

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

**NATION'S CAPITAL AREA  
USBC ASSOCIATION**

**74th ANNUAL OPEN  
CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT**

*Certified by the United States Bowling Congress*

**TEAM EVENT**

**BOWL AMERICA BULL RUN**

10641 Balls Ford Road  
Manassas VA 22110  
703/368-6256

**SINGLES & DOUBLES EVENTS**

**BOWL AMERICA MANASSAS**

9000 Mathis Avenue  
Manassas VA 22110  
703/368-2161

**APRIL 6-7, 13-14, 27-28, 2019**

**ENTRY DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2019**

**HIGHEST SCORES USED IN ALL-EVENTS & SCRATCH ALL-EVENTS!**

(See Rule 14)

**OPTIONAL PRIZE CATEGORIES:**

**"50-59" & "60+" SINGLES • "50+" ALL EVENTS  
4 SCRATCH EVENTS • NEW IN '19: CROSSOVER DOUBLES**

*SEND ALL ENTRIES AND INQUIRIES TO:*

**OPEN TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR**

**NATION'S CAPITAL AREA USBC ASSOCIATION**

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**QUALIFY FOR "OFFICIAL AVERAGE LEADERS"**  
*BOWLING AT LEAST THREE GAMES IN THIS EVENT WILL SATISFY THE REQUIRED  
TOURNAMENT GAMES NECESSARY FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE MEN'S  
NCAUSBCA 2018-2019 OFFICIAL AVERAGE LEADERS LISTINGS.*

# TOURNAMENT RULES

USBC CERTIFIED

- 1. Only members of the Nation's Capital Area USBC Association (NCAUSBCA) are eligible to bowl in the tournament.** Non-members of this association may enter by paying applicable local (\$10) and State (\$1) fees. Walk-in entries are not allowed. **Entries close April 1, 2019.**
- 2. Bowlers entered in the Singles event must also enter the Doubles event and vice versa.**
- Bowlers must have USBC 2018-2019 membership and confirm lineup **as shown on entry form** at the lanes at least 30 minutes prior to scheduled time. Team or bowlers failing to appear on the lanes prepared to bowl at the scheduled time shall forfeit their entry unless a request is made to reschedule the event(s) to another squad with available lanes and tournament management authorizes the change. A tardy bowler may enter the game at any point, but he/she will receive a zero (0) score for each frame missed (**USBC Rule 322a**).
- The Team Captain or his/her representative has the privilege of substituting other bowlers in the same position for those originally entered. Once a substitute has started competition, the original entrant may not replace the substitute.
- In the Doubles event, the names of both entrants must be given. Entries with the word "PARTNER" will not be accepted.
- The Doubles event will be bowled immediately following the Singles event.** In both events, bowlers ages 50 and older (born on or before April 6, 1969) may enter the optional 50-59 Singles and/or 50+ All-Events, while bowlers ages 60 and older (born on or before April 6, 1959) also may enter the optional 60+ Singles.
- The schedule will show the lane number on which teams will start. All entrants will bowl 3 games on one pair of lanes in each event, unless mechanical failures dictate otherwise.
- The entry fee is \$28.00 per bowler per event. All optional events include a \$1 expense fee. No entry money will be refunded if it is discovered that a team or individual has failed to comply with all rules of the United States Bowling Congress and all rules and requirements of this tournament.
- Each bowler must use the highest NCAUSBCA yearbook average of 21 games or more from the **2017-2018** season. If a bowler does not have a 2017-2018 NCAUSBCA yearbook average, the bowler may use the higher average between (1) the highest 2018 NCAUSBCA summer league average of 21 games or more, provided it is documented at the NCAUSBCA office; or (2) the highest current NCAUSBCA certified average of 21 games or more as listed on the latest league standings sheet distributed the week of Saturday, March 30, 2019 through Friday, April 5, 2019 (excluding scores bowled during that week). **If only average is Sport or Challenge, it will be converted per USBC Rule 201.** If using a current average, the appropriate league standings sheet must be presented to Tournament Officials at check-in. If none of the above applies, the bowler must enter with highest USBC average of 21 games or more as published on bowl.com. If bowler does not meet any of the above criteria then they must bowl with a scratch average of 230. **USBC RULES 319c, 319d, and 319e WILL APPLY.**
- Handicap will be 90% of the difference between the bowler's entering average and 230. All handicaps will be calculated on a 3-game basis. It shall be the responsibility of each bowler to verify his/her average. Failure to use proper average shall disqualify scores bowled if submitted average is lower than actual average. Prize winnings will be based on submitted average if it is higher than the actual average. Average corrections must be made prior to the completion of the first game. USBC RULE 319a (2) — THE "10-PIN" RULE: If a bowler's average as of April 1, 2019 is 10 or more pins higher than his/her highest 2017-2018 NCAUSBCA yearbook average, the higher average must be used.**
- The prize ratio for each event will be at least one (1) prize for each six (6) entries. **PRIZE MONEY WILL BE RETURNED 100%.**
- In the event of ties for first place in any event, prize money will be equally divided.
- Entrants must report any previous tournament prize winnings in the last year of \$300.00 or more (USBC Rule 319d). If entrant has a tournament average within the previous 12 months of 15 pins or higher than their entering average, the bowler is required to use the tournament average (USBC Rule 319e).**

#### 14. PARTICIPATION RULE

**Bowlers may enter Singles and Doubles as many times as they wish, as long as Doubles partners change. Bowlers may only cash once in Singles. Bowlers may enter the Team event as many times as they may wish, as long as two (2) members of the team change. Highest Team and Singles & Doubles scores bowled will be applied toward an individual's All-Events (and Scratch All-Events) totals.**

15. All-Events is not transferable unless substitute is replacing a bowler in all three events and it is so stated in writing before bowling any event as a substitute.
16. Scores lost due to malfunction of automatic scorers shall be re-bowled.
17. USBC Rule 328 will apply. (A bowler must use the same hand to deliver the bowling ball throughout the tournament).
18. USBC Rule 329, a protest or appeal involving eligibility or playing rules must be filed with the Tournament Committee, NCAUSBCA, or USBC no later than 72 hours after the completion of the tournament. The protest or appeal must be in writing, and the grounds for the protest or appeal briefly stated.
19. The Tournament Director reserves the right to refuse any entrant into the brackets competition and may request his/her Social Security Number when an IRS Form 1099 may be issued for winnings.
20. **Checks returned for "insufficient funds" will incur a \$35.00 administrative fee, plus the amount of the submitted check, all of which must be paid before the team will be permitted to compete in the tournament.** The Tournament Director reserves the right to refuse a check if the person submitting the check has previously had a check returned for "insufficient funds."
21. Prize checks will be distributed to team captains within thirty (30) days of the tournament's last scheduled squad unless an extension has been granted. Team captains must distribute tournament checks to team members within thirty (30) days from receipt. All tournament checks become VOID ninety (90) days after issuance.

#### SCRATCH EVENTS

Bowlers must compete in regular tournament to enter scratch events. Scores from handicap event will be used to determine winners of the scratch events.

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## SQUAD SPONSORS PRIZE LIST

- Enter eight (8) or more teams and be automatically entered into a separate "Squad Sponsors Prize List" that will offer \$300.00, \$200.00, and \$100.00, respectively, to the top three finishers, based on sponsor's first handicap total in the Team event.
- Squad teams do *not* have to bowl on the same shift.

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**"FILLABLE" ENTRY FORM AVAILABLE AT:**

**[www.ncausbca.org/tournament/2019\\_open\\_entry\\_form.pdf](http://www.ncausbca.org/tournament/2019_open_entry_form.pdf)**