

# UTAH STATE USBC 2025 OPEN SENIOR TOURNAMENT INFORMATION & RULES

The 2025 Utah State USBC 50 & Over Tournament shall be conducted in accordance with the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) rules and regulations and governing rules for Utah State USBC Tournaments in addition to rules adopted by the Utah State USBC (USUSBC).

## RULES

- 1. Eligibility:** All Participants must be age 50 and over, a current member of USBC, USUSBC, and a local association located in Utah in good standing. Non-members may purchase a membership onsite for \$15.00 (national) + \$2.00 (state) + \$11.00 (local dues where tournament is held) total of \$26.00 if living within Utah and \$17.00 if living outside of Utah with a current USBC membership. Membership can be purchased in advance at [www.bowl.com](http://www.bowl.com)
- 2. Average Requirements:** Entrants must use his/her Utah State USBC state tournament average (21 games min.) as listed on the website, [www.utahbowling.org](http://www.utahbowling.org). If no such average exists, entrants shall use their composite average of all USBC leagues for the 2023-2024 season as reported on bowl.com with a minimum of 21 games total as of the start of the tournament. If an entrant does not have a verifiable composite average then the highest verifiable composite average as posted on bowl.com with a minimum of 21 games total from past 3 seasons will be used. If no verifiable previous average, the entrant will use their highest current certified league average of 12 games or more as of May 23, 2025. This includes summer league averages. Sport & Challenge league averages will be adjusted based on the USBC conversion table. If the converted composite average is 10 or more pins higher than the highest reported standard composite average it will be used as the entering average. If no verifiable average is submitted or available the participant will be assigned and compete with an entering average of 220. The participant must provide a current average verification from their league secretary at the time of check-in. It is the **PARTICIPANT'S RESPONSIBILITY** to verify the accuracy of their entering average and must be corrected prior to conclusion of the first game of any event. All averages including Winners' averages will be verified. Those submitted higher will remain as submitted. Those submitted lower will be adjusted and the participant's score will be disqualified. **USBC Rule 201a, b, & c, 319a(1b), 3, & 4, 319b & 319c will apply**
- 3. Reporting Prior Prize Winnings:** Participants will be required to report tournament prize money in excess of \$300 in a single event or in excess of \$500 combined and/or prize money in excess of \$1000 in all tournaments competed in within 12 months. **USBC Rule 319d**
- 4. Handicap:** 90% of 220
- 5. Entry Fee:** \$30.00 per participant per event. \$12.00 to prize fund, \$11.00 to cover the cost of bowling, \$7.00 to cover expenses. Entry fees must accompany entry for doubles, and Singles events. Optional Scratch and Handicap All Events will be available for \$10.00 per event with \$9.00 to prize fund and \$1.00 to cover expenses. All Events entry must be paid prior to the first event and can be paid at check-in. **No refunds (USBC rule 314) – A \$35.00 fee will be assessed for all returned items.**

Event	Entry Fee	Lineage Due	Prize Fund Amount	Expenses
Doubles	\$ 60.00	\$ 22.00	\$24.00	\$ 14.00
Singles	\$ 30.00	\$ 11.00	\$12.00	\$ 7.00
All Events Handicap Optional	\$ 10.00	None	\$ 9.00	\$ 1.00
All Events Scratch Optional	\$ 10.00	None	\$ 9.00	\$ 1.00

- 6. Participation:** This is a Certified USBC competition and will consist of Doubles and Single events. Doubles event may be bowled multiple times with different partners as schedule permits. Each Doubles event requires separate entry and fees from each partner. Bowlers may cash more than once with multiple partners. Single event may only be bowled once. Doubles and Singles will be separate events and can be bowled at separate times or days as schedule permits. All Events scores will consist of (6) games using the participants Single event scores and the first Doubles event scores bowled in the tournament.
- 7. Professional Bowlers:** For the purpose of participation in the Utah State Senior Open, PROFESSIONAL BOWLERS are defined as follows:
  - Any bowler who has won any of the following:
    - A PBA or PWBA national title regardless of professional status at the time of the win.
    - A USBC Masters or Senior Masters, U.S. Open Title
    - A USBC Queens or Senior Queens, U.S. Women's Open Title from 2003 to 2024
  - Any bowler having applied for membership or held membership in ANY professional bowling organization during the calendar year (Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2024) preceding the event, and up through their dates of their competition in 2025.
  - Professional bowlers will be eligible to compete only in the GOLD Division for Doubles, Singles, and All Events, subject to the following guidelines:
    - Two professional bowlers as defined in rule #7 MAY NOT bowl doubles together. Doubles can only be one professional and one nonprofessional.
    - Professional bowlers are eligible to bowl Singles/All Events in the GOLD Division and follow rule #7.
- 8. Division Structure:**

