

Massachusetts State USBC 65th Annual Open Championship Tournament

CERTIFIED BY THE UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS

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BOWLERO WORCESTER
101 SOUTHBRIDGE ST
AUBURN MA 01501
508-791-5700

April 19-20 & 26-27

May 3-4 & 10-11

Entries Close April 1, 2025

NO REFUNDS AFTER MAIL –IN CLOSING DATE

WALK IN ENTRIES ALLOWED ON LANE AVAILABILITY

ENTRY FEE PER PERSON PER EVENT:	PRIZE RATIO
Prize Fee..... \$15.00	Teams, Doubles, Singles
Bowling Fee..... \$12.00	At least 1 in 5
Tournament Expense..... \$ 8.00	ALL EVENTS
Total..... \$35.00	At least 1 in 15
Optional All Events..... \$ 10.00	All prize money returned 100 %

Handicap: 90% based on 240 scratch
(As computed on a three game basis)
Prize Fee Split: 50% Handicap, 50% scratch

Tournament Directors : Richard / June Halacy
P.O.Box 379
E. Douglas, MA 01516
508-476-3840
richtournamentdirector@gmail.com

Visit the Mass State USBC web site www.mausbc.org for results

TOURNAMENT RULES

1. **ELIGIBILITY.** Entrants must be USBC members belonging to a local Association affiliated with the Massachusetts State USBC . Nonresidents of Massachusetts may participate providing that they be, prior to the closing date for mail in entries, members of a USBC local Association in Massachusetts with 21 games. Non-members who reside in Massachusetts may participate by purchasing an unattached membership card.
2. **PARTICIPATION.** Multiple participation is permitted in teams, doubles or singles.
 - a. Multiple participation is permitted in the team event. The same 4 bowlers may re-enter during subsequent team squads as long as there are lanes available but may only cash once. For a team to be considered new at least 1 bowler must be different.
 - b. Multiple participation is permitted in the doubles event. Any 2 bowlers may re-enter the doubles event on subsequent doubles/singles squads but may only cash once with that partner.
 - c. Initial entry for Doubles/ Singles MUST be Doubles and Singles combined. For re-entries you may bowl just singles or just doubles. Doubles and singles will be bowled on the same lanes.
 - d. The first score bowled in each event shall count towards the All Events score.
3. **CHAMPIONS.** Scratch and handicap Champions will be determined in each event. The contestants scoring the highest total handicap pinfall are declared the State Handicap Champion in that event. The contestant scoring the highest scratch pinfall will be declared the State Champion in that event.
4. **CASH AWARDS.** Cash prizes are awarded based on total pinfall standings except that a person / team qualifying in both the scratch and handicap category in the same event must take the larger cash award. Should the cash prize be equal in each category, the person / team shall automatically be placed in the scratch category. The PRIZE FUND shall be returned 100% (50% - handicap, 50% - scratch).
5. **TIE SCORES.** Cash prizes for all ties shall have the prizes combined and divided equally among the tied parties.
6. **ENTERING AVERAGES.**

RULE 6A:

 1. Each bowler shall use his/her highest certified average for 21 or more games for the 2023-2024 season. All Sport / Challenge averages will be converted using the USBC conversion chart.
 2. If a bowler has no certified average for the 2022-2023 season, he/she must use their highest certified average for 21 or more games as of January 1, 2025. All others must bowl scratch.

RULE 6B: If a bowler's current USBC certified average for 21 or more games as of January 1, 2025 is 10 or more pins higher than the 2023-2024 season average, then the bowler must use his/her current average.

RULE 6C: USBC Rule 319c, 319d & 319e will be enforced for this tournament.

RULE 6D: Bowlers are responsible for verifying their own average, whether submitted by the bowler, the team captain or others. If submitted average is lower than required and results in a lower classification or more handicap, the bowler's score is disqualified. If the average is higher than required, prize winnings are awarded on submitted average. In the case of a team of two or more bowlers, the averages will be combined to determine if the correct total is higher or lower than the submitted total. The Tournament Director reserves the right to re-rate any bowler based on criteria and information. Bowlers who refuse the re-rated averages will have their tournament entry fee refunded.

