

Great Plains USBC Association Annual Open/Women/Senior Tournaments
TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **SANCTIONING:** The tournament will be sanctioned by the United States Bowling Congress and will be conducted under USBC rules and regulations. The tournament management will determine any questions not covered by these rules.
2. **ELIGIBILITY:** Only sanctioned members of the GPUSBC will be eligible to bowl in the tournament. Should an entrant be unable to provide proof of membership, current sanction fees may be assessed. To participate in the senior division, you must be 55 years old by August 1, 2024. A team may not consist of more than two card-carrying professionals (PWBA/PBA). Doubles teams may only consist of one card-carrying professional (PWBA/PBA). Open, Women and Senior Open are three separate tournaments running at the same time.
3. **HANDICAP:** The tournament will be handicapped including All Events using the individual basis of 80% of the difference between the entrant's average and 230. All individual's series scores will be capped at 900 with handicap. Handicap will be based on three game series.
4. **ENTERING AVERAGES:** Bowlers must use their highest 2023-2024 USBC sanctioned average. If no average, use the highest current USBC sanctioned league (for 21 games or more) as of October 15, 2024, and submit an average verification of such average. The "10-pin" rule does not apply. Entrants having a right and left-handed average must identify which hand they will use in the competition. The average for that hand will apply using the same rules above. All others will bowl scratch.
5. **MULTIPLE ENTRIES:** Entrants may enter team event an unlimited number of times. Entrants may only cash one time with the same team. Entrants may cash more than once provided at least 2 players have been changed. Entrants may enter the doubles and singles event more than once but may only cash once with the same partner. Entrants bowling more than once must apply the first team, doubles, and singles event score to All Events in each tournament.
6. **SUBSTITUTIONS:** Substitutions or changes must report to the tournament office 45 minutes prior to squad time. In the event of an emergency, a qualified substitute, with scores to count, will be allowed to finish the event. USBC Rule 323 (pacer rule) is in effect.
7. **TARDY BOWLERS:** Entrants arriving after the event has begun shall be allowed to bowl with the score to count beginning with the frame being bowled. No score shall be allowed for any frames missed.
8. **AVERAGE VERIFICATION:** It shall be the bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average. Average corrections should be made prior to squad time. Averages will be adjusted if found in error prior to prize payout.
9. **LANE ASSIGNMENTS:** The team event will be bowled on one pair of lanes. The doubles and singles will be bowled on the same pair of lanes.
10. **ERRORS:** Protest of errors in scoring or calculation must be in writing to the tournament office within 24 hours after bowled or the score will stand as bowled.
11. **PRIZES:** All prize fees will be returned 100%. **Prize fund breakdown is as follows: \$10.00 lineage, \$2.00 expenses, and \$13.00 prize fund. Payout will be 1 out of 5 with fraction guarantee to pay minimum of 2 spots.**
12. **MECHANICAL FAILURE:** In the event of mechanical failure, it is hereby agreed that the contestants affected shall be moved to the next available pair of lanes.

All Star Team Criteria - City Tournament 2024-2025 Season – If All Star criteria changes at the beginning of the 24-25 season, tournament points will be adjusted accordingly. Points are awarded in the scratch all-events category. Bowler must be entered in scratch all-events. The top 15 people (based on gender) will earn points.

Scratch All Events

- 1st – 15 points
- 2nd – 14 points
- 3rd – 13 points
- 4th – 12 points
- 5th – 11 points
- Etc. until 15th – 1 point

*Women may compete in the open division, women's division or senior division. At the conclusion of the tournament, all women's all-events scores will be pulled, and points will be awarded accordingly. See All-Star Team Criteria form for more details.