

**19<sup>th</sup> Annual**



**NWGA USBC Association**

# **Open Championship Tournament**

USBC Certification #



**3931 Longview Drive  
Douglasville, GA 30135  
678.403.2569**

**Singles/Doubles: Saturday, April 11, 2026 @ 9:00am & @ 1:00pm  
Singles/Doubles: Sunday, April 12, 2026 @ 9:00am & @ 1:00pm**

	Singles		Doubles		Walk-Ins
	Credit Card (On-Line Only)	Cash/Check	Credit Card (On-Line Only)	Cash/Check	
PRIZE FEE:	\$16.00	\$16.00	\$16.00	\$16.00	\$16.00
LINEAGE:	\$11.25	\$11.25	\$11.25	\$11.25	\$11.25
EXPENSE:	\$2.60	\$4.60	\$2.60	\$4.60	\$7.60
SCHOLARSHIP:	\$0.15	\$0.15	\$0.15	\$0.15	\$0.15
TOTAL:	\$30.00	\$32.00	\$30.00	\$32.00	\$35.00

**REGISTER ONLINE (Credit Cards ONLY!!)**

<https://webapps.bowl.com/USBC.Registration/registration?tags=NWGeorgia82084>

**Reserved entries will close on April 4, 2026**

Walk-ins (\$5.00 additional per bowler / per event) will be accepted up to one (1) hour prior to start of squad if lanes are available.

**One (1) hour cutoff will be enforced!!**

**Send Entries to:**

**Sam Benifield, Tournament Manager  
1651 Horizon Parkway, Suite 700  
Buford GA 30518**

**Email: [tournaments@nwga-usbc.com](mailto:tournaments@nwga-usbc.com)**

## RULES FOR THE NWGA USBC ASSOCIATION OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

The NWGA USBC Association Open Championship Tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress. The tournament shall be governed by the following rules and all other USBC rules pertaining to certified competition.

### ELIGIBILITY

Entry in the Northwest Georgia (NWGA) USBC Association Open Championship Tournament is open to all members of the NWGA-USBC Association who have bowled a minimum of 9-games in a NWGA-USBC Association league this current season.

### TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The tournament shall consist of a doubles event, singles event, and optional All-Events Scratch & Handicap. Three games shall be bowled in each event and total pins, including handicap, shall decide the winner. The total of six games bowled shall determine the All-Events winner.

### HANDICAP & AVERAGES

The Open Championship Tournament will be a handicap tournament, and handicap will be figured based on 90% of the difference between the highest average of the individual and 210.

Averages will be accepted in the following order:

- A. Entrants will use their highest regular or substitute 2024-2025 certified (Winter Season) average (based on at least 21 games), regardless of association.
- B. If no previous season average, use the highest current league average of at least 12-games as of **April 4, 2026**. **Verification of such an average (Signed by the League Secretary) must be submitted with entry.**
- C. If there is no current season average, use the highest summer league average of at least 21 games as of the end of the 2024-2025 Summer league. **Verification of such an average (Signed by the League Secretary) must be submitted with entry.**
- D. If none of the above applies, the entrant must bowl scratch and the entering average will be 210.
- E. Youth standard averages may be used.
- F. **USBC Rule 201a (Average Conversion) WILL apply – Please be aware that this is a newly changed rule.**
- G. USBC Rules 319a/2 (Ten-pin Rule) and 319e (Use of Tournament Average Rule) will **NOT** apply.
- H. **USBC Rule 319d (Reporting Prize Winnings) WILL apply – Please be aware that this is a newly changed rule and can be grounds for forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings.**
- I. **BOWLERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR VERIFYING THEIR OWN AVERAGES.** (USBC Rule 319a/3)

### ENTRY FEES

The entry fee will be \$30.00 per bowler/per event if registering on-line (\$32.00 per bowler/per event if not registering on-line); Lineage \$11.25, Prize Fund \$16.00, Expense Fees \$2.60 if registering on-line (\$4.60 if not), and a special assessment of \$0.15 per entry/per event shall be included to support the Andy Willet Memorial Scholarship Fund. The entry fee for All-Events is optional and will be \$5.00 for handicap and \$5.00 for scratch. No fees shall be refunded after entries have been received; dates assigned by the Tournament Director and the Team Captain informed of the dates.

**CERTIFIED CHECK OR MONEY ORDER** should be used to pay entry fees. Make checks payable to **NWGA USBC Association Tournament Fund. A \$30.00 ADMINISTRATIVE FEE, PLUS BANK CHARGES WILL BE LEVIED ON ANY RETURNED CHECK.**

Entries open as soon as entry forms are available and reserve entries will close **April 4, 2026**. Walk-in entries will be accepted until one (1) hour prior to the start of a squad **if lanes are available**.

