

## 2026 GEORGIA STATE USBC ALL-STAR TOURNAMENT RULES

- 1. Certification and Eligibility.** The 2026 Georgia State USBC All-Star Tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress. Bowlers will be required to show a current USBC card at check-in. Each local association of the Georgia State USBC is entitled to enter any number of six-person teams. (Teams may be restricted to two per association and four per the four largest associations if there are insufficient lanes). All teams are eligible for the team championship. Competition is restricted to members of Georgia State local bowling associations with at least 21 games in a league certified by that association during the current season. Individuals may enter and compete only once. All teams must be authorized by their local association president or association manager. This includes any substitutes. Any local associations without a certified center may apply to the state association manager for an exemption to the above eligibility requirements.
- 2. Closing Date.** Final closing date for entries is February 22, 2026. Any entries received or postmarked after that date will be accepted based upon availability and incur a \$10 late fee.
- 3. Fees.** Entry fee is \$450.00 per team or \$75.00 per bowler. All fees must accompany entries. Make checks payable to the Georgia State USBC. The \$450 entry fee per team must be paid regardless of the actual number of bowlers.
- 4. Prizes.** Prize Money will be returned 100 percent. Twenty (20) percent of the prize fund will be returned as team prizes (at least one in ten). The remainder will be awarded as individual prizes. Each member of the 2026 Georgia State USBC All-Star Championship Team and the top three (3) finishers in the singles competition will receive a plaque. A minimum of twenty-four (24) bowlers will cash in the singles competition.
- 5. Lineups and Substitutions.** No entrant shall change his/her position in a team lineup after the entry has been received by the tournament director. Check-in will be thirty (30) minutes prior to each squad's starting time. Substitutions should be processed prior to or at check-in. Each local association president or association manager must authorize any substitutions for their team(s).
- 6. Dress Code and Cellular Telephones.** Participants are expected to wear suitable attire during competition. All clothes must be neat, clean, and free of holes or frayed hemlines. Acceptable tops include full length shirts or bowling jerseys with polo, butterfly, or sash collars, or t-shirts with league logos. Acceptable bottoms include pants, nice jeans, capris, walking/casual shorts, skirts and/or skorts at least fingertip length. Attire or equipment depicting alcohol, illegal substances, gambling, or inappropriate language/gestures is forbidden in accordance with USBC Rule 103b. Tournament officials will determine appropriate attire, and those decisions are final. Cellular telephone use is not permitted.
- 7. Masters Entrant.** The 2026 All-Star Singles Champion will be awarded an entry into the 2027 USBC Masters including an expense amount as determined by the Georgia State USBC board of directors. If the bowler eligible for the Masters Tournament cannot attend that event, he or she shall not retain any funds, either entry or expenses, received thereof. Such funds must be returned to the Georgia State USBC. Withdrawal should be in a timely manner so that the next eligible bowler may be entered.

### Tournament Format

- 1. First Round Qualifying.** The first round of qualifying will consist of one 5-game block. Each team will bowl on a pair of lanes, then move one pair to the right after each game. The house will be divided. One half of the field (maximum 66), based upon the first 5-game totals, will qualify for the second round. Total pinfall for the first five (5) game block will determine the Georgia State USBC All-Star Championship Team. If six bowlers compete on a team, the lowest individual score in a game will be dropped. All scores will count towards an individual's qualifying score.
- 2. Second Round of Qualifying – Semi-Finals.** The semi-finals will begin at 4:00 PM on Saturday March 21 and will consist of one five (5) game block. Bowlers will be assigned lanes according to first-round qualifying scores and will again move one pair of lanes to the right after each game. The house will again be halved. Pinfall from the semi-finals will be added to that from the first round of qualifying. This ten game total will determine the twelve (12) finalists. In the event of a tie for twelfth place, a one-game roll-off will be held immediately. The tournament director may announce a deadline, no earlier than 4:00 PM, at which time any semi-final qualifier not on site and ready to bowl will be disqualified from further competition. The next bowler on the qualifying list will assume the final qualifying position.
- 3. Finals.** The finals will begin Sunday March 22 at 8:30 AM. All bowlers will begin even with no pins carried over. Twelve (12) one-game matches in head-to-head competition will be held using a 12-team schedule. Bowlers will be assigned numbers according to their 10 game totals. Ties will be broken by a coin toss. The twelfth match will be a position round. Ties after 11 games that can affect the championship will be broken by a ninth and tenth frame roll-off. A short break is scheduled after the 6<sup>th</sup> game of the finals. Bowlers may take two warm-up shots prior to the 7<sup>th</sup> game. Thirty (30) bonus pins will be awarded for each individual match won with fifteen (15) pins going to each bowler in the event of a tie.

The 2026 GA State USBC All-Star Champion will be determined by total pinfall plus bonus pins in the finals. In the event of a tie for first place, a one-game roll-off will determine the champion. In the event of a tie for second place, a ninth and tenth frame roll-off will determine prizes only. In ties other than for first place, the cash prizes will be combined and divided by the number of ties.