



USBC CERTIFIED

129TH ANNUAL OPEN TOURNAMENT

SUBSTITUTES WILL NOT BE PROVIDED

ALL Reservations made must
be paid no later than January 30, 2026
otherwise may be

Cancelled

TOURNAMENT OPENS

February 28, 2026

Tournament closes May 3, 2026

UNLESS SCHEDULE IS FILLED SOONER

ST CLAIR BOWL
5950 Old Collinsville Road
FAIRVIEW HTS, ILLINOIS 62208



NO BOWLING ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

March 14th & 15th JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL REGIONALS

MARCH 21st & 22nd MEETING WEEKEND AND

APRIL 4TH & 5TH EASTER WEEKEND

129TH ANNUAL ILLINOIS STATE USBC OPEN TOURNAMENT RULES

*****ENTRIES CLOSE MAY 3, ONE HOUR BEFORE 2ND SQUAD IF LANES ARE AVAILABLE*****

1. No one under the age of 18 may bowl in this tournament. The prize list will be based on entries received on the handicap score, with a ratio of at least one prize for each six entries in the team, doubles, and singles events; and one prize for each ten entries in the All Events. Prize letters will only be sent to team captains receiving prize checks for entrants. The complete prize list will be posted on our website.
2. All entrants in this tournament must be members in good standing of the Illinois State USBC with a 2025-2026 USBC Certification Card. Any eligible non-member may purchase a Standard USBC Membership card. A bowler found not having a valid USBC Membership Card will forfeit all fees.
3. Handicap will be based on 90% of 230, of each bowler's highest USBC certified average for 21 or more games during the 2024-25 season, including 2025 summer leagues. A bowler with no qualifying average for the 2024-25 season will use the current USBC average for 21 or more games at the time of bowling the first event of the tournament. If not qualified via above, the bowler must bowl scratch using 230. **A bowler will use their highest USBC Average or Converted Average.**
4. Participation in the team event only: Not more than three (3) players on the same team can place more than once in the prize list. No more than two professionals (Card holder of regional, national or other national events). may compete in Team, only one in Doubles. In regular All Events, the first team appearance score is used. Singles/Doubles must bowl and pay for both events and can be bowled multiple times with change of partners and cash only once in singles.
5. All events, Scratch or Handicap, are not transferable unless the substitute replaces original entrant in all three events.
6. Optional Scratch Prize List: All events based on team doubles/singles; the prize ratio will be the same as the regular prize list.
7. Substitutions are allowed if needed after entry blank is mailed. Substitutes will not be provided by the Illinois State USBC. Please arrive early so the tournament personnel can make the changes. Bowlers must bowl in order submitted on entry form.
8. Re-Rate and Reporting of \$300 or more prize money is the responsibility of each bowler that this applies to and they must send data with the entry form. Failure to comply could result in forfeit of tournament fees and prize winnings and a possible suspension.
9. Rule 319(A), excluding item 1); 319 (C) & 319 (D) will be applied. The ten (10) pin rule applies **Rule 329 (Protest) will apply.**
10. Averages will be shown on the recap sheets and it will be the responsibility of each bowler to verify the average shown. Any failure to use the proper average or make corrections prior to the completion of the first game of a series, shall be cause for disqualification of the score, if the submitted average is lower than the actual average; or the prize will be based on the submitted average if it is higher as it cannot be lowered.
11. Lane dressing will be what each bowling center normally provides and in compliance with USBC rules. Lanes will be stripped and dressed for every squad.
12. Awards: Plaques are awarded to actual scratch winners in each event. (Optional scratch entry not required.) In addition, actual scratch All Events winner shall receive a paid entry for the 2026 USBC Masters tournament, upon their making a written request.
13. Bowlers are not permitted to smoke while participating in the Illinois State USBC Open Championship Tournament. This includes from the start of practice to the last ball rolled for score in each event. This also includes between doubles and singles event. Failure to comply shall result in immediate disqualification. **NO ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES TO BE USED DURING TOURNAMENT COMPETITION.**
14. Bowlers need to be up and ready to bowl when it is their turn. **A one lane courtesy will be observed.**
15. The Tournament Manager has the authority to make decisions regarding anything not covered by these rules.
16. Proper attire is required, no profanity or gestures will be allowed.
17. TIME Constraint – Team will be shut down after 3-1/2 hours, Doubles/Singles (4 on a pair) 4 hours and (6 on a pair) 5 hours.
18. **All other USBC rules apply.**

FOR INFORMATION ONLY: SQUAD TIMES: SATURDAY: 8:00 A.M. 1:00 P.M. 6:00 P.M.

