



## VIRGINIA STATE USBC

# 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Open Handicap Tournament

CERTIFIED BY THE UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS

**“10 PIN RULE IS IN EFFECT”  
LANES DRESSED ONCE PER DAY**

**TEAM EVENT  
HOLIDAY BOWL**  
11400 ROUTE 1  
N CHESTERFIELD, VA 23237  
(804) 748-5635

**SINGLES & DOUBLES EVENT:  
BOWL AMERICA SOUTHWEST**  
11532 HILL ST. ROAD  
MIDLOTHIAN, VA 23113  
(804) 744-1500

### Entry Fees Per Person Per Event

	Team	Doubles	Singles
Prize Fee	\$13.00	\$13.00	\$13.00
Bowling Fee	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
Expense Fee	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>

All Events (Optional)  
\$10.00\*

Scratch Divisions (Optional)  
\$10.00\*

\*Expense Fee \$1.00

Conducted By

**VIRGINIA STATE USBC**

Hosted By

**APPOMATTOX-RIVER USBC  
and GREATER RICHMOND**

with **JOHNNY HARRIS**  
**OPEN TOURNAMENT MANAGER**

**MAY 11-12; 18-19, 25-26, 2024  
JUNE 1-2; 8-9: 15-16, 2024**

**ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MIDNIGHT FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024  
ALL ENTRIES AFTER APRIL 1, 2024, MUST BE MONEY ORDER OR CERTIFIED CHECK**

MAKE ALL CHECKS, MONEY ORDERS, AND CERTIFIED CHECKS PAYABLE TO:  
**VA STATE OPEN TOURNAMENT FUND**

**SEND ALL COMPLETED ENTRIES WITH ENTRY FEES TO:**

JOHNNY HARRIS, Open Tournament Manager  
46 Cambridge Pl., Lynchburg, VA 24502

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# OPEN HANDICAP TOURNAMENT RULES

