

**Waupaca Area USBC Association
Open Tournament Rules**

1. The Waupaca Area USBC Association is required by the USBC governing board to hold an Open Tournament that allows any sanctioned adult member to participate in the tournament.
2. The rules of USBC shall govern the tournament.
3. Only members of The Waupaca Area USBC Association are eligible to bowl in this tournament. Members of other associations who bowl in leagues sanctioned through The Waupaca Area USBC Association may enter the tournament.
4. Entries will open 4 weeks before the start of the tournament and reservations will close January 8, 2024. Any entries after this date will be accepted by the approval of the tournament director and will be based on availability of lanes and times.
5. The tournament will consist of a Team Event and a Doubles & Singles Event. You may bowl in only the Team Event or only the Doubles & Singles Events or in the Team Event and Double & Singles Events with the optional All Events and Scratch All Events. If you bowl in the Doubles Event you **MUST** bowl in the Singles Event.
6. You may bowl in the tournament more than once in each event. No more than 2 players may compete on the same team more than once as provided in this tournament's rule. If you bowl in the Doubles Event more than once you **MUST** switch partners.
7. The bowler participating more than once in the tournament **MUST** count their **first score** in each event for their All Events score.
8. You may only cash **once** in the **Handicap All Events** and **Scratch All Events**. You may cash **multiple** times in the **Team Event, Doubles Event, and Singles Event**.
9. Bowlers who have qualified for a prize of \$600 or more in any event in a tournament which has ended within the previous 12 month period, even though payment of prize has not been made must report the earnings.
10. **Entrants shall use their highest sanctioned average listed on bowl.com as a regular or substitute in the following order:**
 - a) 2022-2023 final average of at least 21 games or more
 - b) 21 or more games as of December 1, 2023 (must be verified by league secretary)
 - c) 12 games or more at time of participation in the tournament (must be verified by league secretary)
 - d) All other bowlers must bowl scratch
 - e) Multiple association members see rule 10a
11. Multiple association members must have 12 games in the current season in The Waupaca Area USBC Association in order to be eligible to bowl in the tournament.
12. Handicap will be 90% of the difference between 225 and the participants highest league average.
13. **It shall be the bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average, whether originally submitted by the bowler, team captain or others. Failure to use the proper average or make a correction up to the start of competition shall disqualify the bowler.**
14. 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 trophy they may win.
15. Any protest affecting the eligibility or general playing rules must be confirmed in writing to the tournament manager before the tournament prize payments are made.
16. If there is a tie for first place, co-champions will be declared with the first and second place prize money divided equally and duplicate plaques awarded. Any other ties will be handled in the same manner.
17. All prize money paid into each event will be returned to the placing participants in that event, pending verification of averages. Prizes will be paid with at least one prize for every five entries. Plaques will be awarded for the first place winners in each event. Prize money will be distributed to the houses.
18. Bowling etiquette will be observed when bowling in the tournament.
19. Officials, as needed, will be furnished by the Waupaca Area USBC Association.
20. Fouls will be observed. A foul occurs when a part of the player's body encroaches on or goes beyond the foul line and touches any part of the lane, equipment or building during or after a delivery. A ball is in play after a delivery until the same or another player is on the approach in position to make a succeeding delivery.
21. Up to 3 reracks will be allowed per event. To use a rerack a tournament official must be notified prior to the rerack. The tournament official will monitor the reracks.
22. Late arrivals will begin play with the score to count from the frame then being bowled. They will not be credited with any pins for the frames missed. If a team refuses to start because a full lineup is not present, tournament management, at its discretion, can declare the game forfeited. A bowler must bowl on the same lanes and at the same time his/her team bowls.
23. The Board of Directors of the Waupaca Area USBC Association shall decide on any question not covered by these tournament rules.
24. The Board of Directors of the Waupaca Area USBC Association shall have the power to hear and act on all protest arising from or under construction of the rules of the annual Open Association Tournament. The Board shall have final ruling.