Doubles Divisions		Singles/All Events Divisions					
Gold	375 and above	Super (75+)	Class A (70-74)	Class B (65-69)	Class C (60-64)	Class D (55-59)	Class E (50-54)
Silver	374 and below						

- 9. Check-In:** Entrants are asked to check in Forty-five (45) minutes prior to assigned squad time. **Walk-ins must register and check in 1 hour prior to squad starting time.**
- 10. Substitutes:** Substitutes are allowed when necessary and must be reported to the tournament manager or official at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the event. In case of disability after a game has started a substitute shall be allowed if one is available. If no substitute is available only the actual score of frames bowled shall count. Substitutes shall take the place in the lineup of the original entrant. A substitute will not be required or expected to reimburse the original entrant with the entry fee paid and is not expected nor required to give the original entrant any prize money or award the substitute may win. If a bowler is missing from a doubles event the doubles partner can request to be rescheduled; **only if a substitute cannot be found at least five (5) minutes before the squad starting time and only if there is room to move to another tournament time and/or day.** Any participant missing for their scheduled singles squad can request a reschedule with the tournament manager or official. **Singles will only be rescheduled if there is room to be moved to another tournament time and/or day.**
- 11. Late or Tardy:** Bowlers arriving after the start of any of their scheduled events will receive zeros for frames missed. The option of requesting a reschedule may or may not be granted based on tournament schedule and lane availability.
- 12. Schedule:** Entries will be processed in the order received and entered as requested based on availability. Lane assignments and times will be completed by the tournament manager(s). Any Doubles or Single event participants wishing to be scheduled at the same time and bowl on adjacent/same lanes will need to submit their entries in the same envelope or online at the same time, with a written request. If no written request is received lanes assignments will be at the discretion of the tournament manager(s).
- 13. Line-Up:** The line-up will be set as submitted on the entry form for each event.
- 14. Lane Conditioning:** Lanes will be conditioned before each squad.
- 15. Awards:** 100% of all prize monies will be returned. Prize checks will be issued within Thirty (30) days after the registered close of the tournament. Prize checks will be mailed or hand-delivered to the person who submitted the entry with the prize listing posted online at [www.utahbowling.org](http://www.utahbowling.org).
- 16. Senior National Tournament:** Paid entry in Handicap All Events is not required to be eligible. 1<sup>st</sup> Place winners in each Handicap All Events class shall qualify for paid entry into the 2026 Senior National Tournament. If the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner declines, it will be offered to the 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner and so on. If all decline, then no participant will be sent for that class. In the event of a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place, the participant with the highest game with handicap within the (6) game set will be offered the entry to the Tournament. The same will hold for 2<sup>nd</sup> place if needed and so on.
- 17. Prize Ratio:** To be determined based on entries received, the minimum payout will be 1 in 10. In the event of first place ties, co-champions will be declared, and prize money will be divided. In the event of last place ties, extra money will be added.
- 18. Protest:** Any protest affecting eligibility or general playing rules must be confirmed **in writing** to the tournament manager within 72 hours of tournament close. Errors in scoring must be reported at the time the error is entered. Unexpected situations will be handled by the tournament management.
- 19. Dress Code:** Entrants are expected to wear attire suitable and representative of participation in a state championship event. Participants will be required to change if attire is deemed inappropriate by tournament management or designee. Tournament management or designee decisions will be final. **There are no exceptions.**
- 20. Conduct:** Bowlers are responsible for their conduct and the conduct of their spectators/attendees attending with the bowler. Tournament officials have the right to disqualify and have removed from the premises any bowler(s) or remove any individual(s) whose conduct is derogatory or detrimental to the best interests of the tournament. No unreasonable delay in the progress of any game is permitted. **(USBC rule 11)**
- 21. Liability:** The entrants whose names appear thereon or their authorized replacements hereby agree that the Utah State USBC (USUSBC), its officers or agents shall be liable only to the extent of returning entry fee, 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 of cause relating thereto or resulting therefrom, fire, strikes, lockouts, labor difficulties, Covid-19 or other causes beyond its control.
- 22. Entry Submission Dates:** The **non-preferred** Paper entry must be post marked by Midnight May 29, 2025. Paper entries received after this date will be assigned based on space available and are **not guaranteed**. **Online portal will close May 23, 2025**

**Walk-ins must arrive and register at least (1) hour before squad start time and will only be accepted if schedule permits and space is available.**