

17th Annual Greater Fredericksburg USBC Youth Championship Tournament

1. CHECK-IN will begin one hour prior to scheduled squad time. Check-In will be on an individual basis and 2021-2022 USBC membership cards must be presented at Check-In. Announcements will be made 15 minutes before squad time. Practice will begin ten minutes before squad time. Bowling for score will begin at squad time.
2. TARDINESS: Any player arriving late shall begin play with the frame in progress. Zero (0) will be given for frames missed and shall begin play with the frame then being bowled. If a TEAM has an absent bowler and does not wish to have a substitute, they may use the absent bowlers average MINUS TEN pins. Only one (1) absent bowler per team may be used (rule 322b). Absent score can be used in Team Event only.
3. EMERGENCIES: No change will be made in the entrant's scheduled time of bowling once the tournament has begun except for an emergency. The Tournament Manager must approve all changes to the schedule.
4. ELIGIBILITY: All entrants must be Youth and certified by USBC.
5. DRESS CODE: Attire must be neat, clean and properly fitting. Collared shirts are highly recommended. Attire advertising liquor or tobacco products or displaying lewd or profane graphics and/or language will not be allowed. Hats will not be permitted to be worn during competition. No headphones are permitted during the event.
6. ENTRY FEE: Handicap Events will be \$20.00 per person per event with \$5.00 for Prize Fund; \$13.00 for Lineage and \$2.00 for Expense Fee. Optional handicap All-Events fee will be \$2.00 with \$1.50 for Prize Fund and .50 for Expense Fee. Optional Singles Scratch Event will be \$5.00. \$4.50 for Prize Fund and .50 for Expense Fee. Entry fees may be remitted by Personal Check, money order or cash. All applicable bank fees will be charged for any personal checks returned by the bank and an additional \$5.00 will be charged by GFUSBCA. Payments incash must be submitted in a secure manner. NO ENTRY FEE WILL BE REFUNDED AFTER ACCEPTED.
7. MULTIPLE ENTRIES: Multiple and reentries are not allowed.
8. HANDICAP: 100% of the difference between the individual's average and 210.
9. SUBSTITUTIONS: If a scheduled entrant cannot participate, a substitute may be used. Substitutions, along with average verification must be reported by the team captain to the Tournament Manager at least ONE HOUR BEFORE bowling begins. The substitute shall take the place in the line-up of the original entrant. A substitute replacing a bowler who is entered in all- events shall be entered in All-Events automatically. The original bowler will forfeit the right to bowl in the event. If the Division changes because of a substitution, the results will be reclassified into the appropriate division for that event.
10. ENTRY DEADLINE is one week prior to the 1st day of tournament.
11. ENTERING AVERAGE: Entrants will use: Highest USBC average of the 2021-2022 winter season of 21 games or more. If the bowler does not have a 2021-2022 average, use the highest average of 1 week prior to the tournament date* for 21 games or more from a current GFUSBCA certified league; If entrant does not meet any of the aforementioned requirements for average, a 210 scratch average will be used (USBC Rule 319b). *League averages must be supported by an Average Verification form from all leagues the bowler has competed in with the league secretary's signature and supporting Bowler History – Standing Sheets are acceptable.
12. AVERAGE VERIFICATION. The following rules apply:
 - a. It is the bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average, whether submitted by the bowler, their captain, or others. Failure to use the proper average shall disqualify the score if submitted average is lower than the correct average, resulting in more handicap.
 - b. Emergency substitutes without a verified average may bowl using a 210 average. Written verification of average will be due within seven days of the bowling date in order to correct average, handicap, and classification.
 - c. USBC Rule 319c. Average Adjustments (Rerating): The average of a bowler may be adjusted upward before participation in any event. If the assigned average is not accepted by the bowler, the entry fee shall be refunded. Tournament Manager will verify 10 pin rule using current league standing sheet.
13. EVENTS: Teams will consist of four bowlers. Team and Doubles can be any gender or mixed. There will be two divisions for each event. Entrants must enter doubles and singles. Doubles will be bowled first. Handicap Team: Division 1: 600 and Above. Division 2: 599 and Below. Handicap Double: Division 1: 300 and Above. Division 2: 299 and Below. Handicap Singles and ALL-EVENTS (optional): Division 1: 150 and Above. Division 2: 149 and Below. Scratch Singles: 150 and Above. Division 2: 149 and Below.
14. FORMAT: Line-up will be in the same order as listed on the Entry Form. Center scoring system will be used as the official scores. Pacers are not permitted.
15. PRIZES: Prize money will be returned 100%. Prizes will be paid on a ratio of at least one (1) prize for every five (5) entries. All prizes will be scholarship funds managed by the USBC SMART Scholarship program.
16. RULES: USBC Rules and Regulations will govern the tournament. Any rule not covered here will be subject to USBC Rules and Regulations.
17. PROTESTS: Protests concerning eligibility or general playing rules must be conveyed in writing to the Tournament Manager within 72 hours of completion of the tournament. Any dispute or disagreement shall be immediately referred to and decided by the Tournament Manager. All decisions of the Tournament Manager are final unless an appeal is made in accordance with USBC Rule 329. 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.
18. RESTRICTIONS: The designated tournament area will be Alcohol, Vape, Smoke & Tobacco-free while the tournament is in progress. No food or drinks allowed in the bowler's area. BANNED SUBSTANCES: The use of such substances as talcum powder, pumice, rosin, etc., on shoes is prohibited. The use of soft rubber soles and heels that rub off in any manner that may alter the normal conditions of the approach is also strictly prohibited. ONLY BOWLERS, TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS and VOLUNTEERS ARE ALLOWED IN THE BOWLER'S AREA.
20. TOURNAMENT LOCATION:
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12100 Kilarney Drive
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Phone: (540) 786-BOWL (2695)
21. Mail Entries to:
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