

USBC

GREATER FREDERICKSBURG



7th Annual GFUSBC Open Championship

OPEN to ALL GFUSBC MEMBERS

March 3rd and 4th, 2012

~ Mar 3rd 9:00am squad – Alcohol Free ~

LIBERTY CENTER – MASSAPONAX

5801 Southpoint Centre Boulevard
Fredericksburg, VA 22407
~ (540) 710 – 7467 ~

Lineage	\$ 8.00
Expenses	\$ 2.00
<u>Prize Fund</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
Each Event Total	\$20.00

**\$1500 Added
to the Prize Fund**

USBC Certified

Handicap: 90% of 240

Multiple entries allowed in Singles, Doubles, and Team Events

Entries close February 27, 2012

Tournament Director ~ Skip Frey ~ (540) 372-7870

Email: dgsmadden@aol.com

"The entrants whose names appear on the Tournament Entry or their authorized replacements hereby agree that the Greater Fredericksburg USBC Association, its officers, and agents shall be liable only to the extent of returning entry fees 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 hereto from fires, strikes, lockouts, labor difficulties or other causes beyond the control of the Greater Fredericksburg USBC Association."

Entries available online at www.gfusbca.org

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1. ELIGIBILITY: All entrants must be certified by the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) and be a member of Greater Fredericksburg USBC (GFUSBC).
2. TEAM & DOUBLES EVENT FORMAT: Teams will consist of four persons. Team & Doubles can be any gender or mixed.
3. MULTIPLE ENTRIES: Multiple entries will be allowed in Singles, Doubles and Team Events, provided there is a change of at least two (2) team members in the Team Event and one (1) person in the Doubles Event. An individual may place multiple times in the Team and Doubles Events, but only once in the Singles Event. The first series bowled in each event will count towards all events.
4. TOURNAMENT AVERAGE:
Entrants will use:
 - (1) Highest 2010-2011 USBC Winter Book Average;
 - (2) If the entrant does not have a 2010-2011 USBC qualifying Book Average, use highest 2011 certified USBC Summer League average of 21 games or more;
 - (3) If (1) or (2) does not apply, use the highest average as of February 1, 2012* for 21 games or more from a current GFUSBC certified league;
 - (4) If entrant does not meet any of the aforementioned requirements for average, a 240 scratch average will be used (USBC Rule 319b).

*February 1, 2012 league averages must be supported by an Average Verification form from all leagues you have competed in with the league secretary's signature and supporting Bowler History – Standing Sheets are not acceptable.

The following rules are waived: USBC Rule 319a2 (current average 10 pins higher than last year), USBC Rule 319d (reporting prize winnings); and USBC Rule 319e (re-rate).
5. AVERAGE VERIFICATION:
It shall be the bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average in handicap tournaments, whether submitted by the bowler, their captain or others. Failure to use proper average shall disqualify score if submitted average is lower than actual average; thereby, resulting in more handicap. Prize winnings shall be based on submitted average if it is higher than actual average. Correction of averages must be submitted in writing within 48 hours after the completion of the first event bowled.
6. HANDICAP: 90% of the difference between the individual's average and 240 based on three games.
7. ENTRY FEE:
Handicap Events will be \$20 per person per event – \$10.00 Prize Fund; \$8.00 Lineage; and \$2.00 Expense Fee. All-Events fee (optional) will be \$5.00 - \$4.50 Prize Fund; .50 Expense Fee.
Optional Scratch Events will be \$10 per event - \$9.00 Prize Fund and \$1 Expense Fee. All-Events (optional) will be \$5 - \$4.50 Prize Fund and .50 Expense Fee. Scratch Team and Scratch Doubles requires entry by all participants on your entry.
8. Entry fees may be remitted by Personal Check – All applicable bank fees will be charged for any personal checks returned by the bank. Overpayments of less than \$1 will not be refunded.
9. PRIZE MONEY: All prize money will be returned 100%. Prize money shall be sent to the team captain within 30 days after the tournament ends. The team captain shall distribute the prize money within 30 days of receipt. Prize checks will be void 90 days from the date of issuance.

