



# 79th Annual Open Championship Tournament

**When:** Saturday, April 25th & May 2nd  
Sunday, April 26th & May 3rd

**Squads:** 10a and 1:30p  
(check-in begins 30 min prior)

*\*\* Lanes oiled before the start of each squad \*\**

**Where:** Princess Lanes  
540 Weyman Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15236

**ways to Register!** By mail with this form  
- or -  
bowlpgh.com

<https://form.jotform.com/GREATERPITTSBURGH/open>

	<i>Entry Fees</i>			<i>Optional All-Events</i>	
	<b>Team</b>	<b>Doubles</b>	<b>Singles</b>	<b>Fee:</b>	
<b>Total Entry Fee:</b>	\$120	\$60	\$30		\$5 (per-bowler/per-event)
<b>Prize Fund:</b>	\$60	\$30	\$15	<b>9-game:</b>	HDCCP, Scratch, Senior
<b>Linage:</b>	\$48	\$24	\$12	<b>6-game:</b>	HDCCP, Scratch, Senior
<b>Expenses:</b>	\$12	\$6	\$3		

*\*\* ALL PRIZE FEES WILL BE RETURNED 100% \*\**

*\*\* MINIMUM 1-OF-8 CASH \*\* ALL-EVENTS MINIMUM 1-OF-10 CASH \*\**

**Entries must be received by April 18, 2026 (with fees) to guarantee squad choices**

Walk-ins and Re-entries will be welcomed (based on lane availability)

Walk-ins, not previously registered, will be assessed a fee of \$5.00

*\*\* Optional Brackets and Scratch Side Pots will be run during each squad \*\**



<b>Tournament Dates:</b>	April 25, 26, & May 2, 3
<b>Squad Times:</b>	10a & 1:30p
<b>Entry Closing Date:</b>	May 3rd at 1:00p
Prize Fee Returned 100 percent	
Prize Ratio at least 1-in-8	

<b>Entry Fee:</b>	(per person in singles/doubles/team)
Prize Fee	\$15
Linage	\$12
Expenses	\$3
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30</b>

## *Greater Pittsburgh USBC Tournament Rules*

### 1. ELIGIBILITY

- a. This tournament is certified by the USBC and governed by the rules and regulations of USBC and the Greater Pittsburgh USBC (GPUSBC).
- b. Each entrant must be an adult member of the USBC and of GPUSBC. Non-GPUSBC members must pay a co-association fee of \$15.
- c. Appropriate USBC membership must be verified prior to bowling. Participants not in possession of a current USBC membership card must purchase an associate membership prior to competing or will be subject to disqualification.
- d. No more than two participants on a team may be members of a professional bowling organization on or after January 1, and through the date of participation. Likewise, no more than one participant of this fashion may compete on a doubles team.

### 2. EVENTS

- a. Tournament will consist of a four (4) person team, minor events (doubles and singles) and All Events. Each Event is conducted in both Handicap and Scratch Divisions. Bowler is entered into both divisions automatically. Bowlers competing in the minor events must bowl both doubles and singles at least once.

### 3. HANDICAP

- a. HANDICAP for each event shall be 90% of the difference between entering average and 660 scratch for Singles, 1320 scratch for Doubles, and 2640 scratch for Team. Handicaps will be computed on three game series.

### 4. AVERAGES

- a. Entrants shall use their highest USBC previous season's winter league average, 21 games or more. If no winter league average, entrant shall use highest previous summer league average, 21 games or more. If no previous season winter or summer league average, entrant shall use their current highest USBC league average as of April 18th, of 21 games or more. An entrant without a 21- game average as of April 18th shall use their current highest USBC league average for 12 games or more as of April 1st. ALL OTHERS BOWL SCRATCH (220).
- b. If, at the time of bowling, entrant's current average is 10 or more pins higher than the entering average, the higher average must be used (USBC rule 319A-2).
- c. It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average in this tournament, whether originally submitted by the bowler, team captain or others. Failure to use the proper average or make a correction prior to the completion of the first game of a series shall disqualify their score. USBC rule 319A-3 & 319A-4 applies to all entrants.
- d. USBC Rule 319C Average Adjustments, & 319D Reporting of Prior Prize Winnings applies to all entrants and must be reported.

