



VIRGINIA STATE USBC **74th 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 JEFFERSON DAVIS HWY.
CHESTER, VA 23237
(804) 748-5635

SINGLES & DOUBLES EVENT:
BOWL AMERICA SOUTHWEST
11523 HULL STREET RD.
MIDLOTHIAN, VA 23112
(804) 802-4732

Entry Fees Per Person Per Event

	Team	Doubles	Singles
Prize Fee	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
Bowling Fee	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
Expense Fee	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Total	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00

All Events (Optional)
\$10.00*

Scratch Divisions (Optional)
\$10.00*

*Expense Fee \$1.00

Conducted By
VIRGINIA STATE USBC
Hosted By
APPOMATTOX RIVER USBC
& VIRGINIA STATE USBC

with JOHNNY HARRIS
OPEN TOURNAMENT MANAGER

MAY 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 29-30,
JUNE 5-6, 12-13, 2027

ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MIDNIGHT SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2027
ALL ENTRIES AFTER APRIL 1, 2027, MUST BE MONEY ORDER OR CERTIFIED CHECK

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

SEND ALL COMPLETED ENTRIES WITH ENTRY FEES TO:
JOHNNY HARRIS, Open Tournament Manager
46 Cambridge Pl., Lynchburg, VA 24502
Telephone (434) 660-1780 • E-MAIL: vastateusbopen@aol.com • WEBSITE: vastateusbc.com

OPEN HANDICAP TOURNAMENT RULES

1. **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 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).
2. **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.
3. **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.
4. **ENTRY FEE:** The entry fee will be \$35.00 per person per event. This covers \$15.00 lineage, \$15.00 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, 2027 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.
5. **AVERAGES:** Entrants must use their highest 2025-2026 USBC Winter or Summer certified average based on 21 or more games. Averages from **CERTIFIED STRING PIN CENTERS** will be used. If no 2025-2026 qualifying average, entrant may use highest certified average from the current season based on a minimum of 21 games as of January 1, 2027. 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 the entrant has none of the above averages, the highest current season average as of the start date of the tournament (May 8, 2027) 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 to the entrant without a verified average. The entrant 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, 2027 has increased by 10 pins or more, the January 1st 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, WinLabs, or final average sheets if no yearbook published; or written verification if entrant used January 1st or average as of the start date of the tournament (May 8, 2027). **It is the bowler's responsibility to verify their own average, not the team captain's. Use of an incorrect average may result in disqualification.**
6. **AVERAGE ADJUSTMENT:** Refer to applicable USBC Rule 319e of the Tournament Rules Book.
7. **PARTICIPATION:** Bowlers entered in the doubles event must also enter the singles event and all singles event entrants must also bowl in the doubles event. A bowler may enter multiple times in each event (team, doubles, and singles), but no more than two (2) bowlers from a previous entry can be on a second team entry. Likewise, the same two doubles partners may only enter doubles together once. A bowler may only cash once in singles using highest singles score bowled. The first score bowled in each of the three events will count for All Events. Scratch division is optional in each event. Bowlers 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 may enter scratch all events without bowling in all three (3) scratch events.
8. **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.
9. **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.
10. **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.
11. **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. THIS IS A ONE LANE COURTESY TOURNAMENT, TWO LANE COURTESY IS NOT ALLOWED AND WILL SLOW DOWN TOURNAMENT PLAY.**
12. **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.**
13. **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.
14. **OFFICIAL SCORE:** Telescopes 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.
15. 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.
16. The Virginia State USBC will request social security numbers where a possible 1099 may be issued for winners of \$600 or more. This must be provided before prize checks are issued.
17. 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.

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ENTRY NUMBER: _____

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ALL BOWLERS MUST PRESENT A CURRENT USBC CARD OR PAY \$23.00 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		HANDICAP ALL EVENTS	SCRATCH TEAM
TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY THE BOWLER'S NAME AS IT APPEARS IN THE YEARBOOK LAST FIRST INITIAL				BOWLER ID# (EX: 2351-2515)	E-MAIL ADDRESS:	HIGHEST 2025-2026	JAN 1 2027		
1									
2									
3									
4									

BOWL AMERICA SOUTHWEST
Singles & Doubles Squad Times
Saturday & Sunday
8:00 & 1:00

LANES DRESSED ONCE A DAY

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

1ST CHOICE: _____ | _____
2ND CHOICE: _____ | _____
3RD CHOICE: _____ | _____

SCRATCH DIVISION

\$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, 2027 ONLY MONEY ORDERS & CERTIFIED CHECKS ACCEPTED)
THERE WILL BE A \$35.00 FEE FOR ALL RETURNED CHECKS

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