

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

This tournament shall consist of a five member team event, a doubles event and a singles event in each of four (4) divisions. Three consecutive games shall be bowled on one pair of lanes in each event. The total of nine games shall determine the All-Events score. The first event bowled in each event bowled shall count toward the bowler's All-Events total.

1) ELIGIBILITY:

- a) Members who live in the jurisdiction of the GDUSBC association and bowl in an adult GDUSBC league.
- b) Members with a GDUSBC Adult membership and bowling in another association's league.
- c) Members who live outside of the GDUSBC association and bowl in an adult GDUSBC league(s).

**In each case the average to be used is their highest USBC average of 21 games or more
If not a member of the GDUSBC can pay a local fee of \$18.**

2) **SCHEDULING:** Entries will be scheduled in the order they are received online and at the Greater Denver USBC office. Every effort will be made to satisfy schedule requests. Those teams wishing to bowl together should submit entry forms and fees together online or at the office. Entry fees will not be refunded after dates and times have been assigned. Dates and squads will be added if necessary.

3) **MULTIPLE ENTRY:** In order to place more than once in the prize list for position standings at least two players in the lineup must be different in the team event. Doubles teams with the same partners may only cash once, Singles bowlers may only cash once. When entering the doubles event the bowler must also enter the singles at the same time. Singles follows the doubles in the scheduling process.

4) **LATE ENTRIES:** A late fee of \$5.00 per bowler/per event will be assessed for entries received after the October 16, 2026 closing date deadline and reservations will only be allowed if space is available. Late entry fees will also apply to walk in entries. **Teams - \$250.00 Dbls/Sgls - \$200.00** No late fees will be applied to the optional scratch events.

5) **ALL-EVENTS:** All-Events entries scores will apply as determined by the bowler's singles division. There is no charge for Handicap All-Events and all bowlers are automatically entered. Entry fee for Scratch All-Events is \$5.00.

6) **OPTIONAL SCRATCH EVENTS:** There will be one division for the scratch team, doubles and singles events. Scratch all-events will be based off the average divisions

7) **HANDICAP:** 90% OF 230

8) **ENTERING AVERAGES FOR HANDICAP AND DIVISION DETERMINATION:** (USBC Rules 319a2 and 319d will not apply for this tournament)

- a) Entrants shall use their highest USBC certified book league average of 21 games or more of the 2025-26 season, if none then...
- b) Highest USBC certified league average of 21 games or more of the 2026 summer season, if none then...
- c) Highest current USBC certified league average of 21 games or more at tournament entry closing date, if none then...
- d) Highest current USBC certified league average of 12 games or more at the date of first participation in the tournament, if none then...
- e) Highest USBC certified book league average of 21 games or more for the 2024-2025 season, if none then...
- f) Bowler will bowl scratch with no handicap allowed. A 230 average will be used for assignment of division participation.

ENTRANTS MUST USE HIGHEST USBC CERTIFIED LEAGUE AVERAGE REGARDLESS OF WHETHER BOWLED AS A REGULAR MEMBER OR A SUBSTITUTE.

Closing date average: [c above] must be submitted to the tournament office immediately after the October 16, 2026 closing date.

Participation date average: [d above] copy of league standing sheet must be presented at tournament check-in prior to participation.

BOWLERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR VERIFYING THEIR OWN AVERAGE, WHETHER SUBMITTED BY THE BOWLER, THE TEAM CAPTAIN, OR OTHERS. (USBC Rule 319a3)

9) **PRIZES:** 100% of the prize fund will be returned. One (1) in eight (8) will cash in team, doubles and singles in each division. One (1) in fifteen (15) will cash in All-Events in each division. In the event of ties, the prize money for those involved will be combined and divided evenly. In the event of a tie for first place in any event (minus the scratch events), Co-champions will be declared and appropriate championship awards will be presented.

10) **SUBSTITUTES:** Substitutes shall be allowed in each event. A substitute shall take the place in the lineup of the original entrant. No lineup changes will be made after the closing date, October 16th, 2026. The tournament office must be advised of substitutions before the scheduled bowling time. In the event of disability of an original entrant after a game has started, a substitute shall be allowed in the team and doubles events only. Handicap for a "combined" score will be adjusted proportionately reflecting the percentage of the game bowled by each bowler. If no substitute is available, only the actual scores of frames bowled shall count. Any score bowled by more than one individual shall not be counted toward the All-Events total. When the average of a substitute changes the classification of the entry it shall automatically be reclassified. When a substitute takes over at midpoint of a series the higher average of the substitute and the original entrant shall be used to determine the Division classification. ***SUBSTITUTE CHANGES CAN BE MADE ONLINE UNTIL THE CLOSING DATE, OCTOBER 16th, 2026. AFTER THAT, ALL CHANGES MUST BE MADE THROUGH THE TOURNAMENT OFFICE***

11) **TARDY BOWLERS:** Tardy bowlers will start their competition in the frame being bowled when they are ready to bowl, and no scores will be entered for the frames missed. If an entrant is late for the doubles event, the entrant present shall bowl the singles event first. If the partner has not arrived by the time the singles event is completed and a substitute cannot be found, the entrant present shall be permitted to bowl in the doubles event to allow scores to be counted for All-Events total. Teams who refuse to start at the scheduled time, due to lack of players, will forfeit their right to bowl and all entry fees paid.

12) **DRESS CODE:** Bowlers are expected to wear suitable attire while participating in the Greater Denver USBC City tournament. Obscene attire will not be permitted. No tank tops, halter tops, bare midriffs, spaghetti strap tops, sweat pants, zumbas, yoga pants, leggings and athletic workout attire.

13) **CHECK-IN:** Teams check in by their captain 1 hour prior to scheduled squad time. Doubles check in at least 1 hour prior to squad time.

14) **BOWLING UNOPPOSED:** In the event a team, doubles, or singles participants are bowling unopposed on a pair of lanes, each frame shall be completed before the next frame is started on the accompanying lane. Pacers will not be allowed.

15) **RECAP SHEETS:** The recap sheets are the official record of the tournament. Games cannot be rebowled, except as authorized by the tournament manager, or when scores are irretrievably lost from an automatic scoring device.

16) APPEAL OR PROTEST:

- a) Appeals or protests must be reported to tournament management within 24 hours after the event has been bowled.
- b) Any protest affecting eligibility or general playing rules must be confirmed in writing to the Greater Denver USBC Manager before the tournament prize payments are made.
- c) Obvious scoring errors will be corrected immediately

FALSIFICATION OF AN AVERAGE OR VIOLATION OF USBC TOURNAMENT RULES MAY BE CAUSE FOR DISQUALIFICATION.

USBC RULES AND REGULATIONS APPLY IN ALL INSTANCES NOT SPECIFICALLY COVERED BY THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS.

!!* ONLINE REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE AT gdusbc.com. ONLINE REGISTRATION CLOSING ON OCTOBER 16th, 2026. !!*