

OCUSBC CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT RULES
TEAM CAPTAIN/YOUTH DIRECTORS: ONLINE ENTRY CLOSING DATE IS OCTOBER 31, 2025
ONSITE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AS SPACE PERMITS.

FORMAT: 5 game format: Team Event – Games 1, 2 and 3; Doubles Event – Games 2, 3 and 4; Singles Event – Games 3, 4 and 5.

FEES: Entry fee – Adult Division - \$125.00 per bowler. Lineage \$30, Expenses \$10, Prize Fund \$85.
Youth Division - \$80 per bowler. Lineage \$30, Expenses \$10, Prize Fund \$40.
On-Site Entries \$150 per bowler and \$80 youth.

1. **ALL EVENTS:** The fee is included in the tournament entry fee.
2. **OPTIONAL SCRATCH EVENTS:** We are offering the following scratch events: Team Event fees \$40 (\$10 per person); Doubles \$20 (\$10 per person); Singles \$10; All Events: \$5. 100% returned as prize fund.
3. **ELIGIBILITY:** Each entrant **MUST** be a member of the OCUSBC. Transfer cards are available online at bowl.com or contact assnmgr@ocusbc.org.
 - a. Bowlers will be allowed to enter multiple times. *A new team constitutes out of 4 members 2 must be different from previous entry. Must bowl with a different doubles partner.*
 - b. Bowler bowling in multiple singles event may only cash once.
 - c. All Events scores are based upon bowler's 5 game total score.
 - d. **Not more than TWO PBA/PWBA professional bowlers permitted in a team line up.**
 - e. **Only one PBA/PWBA professional bowler per doubles team permitted**
4. **AVERAGE:** Entering average must be established in an USBC certified league.
The highest of the following averages will be used in the following order:
 - a. **USBC composite average from 2024-25 season with a minimum of 21 games**
 - b. **USBC current 2025-26 average with a minimum of 21 games, if current league has not completed. League sheet must accompany entry.**
 - c. **USBC 2023-24 season composite with a minimum of 21 games.**
 - d. **If none of the above, the bowler will enter at 230.**

Note: USBC Rule 319a Conditions that Apply, USBC Rule 319b Assigned Average, USBC Rule 319c (re-rating) will be enforced as necessary USBC Rules 319d and 319f will be waived, USBC Rule 319a (3) will be enforced (failure to report correct average), USBC Rule 201 applies (sport average adjustment) and will be enforced as necessary, Any bowler who bowls in a 'challenge' league, or any other known league that bowls on a sport condition, which does not certify with USBC as a sport league, will be subject to re-rating by the Tournament Director as deemed necessary by the OCUSBC Tournament Committee.
5. **HANDICAP:** Open & Women's division will receive 90% of 230 for each event, including All-Events. Youth division will receive 90% of 200 for each event.
6. **SUBSTITUTES:** OCUSBC assumes no responsibility to provide replacements. Replacements for the original entrants may be made providing the replacement meets eligibility and average requirements and must take the place in the line-up of the original entrant. Replacement must bowl under his/her own name.
7. **TARDY PLAYERS:** Bowlers arriving late shall begin play in frame being bowled. Missed frames shall be credited with a zero. Frames may not be made-up.
8. **DELAY OF GAME:** If equipment failure on a pair of lanes would delay the progress of the series, a tournament official can authorize the completion of a game and series on another pair of certified lanes. The interrupted game and series must be resumed from the point of interruption. No practice will be allowed after being moved. See USBC Rule 321.
9. **SLOW BOWLING:** OCUSBC has allotted 3 hours for 5 games to be completed. Except for those caused by lane breakdown, no unreasonable delays will be permitted. Please be ready to bowl when it is your turn. Advise a tournament official if a bowler must leave the lanes, otherwise bowler may be given a zero for that frame and might be subject to disqualification. This will be determined at the discretion of the Tournament Director
10. **RE-RACKS:** Each bowler is allowed a total of one re-rack. Additional re-racks may be granted by Tournament Director.
11. **SCHEDULE INFORMATION:**
 - a. Teams wishing to bowl together must email request to Association Manager at assnmgr@ocusbc.org by October 31, 2025. Requests are not guaranteed.
 - b. In the event of a tie for 1st place, co-champions will be declared.
 - c. The prize fund is returned 100% at least one prize for every eight entries.
12. **BOWLING ATTIRE:** All bowlers must wear suitable attire. No sexual, alcohol, tobacco or profane advertisements will be allowed on any attire or equipment. NO tanks tops, halter tops, sweats, spandex, "cut-offs" or short shorts, of any kind allowed. Walking shorts, "skorts" and skirts are permitted. Tournament Director shall determine the validity of any complaints.
13. **DISQUALIFICATIONS:** While participating in scheduled events, a bowler may be disqualified immediately for the following:
 - (1) An infraction of the rules
 - (2) Delay in bowling
 - (3) Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated on the lanes or inside the tournament venue. Individuals are subject to ejection for engaging in improper tactics or conduct including but not limited to physical and verbal abuse toward other persons.
 - (4) Being under the influence of liquor or drugs
 - (5) Use of a foreign substance(s)
 - (6) Use of a false average
 - (7) Failure to comply with the dress code
14. **PROTEST:** Any protest must be made in writing **within 72 hours at the time of infraction** to Tournament Director. See USBC Rule 329a (1).