- FORMAT:** This is a TWO division handicap tournament consisting of a 4-member team event, a doubles event, singles event and an optional 9-game all events in each division. This tournament also offers **"OPTIONAL" SCRATCH DIVISIONS**. (A bowler entering the Optional Scratch Divisions must enter the Handicap division before entering in the scratch division, and All Events participants don't have to bowl in all scratch events). The TWO Division structure will be as follows: **TEAM:** Div.1, 721 & up and Div.2, 720 & down. **SINGLES:** Div.1, 181 & up and Div.2, 180 & down. **DOUBLES:** Div.1, 361 & up and Div.2, 360 & down. **ALL EVENTS:** Div.1, 181 & up and Div.2, 180 & down. (this structure is based on present average using 4-member team).
- HANDICAP:** To the actual scores bowled in each series, shall be added a handicap of 100% of the difference between the individual's average and 230, using the individual game handicap chart.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Participation in the Open Championship tournament of the Virginia USBC shall be available to all adult members of USBC chartered local associations of the Virginia State USBC who have paid Virginia USBC dues.
- ENTRY FEE:** The entry fee will be \$30.00 per person per event. This covers \$12.00 lineage, \$13.00 prize fee, and \$5.00 expense fee. All Events Handicap & All Events Scratch are optional and cost \$10.00 per event, \$9.00 prize fee, and \$1.00 expense fee. Make all checks, money orders, and certified checks payable to Virginia State USBC Open Tournament. (After April 1, 2024 only money orders and certified checks will be accepted). There will be a service charge of \$35.00 for all returned checks. Entry fee refunds will not be made unless a written notice of cancellation is received by April 12th.
- AVERAGES:** Entrants will use their highest USBC Winter Season 2022-2023 certified adult league average based on a minimum of 21 games or more. If no 2022-2023 winter average, use the highest certified average for 21 games or more for the past Summer (2023). If no last season winter average or 2023 Summer average, use the highest certified adult league average based on a minimum of 21 games as of January 1, 2024. A written verification of the January 1st average, signed by the League Secretary or a standing sheet must be submitted with the entry form. If a bowler has none of the above averages, **use the highest current season average as of the start date of the tournament (May 11, 2024) based on 21 or more games will be used. In this case, the bowler must provide average verification when checking in to bowl.** A 230 average will be given the participant without a verified average. The participant will have 5 days after bowling to submit verification. If verification is not received or postmarked within the allotted time the 230 average stands. All others bowl scratch. **USBC Rule 319A (2) will apply. If a bowler's average for at least 21 games as of January 1, 2024 has increased by 10 pins or more, the January 1<sup>st</sup> average must be used.** The Tournament Manager must verify the entering average of all winners by use of a previous season's local association yearbook, Win Labs, or final average sheets if no yearbook published; or written verification if participant used January 1st or average as of the start date of the tournament (May 11, 2024). **It is the bowler's responsibility to verify their own average, not the team captain's.**
- AVERAGE ADJUSTMENT:** Refer to applicable USBC Rule 319e of the Tournament Rules Book.
- PARTICIPATION:** Bowlers entered in the two-person event must also enter the singles event. Likewise all singles events entrants must also bowl doubles event. A bowler is not eligible to be entered but once in the team, singles, or doubles event. You may sub in team and doubles more than once, the first event bowled will count for all events. Scratch division is optional in each event. Bowler must compete in handicap division to be eligible for scratch option of that event. To bowl scratch team the whole team must bowl scratch and to bowl scratch doubles both partners must bowl scratch. You can enter scratch all events without bowling in all (3) scratch events
- SUBSTITUTES:** After a series has started, no changes shall be made in the order of the players, except that the captain may replace any of the players by another qualified substitute at the beginning of a game. A substitute is not required to reimburse the entry fee paid by the original entrant. Substitutes are entitled to all prize winnings. Virginia State USBC is not responsible for securing substitutes.
- ORDER OF BOWLING:** Teams will bowl as lined up on the entry form. Singles will be bowled before doubles. The pattern to be followed in the 2-person and individual events will be up to Tournament Manager number of bowlers to each bowling lane. Partners will start each game on opposite lanes. A substitute in singles events or doubles event must bowl events for the original entrant. No substitute will be accepted for All Events prize list participation when any one event, or portion of an event, has been bowled by the original entrant or the substitute. No changing of lineups, unless requested prior to names given to centers.
- TARDINESS:** Teams and individuals arriving late shall begin play and scores shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. Entrant will receive zero for all frames missed.
- BOWLER'S RESPONSIBILITY:** (a) It is each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average whether it is submitted by them, team captain, or others. (b) **PROPER ATTIRE (1) Shirt or blouse must have sleeves, and no midriff showing (2) trousers, skirts or shorts must come at least halfway to the knee. Bowlers will not be allowed to begin participation until dressed in proper attire. BOWLERS WILL RECEIVE ZERO FOR EACH FRAME MISSED.**
- REPORTING OF PRIZE WINNINGS USBC RULE 319D:** The tournament requires a bowler to report their prize winnings as a condition for entry. However, in the absence of a specific tournament rule, a bowler who has qualified for a cash and/or merchandise prize of \$300.00 or more in the position standings prize list in any event, \$500.00 combined winnings in a tournament including all events, \$1000.00 within the previous 12-month period must report his actual score, position and amount won to the tournament management at the time of **ENTRY** in handicap or classified tournament for possible re-rating. Failure to comply with either of those provisions shall be cause to forfeit tournament entry fee and prize winnings. It is the bowler's responsibility to report their scores in any tournament where prize payments have not been made but in which they have qualified for \$300 or more. **OTHER TOURNAMENT MANAGERS ARE CONTACTED FOR INFORMATION.**
- PRIZE DISTRIBUTION:** Prize money will be distributed at a ratio of at least one for every ten entries for each event, except that in All Events prize money will be distributed at a ratio of at least one for every twenty entries. Prize money shall be paid with handicaps and for actual scores. Prize checks will be mailed to listed "CAPTAIN". All averages of winners will be **VERIFIED** before distribution of prize money. Prize money in scratch events shall be paid to actual scores. Prize money shall be returned 100%. In the event of a tie any prize money will be equally divided.
- OFFICIAL SCORE:** Telescores and/or displayed scores will be the official score during the games, and the Official Recap Sheet will then be the official record after games scores are entered. The Official Recap Sheets will be audited and any obvious errors will be corrected. Protests involving the scores or any other rules must be in writing to the VSUSBC President within 72 hours of the infraction. Protest involving the scores or any other rules must be made before payment of tournament prizes. Any scores lost by Auto-scorers shall be re-bowled.
- The entrants whose name appears on or their authorized replacements hereby agree that the Virginia State USBC, its officers and agents shall be liable only to the extent of returning entry fees if and when these entrants shall be prevented from bowling any event in the tournament through delay, unexpected yet necessary schedule change, or premature termination of the tournament, which may be brought about by war, national emergency or emergencies or causes relating hereto or resulting from fire, strikes, lockouts, labor difficulties, or other causes beyond the control of the Virginia State USBC.
- The Virginia State USBC has the right to refuse entry into brackets and may request social security numbers where a possible 1099's may be issued for winners.
- Each participant is expected to exhibit good sportsmanship while participating in this tournament. The excessive use of foul language or improper conduct will result in the bowler being issued one (1) warning. Additional violations will result in the immediate disqualification of the bowler from the event.