All of the cash awards will be paid on a handicap basis with the exception of the optional Scratch Events where awards will be based on actual pin fall. Prizes will be paid on a ratio of at least one prize for each 10 entries. All Events will be paid on a ratio of at least 1 in 20. Each event champion will receive a USBC emblem and trophy. In the event of a tie for championship, Co-champions will be declared and prize money will be divided equally and duplicate awards will be presented. The bowler who places first in any All-Events shall be entitled to the title, emblem, and trophy regardless if they have not paid the optional All-Events fee; cash awards will be awarded to paid entrants only.
10. TARDY PLAYERS: Any player arriving after the game has started will be allowed to bowl and score(s) will count beginning in the frame then being bowled. No score (0) will be given for frames missed.
11. SUBSTITUTES & REPLACEMENTS: No substitute or replacement will be accepted for All-Events participation when any one event, or portion of an event, has been bowled by the original entrant or another substitute.
12. OTHER:
Bowlers entering singles must also enter doubles and vice versa.
The Doubles event shall be bowled first.
10 minutes of practice will be permitted.
Telescopes will be used as the official scores.
Singles & Doubles will be bowled on the same pair of lanes.
Pacers are not permitted.
The use of such substances as talcum powder, pumice, rosin, etc., on shoes, or the use of soft rubber soles and heels that rub off and in any manner may alter the normal conditions of the approach, is strictly prohibited.
13. PROTESTS: Protests concerning eligibility or general playing rules must be conveyed in writing to the Tournament Director before prize payments are made. Any dispute or disagreement shall be immediately referred to and decided by the Tournament Director. A score sheet cannot be changed after the official scorer, captain or entrant has signed it, except that obvious errors in scoring, handicap, and classification may be corrected by a tournament official.
14. DECISIONS: All decisions of the Tournament Director are final unless an appeal is made in accordance with USBC Rule 329.
15. APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 27, 2012
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: GFUSBC Open
MAIL ENTRIES TO:
GFUSBC Open Championship
4517 Greenfield Dr
Fredericksburg, VA 22408

TOURNAMENT LOCATION

Liberty Center - Massaponax
5801 Southpoint Centre Blvd
Fredericksburg, VA

TOURNAMENT SUBSTITUTION FORM

GFUSBC Open Championship Tournament

Substitutes should be reported as soon as possible. Complete this form and mail it along with the verification of average (as necessary) to the GFUSBC Open Championship Tournament Director, 4517 Greenfield Dr, Fredericksburg, VA 22408 or present it at the tournament office at least ONE HOUR prior to bowling time.

TEAM SUB: YES NO ENTRY # _____ Date/ Hour of Team _____ Replacing: _____

DOUBLES SUB: YES NO ENTRY # _____ Date/ Hour of Doubles _____ Replacing: _____

SINGLES SUB: YES NO ENTRY # _____ Date/ Hour of Singles _____ Replacing: _____

USBC#: _____ Average: _____ Source: _____ Verified: _____

NAME: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Original bowler's **ALL EVENTS** are to be transferred to _____

CAUTION: All Events can be transferred **ONLY TO A SUBSTITUTE PRIOR** to the substitute's participation & substitute is eligible for All-Events only if replacing original entrant in every event in tournament competition.

* Is the substitute's average on **www.bowl.com**? If not, **written verification with standing sheet or bowler history** of his/her average will be required from the league secretary. If verification of average is not presented by bowling time, the substitute will be classified at a 240 average and will remain at that average unless verification is submitted within seven (7) days after bowling.

ADVANCE SUBSTITUTION NOTIFICATION IS REQUESTED TO AVOID TOURNAMENT DELAYS

AVERAGE VERIFICATION
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Entry # _____ This is to certify that _____

had an average of _____ for _____ games as of _____ in the _____ (Date) _____ league.

Signed _____ Date _____
(League or Association Secretary)

Bowler history required with verification for February 1 Averages.

VALID AVERAGES for other than 2010-2011 USBC BOOK AVERAGES:

1 - Use highest February 1, 2012 average of 21 games or more from a current GFUSBC certified league

2 - If no 21 game average as of February 1, bowler will be classified at 240 scratch.