

Greater Wichita Falls USBC Association
16th Annual Open Tournament Rules and Regulations

1. Entry is open to all current members of the Greater Wichita Falls USBC Association. Persons living outside the jurisdiction of this Association may enter by purchasing an associate membership card (\$12.00).
2. Entries will close 15 minutes prior to the start of the shift. **THERE WILL BE A SURCHARGE OF \$5.00 FOR ALL ENTRIES RECEIVED AFTER APRIL 3RD, PLEASE GET ENTRIES IN AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE \$5.00 GOES TO PRIZE FUND**
3. Entering average rule: **10 pin rule will be in effect**
 - A. Bowlers will use their highest (21 game minimum) 2023-2024 Greater Wichita Falls USBC book average, **unless their current season average (21 games minimum) as of April 4, 2025 is ten (10) pins higher.**
 - B. If there is no 2023-2024 Greater Wichita Falls USBC book average, bowlers will use the highest Greater Wichita Falls USBC average with 21 games as of **April 4, 2025.**
 - C. If the required number of games has not been bowled, an entrant will use a 230 average.
It will be the bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of the average. Whether submitted by the bowler, team captain, or others. Failure to use the correct average may disqualify scores if submitted average is lower than actual average, thereby resulting in a lower classification of more handicaps. Prize winnings shall be based on the submitted average, if it is higher than the actual average.
 - D. Corrections in averages can be made up to the completion of the first game of a series or within 48 hours after completion of a series, if the tournament management, prior to the completion of the first games of a series has given written consent to the bowler authorizing such extension of time to correct the average. (USBC Rule 319a4)
4. Handicap will be 90% and there will be no divisions in team or doubles and singles. Team handicap will be figured from 920, doubles handicap will be from 460, and singles handicap will be from 230.
5. A bowler may bowl on as many teams, doubles, and singles as the bowler wishes in accordance with USBC Rule 315b. Bowl as many times as the team wishes, but a team can only take the highest position in the standings. In order to place more than once in the prize list for positions standings: in the four-player team event at least two players in the lineup must be different. To bowl doubles, a bowler must have a paid entry to bowl singles. Reentry teams, reentry doubles, and reentry singles will be added to the end of the squad if lanes are available. A reentry doubles team does not require bowlers to bowl singles, nor does reentry singles require a bowler to reenter doubles. No refunds will be given if the entry and times are accepted (USBC Rule 314).

Singles will follow Doubles. If a Doubles partner has not arrived at shift time, the bowler present may bowl singles first. If the partner has not arrived when the Singles are finished, and a sub is not available, the bowler may bowl Doubles alone, for score in All Events.

All Events must be paid with the first entry into the tournament.
6. A bowler's first appearance in each event shall count towards the bowler's all events score (USBC Rule 315d).
7. USBC Rule 319d will be waived on the reporting of previous prize money.
8. USBC Rule 319e is applicable to all participants concerning tournament average adjustments.
9. All USBC awards will be awarded on a handicap basis. Awards will be presented 1 per 5 entries in team, doubles, and singles, and 1 per 10 entries in all events. First place ties in any event will be declared co-champions with the first and second place money divided equally and awards will be awarded. All expense money is used to run the tournament and to help with association expenses throughout the year.
The paid High Scratch All-Events winner will be declared the GWFUSBC Champion and will represent the Association in the Texas State Masters Tournament. There will also be a paid entry into the Texas Senior Masters Tournament. It will be the High Scratch All-Events senior. If they cannot represent, the next place in these events will be asked. At least four consecutive individuals will be asked to represent. In the event of a female All-Events winner, she will have the option of receiving a paid entry into the appropriate event along with the highest male competitor.
10. A tournament game or frame(s) within a game that is irretrievably lost in the scoring process may be rebowled with tournament management approval. The decision of tournament management will be final, except where an appeal is made in accordance with Rule 329, Item b. (USBC Rule 327c)
11. If a change in a team or doubles lineup is desired, it must be requested at least 15 minutes before the time the entrants are scheduled to bowl (USBC Rule 324a).
12. USBC Rule 328, changing delivery during tournament play will not be allowed.
13. Any bowler of a team arriving after the game has started will be allowed to bowl and the score(s) will count beginning in the frame then being bowled. No score will be given for frames missed.
14. When bowlers are scheduled alone on a pair of lanes, they must bowl as though they were actually contested. The bowlers shall complete one frame on one lane before the lead-off bowler commences the next frame on the adjoining lane. (USBC Rule 325)
15. Any protest affecting eligibility or playing rules must be confirmed in writing to tournament management before the tournament prize payments are made. Errors in scoring must be reported to tournament management within 24 hours.
16. Tournament management will decide any questions not covered by these tournament rules. Tournament management will have the power to hear and act on all protests concerning the tournament. Their decision shall be final unless an appeal is made in accordance with USBC Rule 329.
17. Tournament management reserves the right to reassign lane assignments at squad times.
18. Any rule not covered on the entry will be covered in the 2024-2025 USBC Rule Book.