**SEND ALL COMPLETED ENTRIES WITH ENTRY FEES TO:  
JOHNNY HARRIS, Virginia State USBC Open Tournament Manager  
46 Cambridge Pl., Lynchburg, VA 24502, Telephone 434-660-1780**

AMOUNT RECEIVED: \_\_\_\_\_ **← OFFICE USE ONLY →** ENTRY NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**2024**  
**2024**

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**PLEASE READ THE RULES FIRST - TYPE OR PRINT AND FILL ALL SPACES COMPLETELY & CLEARLY**

**ALL BOWLERS MUST PRESENT A CURRENT USBC CARD OR PAY \$26.00 TO PURCHASE AN AFFILIATED CARD. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS**

TEAM NAME:													
CAPTAIN'S NAME:			PH:			E-MAIL:							
ADDRESS:				CITY:		STATE:		ZIP:					
NAME OF YOUR LOCAL BOWLING ASSOCIATION							ENTERING AVERAGE						
TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY THE BOWLER'S NAME AS IT APPEARS IN THE YEARBOOK							BOWLER ID# (EX: 2351-2515)		E-MAIL ADDRESS:	HIGHEST 2022-2023	JAN 1 2024	HANDICAP ALL EVENTS	SCRATCH TEAM
LAST		FIRST		INITIAL									
1													
2													
3													
4													

**HOLIDAY BOWL**  
**Team Squad Times**  
Saturday & Sunday  
8:00 & 12:00

**TOURNAMENT TIMES**

MAY 11-12; 18-19; 25-26, 2024  
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**BOWL AMERICA SOUTHWEST**  
**Singles & Doubles Squad Times**  
Saturday & Sunday  
8:00 & 1:00

**“Additional squads may be added during the tournament prior to last scheduled squad if needed”**  
**LANES DRESSED ONCE A DAY**

ENTER DATE & TIME FOR TEAM  
**HOLIDAY BOWL**

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

ENTER DATE & TIME FOR S & D  
**BOWL AMERICA SOUTHWEST**

1ST CHOICE: \_\_\_\_\_  
2ND CHOICE: \_\_\_\_\_  
3RD CHOICE: \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM SCHEDULE: \_\_\_\_\_  
SINGLE & DOUBLES: \_\_\_\_\_

1ST CHOICE: \_\_\_\_\_  
2ND CHOICE: \_\_\_\_\_  
3RD CHOICE: \_\_\_\_\_

**HANDICAP DIVISION**

**ENTRY COST**

**SCRATCH DIVISION**

**\$30.00 PER PERSON PER EVENT**  
TEAM EVENT \$120.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
SINGLE EVENTS \$30.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
DOUBLES EVENT \$60.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
ALL EVENTS \$10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
HANDICAP TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**← WHOLE TEAM MUST BOWL →**  
**← BOTH BOWLERS MUST BOWL →**  
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

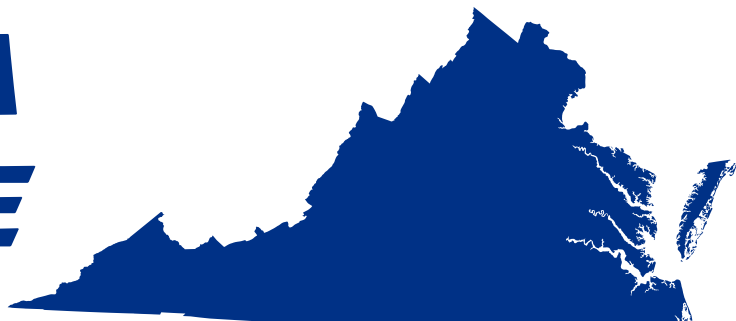
**\$10.00 PER PERSON PER EVENT**  
TEAM EVENT \$40.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
SINGLE EVENT \$10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
DOUBLES EVENT \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
ALL EVENTS \$10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
SCRATCH TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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MAIL TO: VIRGINIA STATE OPEN TOURNAMENT, 46 CAMBRIDGE PL., LYNCHBURG, VA 24502  
**(AFTER APRIL 1, 2022 ONLY MONEY ORDERS & CERTIFIED CHECKS ACCEPTED)**  
**THERE WILL BE A \$35.00 FEE FOR ALL RETURNED CHECKS**

TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY THE BOWLER'S NAME AS IT APPEARS IN THE YEARBOOK				BOWLER ID# (EX: 2351-2515)	HIGHEST 2022-2023	JAN 1 2024	SCRATCH DIVISION			OFFICE USE ONLY				
LAST		FIRST		INITIAL					S	D	A	S	D	A
1												S	D	A
2												S	D	A
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