SUNDAY: 8:00 A.M. 1:00 P.M. **PRATICE STARTS 10 MINUTES PRIOR TO SQUAD TIME**MAIL ENTRY FORMS AND **COMPLETE FEES** (Make checks payable to Illinois State USBC):

DOROTHY APPEL, TOURNAMENT MGR. 1419 CROSS ST., SHILOH, IL 62269

EMAIL: il.open.tournament@gmail.com

PHONE: 618-530-6523

Contact Person and/or Captain: _____

GIVE NAMES AS PRINTED ON USBC MEMBERSHIP CARD (PRINT LEGIBLY).**LINUP WILL NOT BE CHANGED. SUSTITUES MUST TAKE THE PLACE OF THE ORIGINAL ENTRANT.**

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Local: _____

(Prize checks will be mailed to the above contact address)

TEAM NAME: _____

CROSS WITH: _____

List 3 different dates/times you prefer: \

Team	Doubles/singles
1) _____	1) _____
2) _____	2) _____
3) _____	3) _____

USBC CARD #	TEAM LINE UP Last Name, First Name	Address	City, State Zip	FINAL AVG 24-25	All Events Handicap	All Events Scratch	Team Scratch
1234-0001	Bowler, Joe	123 East St	Bowling City, IL 12345	175	✓	✓	✓
	1						
	2						
	3						
	4						
	5						

Doubles and Singles entries: Bowlers entering doubles must enter singles, and vice versa. List doubles only on one form. To enter doubles scratch cash event both partners must enter.

To enter the 5-member Team Scratch Cash Event, all team members must enter.

USBC Card #	Doubles/Singles Last Name, First Name	Final Avg 24-25	Scratch Doubles ✓	Scratch Singles ✓
	1			
	2			
	1			
	2			
	1			
	2			

OFFICE USE ONLY			
Team Scheduled		Doubles/Singles Scheduled	
Date	Time	Date	Time
Squad		Squad	

CALCULATING FEES FOR ILLINOIS USBC

OPEN TOURNAMENT

TOTAL AMOUNTS MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY FORM INCLUDING SCRATCH EVENTS

WALK-INS PAY AN ADDITIONAL \$5.00 PER EVENT

HANDICAPPED ENTRY FEE BREAKDOWN

TOTAL PER PERSON PER EVENT....\$35.00

\$20.00 Expense Fee

\$15.00.....Prize Money

\$35.00..... Total Per Person Per Event

HANDICAPPED ALL EVENTS (OPTIONAL) \$10.00

SCRATCH ENTRY FEE BREAKDOWN

Entry Fee for Each Event \$10.00

\$10.00 Prize Money

\$10.00..... Total per Person

SCRATCH ALL EVENTS (OPTIONAL)...\$10.00 PER PERSON ADD'L.

Team - _____@\$175 per team	\$
Doubles—____@ \$70 per pair	\$
Singles—____@ \$35 each	\$
All Events Hdcp- ____@\$10.00 each	\$
Optional Scratch Prize Fund: Team/Scratch - ____@ \$50/team	\$
Doubles/Scratch—____@\$20/pair	\$
Singles/Scratch—____@\$10 each	\$
All Events/Scratch—____@\$10 each	\$
FULL AMOUNT MUST BE ENCLOSED INCLUDING SCRATCH.	\$

Must be signed or will be returned prior to processing. A fee of \$25.00 will be charged for returned checks. To the Association Manager of the Illinois State USBC, we by our captain and agent, hereby make application to participate in the Illinois State USBC Open 2026 Tournament events listed and tender the entry fees required therefore. We warrant that we are Illinois State USBC members in good standings. We agree to abide by all tournament and playing rules and regulations prescribed by the Illinois State USBC, including all provisions set forth on this form. We specifically agree for ourselves and any replacements chosen by us or for us that if we are not eligible for participation in the Illinois State USBC Open Tournament then our prize bowling and expense fees shall be forfeited and all sums tendered by us as prize, bowling and expense fees may be retained by the Illinois State USBC as liquidated damages. The entrants whose names appear hereon or their authorized replacements hereby agree that the Illinois State USBC, its officers and agents shall be liable only to the extent of returning entry fees less expenses 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 or causes relating thereto or resulting therefrom, fires, strikes, lock outs, labor difficulties or other causes beyond the control of the Illinois State USBC.

TEAM CAPTAIN: Scores will be disqualified for submission of incorrect average I hereby certify that all information given on this entry form, including average is correct.

Squad Sponsor \$25 for 1st 5 teams; \$10 for every 5 after that.

Signature: _____

ENTRY FEE RECAP									
HANDICAP EVENTS					OPTIONAL SCRATCH PRIZE FUND				
TEAM	DOUBLES	SINGLES	SPONSORS	ALL EVENTS	TEAM	DOUBLES	SINGLES	SPONSORS	ALL EVENTS

TOTAL FEES DUE (Received)_____

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