date Rec'd _____

2023-2024 Open Championship Tournament Rules

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** Competition is limited to members of Middle Georgia USBC Assn, Inc., in a certified league at any center serviced by that association and must be in good standing.
2. **SCHEDULING, LINE UP and SUBSTITUTES:** Bowlers will bowl in the order that they are listed on the entry. Check in will be 30 minutes before the scheduled shift. Substitutes will check in at that time and bowl in the position of the absent bowler.
 - 2a. **PARTICIPATION:** You may enter the tournament as many times as there are shifts. Bowlers must enter both Doubles & Singles to enter either. **Bowlers may enter Doubles or Singles more than once but only after entering both for the first time.** When a bowler participates more than once, his/her first scores count for all events. (USBC Rule 315). Multiple placements will be paid out as indicated below:
 - A. Team: Two team members must be different but may only cash ONCE with the same team.
 - B. Doubles: Partner must be different but may only cash ONCE with the same partner.
 - C. Singles: Can place only one time. The highest score will be used.
3. **FEES and PRIZES:** All fees must be paid prior to the start of the tournament. Ratios for the prize money payout are: Team, Doubles, Singles - at least 1 in 5 entries or major fraction thereof and All Events Scratch/Handicap - at least 1 in 5 entries or major fraction thereof. Awards will be given to the winners in each event from the expense fee to be presented at the Open Association Annual meeting/Awards program.
4. **AVERAGES and HANDICAP:** Averages will be accepted in the following order:
 - A. Highest certified 2022-2023 Yearbook league average.
 - B. Highest current average as of 31 Dec 2023.
 - C. Highest 2023 summer league average.
 - D. A former Youth bowler may use their highest 2022-2023 Youth certified average.
 - E. All averages are for 21 games or more (USBC Rule 319a1).
 - F. If none of the above applies, entrants must bowl scratch.
 - G. Handicap is figured at 90% of the difference between the bowler's average and 220.
5. Rule 319a2 – **Ten pin rule does not apply**
Rule 319a3 – Each bowler is responsible for verifying their average.
Rule 319a4 – Corrections to bowler's average can be made up to the end of the first series bowled.
Rule 319d – Entrants who have qualified for \$300 or more in cash and/or merchandise in a single event, the combined prize money won in excess of \$500 in a tournament, and/or the combined prize money won in excess of \$1000 in all tournaments competed in within 12 months shall report their winnings to the tournament officials.
6. **TARDY BOWLERS:** Any bowler arriving after the game has started will be allowed to bowl and the score will count beginning in the frame being bowled. The frames missed will be scored as zero (0). (USBC Rule 322a)
7. **PROTEST:** Any protest affecting eligibility or general playing rules must be filed within the seven (7) days after completion of the tournament.
8. The appointed Tournament Director reserves the right to change the tournament rules prior to the start of tournament play.
9. **DRESS Code:** Bowler must wear appropriate attire. No T-shirts, no sleeveless shirts, no cut-off jeans, dress shorts allowed, athletic shorts not allowed. All decisions of proper attire will remain with the tournament manager.