



MONTANA USBC ASSOCIATION OPEN STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS April 6, 2024 to May 19, 2024 Great Falls, MT

Online REGISTRATION is PREFERRED. See instructions on back.

Tournament Entry Form

Team Captain Name: _____ ID# _____ Email: _____

Team Name: _____ List bowlers in roster order.

Previous season & Jan. 1st averages only needed if no state tournament average is available (21 game minimum in all cases).

If no averages exist, then current average at time of bowling (21 game min.) may be used. Written proof required.

Special Event Scratch Team

Yes No

****EARLY REGISTRATION** available for 6 teams or more. See Instructions on back.

Ck if in MT State HOF
 State Tny Avg. (see entering avg. rule)
 2022-23 Avg.
 Jan. 1st Average
 Alternate Avg. (see entering avg. rule)
 All Events Hdcp
 All Events Scratch

Tny Director: Stephen James, 1006 8th Ave So, Great Falls, MT 59405

ID#	Last Name (see below if new last 2 yrs)	First Name	Phone						Yes	Yes
Address			City	Zip					No	No
ID#	Last Name	First Name	Phone						Yes	Yes
Address			City	Zip					No	No
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TEAM - ELKS LANES				DBLS/SGLS - LITTLE'S LANES		
10:30 AM	2:00 PM	5:30 PM	SATURDAYS	8 AM	12:30 PM	5 PM
8 AM	11:30 AM	3:00 PM	SUNDAYS	8 AM	12:30 PM	

Div	Team	Doubles	Singles
A	740 & up	370 & up	185 & up
B	660-739	330-369	165-184
C	659 & under	329 & under	164 & under

Tournament Dates:	Team	Doubles/Singles	Special Events			
Sat: April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18 Sun: April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19	Date Time	Date Time	Doubles/Singles Event - List bowlers in roster order		Scr Dbls	Scr Sgls
1st Choice			ID#	Name	Average	Yes No
2nd Choice			1			No Yes No
			2			Yes No
			1			No Yes No
			2			Yes No

**NOTE: All entrants in optional Scratch events are combined into a single division.
\$3,000 Added Prize Money**

Optional Events:

All Events	\$ 10.00
Scratch All Events	\$ 10.00
Scratch Team	\$ 40.00 (per team)
Scratch Doubles	\$ 10.00 (per person)
Scratch Singles	\$ 10.00

Entry Fee: (see back to pay by credit card)

Lineage	\$12.30
Prize Fee	\$18.40
Expense Fee	\$ 9.30
Total per person per event	\$40.00

Entry Fee Submission:

Team	@ \$160.00 = \$ _____
Doubles	@ \$ 80.00 = \$ _____
Singles	@ \$ 40.00 = \$ _____
A/E Hdcp	@ \$ 10.00 = \$ _____
A/E Scratch	@ \$ 10.00 = \$ _____
Scratch Team	@ \$ 40.00 = \$ _____
Scratch Doubles	@ \$ 20.00 = \$ _____
Scratch Singles	@ \$ 10.00 = \$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

If any entrant's last name has changed in last 2 years, indicate former name below:

ID#	Former Last Name:	Current First Name:
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2024 Open Championship Tournament Rules