RULE 6E: Average corrections are permitted up to the end of the first game of a series. Alternatively if an extension of time has been granted in writing by the tournament management before the end of the first game of a series, the correction can be made within 48 hours after the end of the series.
7. **HANDICAP.** Handicap is 90% of the difference between entrant's entering average and 240 as computed on a three game basis.
8. **NOTIFICATION.** Team captains are notified by mail of their scheduled bowling time. Changes in time requested may be required as squads become filled. Squad assignments will be made as applications are received by the TOURNAMENT MANAGER. **NO REFUNDS AFTER THE TOURNAMENT MAIL IN CLOSE DATE. Walk in entries will be allowed up until 1 hour before squad time.**
9. **REPLACEMENTS:** Replacements must be made in writing to the tournament director at least one hour prior to scheduled bowling time. Replacements must bowl in the line-up in the place of the bowler he replaces. No replacement may be made in violation of rule 1. A replacement made in the singles must also bowl in the doubles. Any transfer of All-Events fees must be made before the regular bowler or his replacement bowl in any event. No replacement may be made without the approval of either the team captain or tournament director.
10. **CHECK IN:** All participants must check in at least 30 minutes prior to scheduled time. Tardy bowlers may start bowling at any time; however, a zero will be recorded for each frame missed. Frames missed may not be made up. Team captains must present a USBC membership card for each team member at check in.
11. **TOURNAMENT DRESS.** All participants must wear a collared, mock collared , team shirts or bowling shirt (**NO T-SHIRTS**). Bowlers are not permitted to wear hats while bowling, Unless medically necessary or for religious reasons. Full-length pants, skirts or dress shorts are permitted, torn jeans will not be allowed. Any clothing containing offensive material as determined by the tournament manager is prohibited. No electronic devices will be allowed on the lanes.
12. Any rules not specified above, USBC rules will apply.
13. **Lanes will be oiled each day prior to both squads.**

Entry #	Cross #
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ENTRY FORM

TEAM EVENT :

TEAM NAME _____ **Association** _____

Participants Must Bowl In Order Shown – Complete Carefully

ALL EVENTS PARTICIPANTS CHECK A. E.

Participant (Please Print)	Address	USBC #	Avg.	A. E.	Jan 1 Avg
1					
2					
3					
4					

Check if any bowler has won more than \$600 in USBC tournaments in the 2023-2024 season

Saturday April 19 & 26
 May 3 & 10
 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM

Preferred
 Date Time

#1 _____
 #2 _____
 #3 _____

Sunday April 20 & 27
 May 4 & 11
 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM

Captain Must Complete. I Certify that the
 Above averages are correct according to provisions of
 rule 6.

Capt. Signature _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip. _____
 Phone # _____
 Email Address _____

SINGLES & DOUBLES EVENT

Participant (Please Print) Address USBC # Avg. A. E. Jan 1 Avg

	1					
1	2					
	1					
2	2					

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Fees Remitted:

Team	(\$140)		
Doubles	(\$35 per person)		
Singles	(\$35 per person)		
All Events	(\$10 per person)		
Total Fee			

Make check or money order Payable to:

Mass State Tournament Fund

No personal checks will be accepted
 after closing date.

**TOTAL FEE MUST BE REMITTED WITH
 THIS APPLICATION**

Mail checks with application to:

Richard Halacy
 P.O.Box 379
 E. Douglas, MA 01516

Hotel Accommodations



718A Southbridge St, Auburn, MA 01501 1-888-389-4121
Single Room \$256.99 all weekends



10 Johnson St, Auburn, MA 01501 508-832-2500
Single Room \$179.00 all weekends

Please make reservations early, these rates only apply for reservations
made before March 26, 2025

For other Hotels in the area please us the following website:
<https://reservationcounter.hotelplanner.com/eventpage7956537>

All hotels have different rates depending on which weekend you are planning to stay.
Please let them know that the rooms are booked with Worcester County State Bowling
Tournament to get the best rate. We have blocked out rooms for all weekends at both of
these Hotels