### PRIZE FUND

All prize money will be returned 100% in the event collected. Prize money will be awarded one for every eight (8) entries in each event. All Events scratch and handicap shall be paid at a ratio of one (1) place for every ten (10) entries. Ties for first place will result in Co-Champions and the prize money for the number of teams tying for First Place will be combined and divided equally and duplicate awards will be presented. If a tie exists for other than first place, the prize money will be combined and divided equally among the tied position winners.

USBC rules state the prizes must be distributed within 30 days of the completion of the tournament except when USBC HQ has authorized a delay in payment. Prize checks will be mailed to the Team Captain (listed on the Entry Form) for all winners on the entry and will be void after 60 days.

### PARTICIPATION

Entries will be scheduled according to request if possible, and in the order received. The Tournament Director, except for an emergency, will not change the schedule. The Tournament Director will assign lanes for each event. The lineup will be the same as shown on the entry form. Any player or team arriving after the game has started will be allowed to bowl and the score(s) will count beginning with the frame then being bowled. **No score will be given for frames missed.**

MULTIPLE PARTICIPATION IS ALLOWED. First appearance shall count for All-Events.

**Team Captains will be responsible for notifying team members of the times scheduled to bowl.**

Singles will be bowled first, followed by doubles on the same pair of lanes. If a bowler's partner has not arrived by the time the Singles Event has been completed, and a substitute is not available, the bowler will be permitted to bowl games in the Doubles Event in order to qualify for All Events. When a team is scheduled by itself on a pair of lanes, each member will complete the frame on one lane before the team shall start its next frame on the adjoining lane. **NO PACERS SHALL BE PERMITTED.**

All bowlers must check in with the Tournament Official no later than thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled bowling time.

The tournament recap sheet will be the official score sheet. Scores will be verified from the automatic score printouts. Tournament games cannot be re-bowled, except as authorized by the Tournament Manager when scores are irretrievably lost in an automatic scoring device.

Only participants and tournament officials are allowed in the playing area. Food and beverages are not allowed in the playing area. Smoking is prohibited.

**Dress Code:** Participants are expected to wear suitable attire during the competition. All clothes must be neat, clean, and free of holes or frayed hemlines. Acceptable tops include full length shirts or bowling jerseys with polo, butterfly or sash collars, or t-shirts with league logos. Acceptable bottoms include pants, nice jeans, capris, walking/casual shorts, skirts and/or skorts at least fingertip length. Attire or equipment depicting alcohol, illegal substances, gambling, or inappropriate language/gestures is forbidden in accordance with USBC Rule 103b. Tournament officials will determine the appropriate attire, and those decisions are final.

### SUBSTITUTES

Substitute forms must be submitted to the Tournament Director one (1) hour before the scheduled time. In case of disability after a game has started in the team and doubles event only, a substitute will be allowed, if one is available. If no substitute is available, only the actual score of the frames bowled will count. A substitute will not be required to reimburse the original entrant with the entry fee paid nor shall the substitute be expected to give the original entrant any prize money or award they may win.

### PROTESTS AND APPEALS

Will be governed in accordance with USBC Rule 329

# 2025 - 2026 Open Championship

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM • 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL • ENTRY DEADLINE: April 4, 2026

**Mail Entries with Full Payment To:**  
Sam Benifield, Tournament Director  
1651 Horizon Parkway, Suite 700  
Buford, Georgia 30518

Email: [tournaments@nwga-usbc.com](mailto:tournaments@nwga-usbc.com)

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<b>Office Use Only</b>	Entry Number		
	Date Rec'd		Total Amt
	Check #		
	Ck Amt		
<b>ENTRIES ARE SCHEDULED AS RECEIVED WITH FULL PAYMENT</b>			

Entry Contact / Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Bowling Center: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ By checking the box at left, the captain agrees to receive tournament confirmation information via email.

SINGLES/DOUBLES EVENT: Credit Card: \$120.00 (\$60.00 per person) / Cash or Check: \$128.00 (\$64.00 per person) LIST IN ORDER OF BOWLING - Line-up will not be re-arranged. PRINT LEGIBLY								
#	Name	USBC #	Squad Choice Choose One		Avg	All Events	Total Fees	
			SAT	SUN				
1			9:00am <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00am <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> \$5 Hcp. <input type="checkbox"/> \$5 Scr.		Total D/S Fees
2			1:00pm <input type="checkbox"/>	1:00pm <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> \$5 Hcp. <input type="checkbox"/> \$5 Scr.		

**TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:** With submission of this entry, our Team Captain acting as our agent, makes application and tenders our fees to participate in the NWGA-USBC Open Championship Tournament. We agree to abide by all the rules, regulations and provisions as prescribed by the NWGA-USBC, and we further agree, that in the event circumstances beyond the control of the NWGA-USBC shall arise before or during the scheduled tournament, thereby causing a cancellation, postponement or suspension of the tournament in part or in its entirety, the NWGA-USBC shall not be held liable for the payment of awards. Entrants who have bowled will be refunded that portion of the fees allocated to the prize fund based upon the number who participated in each event, each division. Entrants not having bowled will be refunded fees allocated to prize fund, lineage and expense.