- 1. Tournament Format** – The tournament is USBC certified and will consist of two bowled events – a four (4) person Team event and a combined two (2) person Doubles event and an individual one (1) person Singles event. Bowlers may participate in either the Team or the combined Doubles/Singles events or both events. Bowlers participating in the Doubles event must bowl in the Singles event.
- 2. Team Composition** – In the Team event, teams may be comprised of any combination of men and women, totaling four (4) bowlers. In the Doubles event, teams may be comprised of two (2) men or women or one (1) man and one (1) woman totaling two (2) bowlers.
- 3. Divisions** – The tournament is divided into three divisions. Each division is based on the total team average of the participants competing in the event as shown on the front of this form.
- 4. Handicap** – Handicap for all divisions will be based on 90% of 235 and computed using the team average method.
- 5. Phone or E-mail Entry Reservations** – Squad time reservations will be accepted, however, entry form and fees must be received by the tournament director not later than 14 days of the reservation or the squad time will be vacated. Incomplete entry forms or fees will be accepted but not scheduled until all entry information and/or fees are received. **Online entries preferred (see below).**
- 6. Prize Ratios** - The prize ratio will be at least one (1) to five (5) or major fraction thereof for the Team event; the prize ratio will be at least one (1) to five (5) or major fraction thereof for the Doubles/Singles events. Prize money will be returned 100%. Last paid place on the prize list will be equal to the prize fee paid. Championship awards in each division will be presented to each member of the Team, Doubles, and Singles events bowling the highest score. Championship awards will not be presented to winners in the optional events. The cost of the awards will be from the expense fees paid. Duplicate awards will be made in case of ties.
- 7. Special Events** – The following optional special events are offered in this tournament. The entry fees for these events will be included in the prize fund for the event and returned 100%.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Entry Fee</u>	<u>Prize Ratio</u>	<u>Event Description</u>
All-Events	\$10.00	1:12	Combined scores from first Team event and Doubles /Singles event with handicap by division.
Scratch Team	\$ 40.00 per team	1:8	Scratch score of all team entrants in any Team event. Must enter as a team.
Scratch All-Events	\$ 10.00	1:12	Combined scratch scores of first Team event and Doubles /Singles event; all entrants combined in a single division.
Scratch Doubles	\$ 20.00 per team	1:8	Combined scratch scores of event entrant and partner in Doubles portion of the Doubles/Singles event. <u>Both partners must enter.</u>
Scratch Singles	\$10.00	1:8	Scratch score of event entrant in the Singles portion of the Doubles/Singles event.

- 8. Entries Close (USBC Rule 310)** – Entry deadline is Sunday, May 19, 2024, prior to the start of the last scheduled shift
- 9. Multiple Participation (USBC Rule 315)** – A bowler may participate in the Team event an unlimited number of times but at least two (2) players must be different every time. A bowler may participate in the combined Doubles/Singles event up to 3 times, but must change partners each time and must also bowl singles each time. A bowler can cash **only once** in singles.
- 10. Entering Average** – A bowler must use his/her **Montana USBC state tournament average (21 game min.) as listed on the website, www.montanausbc.com**. If no such average exists, then bowler must use his/her 2022-23 final season average (summer leagues included) or their January 1, 2024, average, whichever is higher. A bowler without a certified 2022-23 winter or summer league average, or a January 1, 2024 average may use their current average as of the date bowled. **Non-Montana residents are required to have at least 21 games in a 2023-24 Montana league to be eligible to enter.** All averages are for a 21 game minimum. To verify an alternate average, an average verification letter from the participant's league secretary or local Association Manager will be required. **A current season (2023-24) USBC membership is required to enter this tournament. Membership card cannot be purchased at tournament site. Must be acquired prior to bowling either online or from a local association.**
- 11. Assigned Averages (USBC Rule 319b)** – A participant without an entering average will be assigned an average of 235.
- 12. USBC Rules 319a(2) & 319d are waived.** Current averages that are 10 pins or more higher than the entering average do not need reporting, nor do any prize winnings need reporting. All other aspects of USBC Rule 319 are in effect.
- 13. USBC Rule 319c Average Adjustments** is only in effect for bowlers, who have been rerated nationally by USBC and only when the adjusted average is higher than their Montana USBC state tournament average.
- 14. NOTICE: MONTANA USBC STANDING RULES, which are applicable to ALL Montana State tournaments, can be found and downloaded on the website(s): www.montanausbc.com and www.BowlMontana.com.**

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Montana State USBC Association Manager: Tom Brendgord t.brendgord@att.net (no entries, please)

Phone (406.590.5097) & Email Reservations (gfsbcmanager@outlook.com) are available, **but Online Registration is preferred.**

EARLY ENTRY is available from Jan. 15-31 for team captains with 6 or more teams. Captain must call or email Tournament Director with precise number of team & doubles spots and shift times needed. Captain will then receive email with link to complete registration with all details and credit card payment.

ONLINE ENTRY: Go to www.montanatusbc.com. Then go to State Tournament tab. Then select the Open tournament and click the link to the online entry system. Complete your entry as instructed and select the date(s) and shift(s) as needed that are available. Payment is **REQUIRED** online using credit card to ensure confirmation. Online entry deadline is 3/29/24. Enter after 3/29/24 by calling Tourney Director for reservation, then mailing completed entry form with payment by check or cash to Tournament Director.

Entries close May 19, 2024