### 5. ENTRY FEES AND ENTRY

- a. Entry fees in full must accompany each entry filed. Advance reservations will be held only until April 18th. Entry closing date shall be one hour prior to the final squad. Walk-in entries shall be permitted. Entry fees shall be made payable to the Greater Pittsburgh USBC. A \$40 service will be charged for all returned checks.
- b. Entry fees shall not be refunded except when GPUSBC Open Tournament Director notifies an entrant of dates and times assigned and a refusal has been received by GPUSBC Open Tournament Director within 15 days of the date of notice. No change will be made in the entrant's scheduled date and time except in case of emergency and must be approved by the Tournament Director.
- c. A Reimbursable Entry, to be paid at conclusion of tournament, (for four events- Team, Doubles, Singles and All-events) will be given to a sponsor of eight teams or more who: (1) Schedules the teams on one squad or the same weekend (2) Enters the team members in Team, Doubles, and Singles d. Individual overpayments of \$5.00 or less will not be refunded.
- d. Order of bowling shall be as designated on the entry form. Bowlers should register at one hour prior to their squad time.

### 6. MULTIPLE ENTRY

- a. Bowlers may enter multiple times in team, doubles and singles. No more than three players on the same team can place more than once in the prize list for position standings, no player may cash more than once in doubles with the same partner. A bowler may cash only once in singles. In all cases a bowlers first score (including substitutions) in each event shall count toward all-events.
- b. Multiple participation is allowed; however, bowlers may only bowl with one team, or one doubles set per squad.

### 7. SUBSTITUTIONS

- a. Substitute(s) are permitted provided they meet the eligibility requirements. A substitute shall take the place in the lineup of the original entrant.
  1. A substitute will not be required to reimburse the original entrant with the entry fee paid nor shall the substitute be expected to give the original entrant any prize money or awards they may have won
  2. The captain shall notify the Tournament Director, or his assistant(s) of all substitutions, at least one (1) hour before the scheduled time of bowling.

### 8. PRIZES AND AWARDS

- a. PRIZE FEES shall be paid \$100% in cash prizes. Teams and individuals shall be eligible for only one prize in each event, that being the highest prize.
- b. PRIZE RATIO shall be 1 prize for each five entries in regular events and one prize for each eight entries in all events. MINIMUM PRIZE in any event shall be no less than the prize fee for that event. Allocation of the prize list in each event will be 75% to handicap and 25% to scratch.
- c. Awards of same type and quality will be awarded to scratch and handicap champions in each event.
- d. In the event of a tie for first place in any event co-champions shall be declared. Prize monies shall be combined and divided equally.

### 9. CONDUCT & DRESS CODE

- a. CONDUCT — if bowler appears intoxicated, uses loud or inappropriate language, or conduct which delays the competition the tournament director will have the right to disqualify and or remove the bowler from the center while tournament is in progress.
- b. DRESS CODE – Entrants are required to wear suitable attire. All shirts and blouses must cover the shoulders. Attire that is not suitable – bare midriffs, workout attire, short shorts, short skirts/skorts any clothing with offensive language/images.

### 10. OTHER

- a. No practice on any scheduled tournament lanes for that day.
- b. Tournament Management shall schedule tournament lanes for each event of this tournament.
- c. Entrants in the GPUSBC Open Championship Tournament do so at their own risk of personal injury. The GPUSBC shall not be liable for loss to personal property or personal injury received by a participant during travel to and from the annual GPUSBC Open Championship Tournament.
- d. All decisions of the tournament manager / on-site tournament Manager are final unless an appeal is made in accordance with USBC Rule 329.
- e. Failure to comply with above rules shall result in disqualification of scores.

Team Name:	Dates Requested						Official Use Only				
	Team Event Date/Time	Minor Event Date/Time	TM	Entry #							
Team to be paired with:	1	1	D	Squad							
	2	2	S	AE							
	3	3	Lane								
IRS regulations require the GP USBC to report all winnings of \$600 or more. If any individual receives over \$600, they must provide the Association with their Social Security Number upon request or it may result in withholding of prize money and/or taxes.							Total				
							Rec'd				
							Over:	Under:			
<b>Team Event</b> 4-Person Line-up (\$120 per team) Please PRINT Legibly Team must bowl in order listed below			Highest Average 2024-2025	\$5 Each <b>Handicap</b> <b>9-game</b> All-Events	\$5 Each <b>Scratch</b> <b>9-game</b> All-Events	\$5 Each <b>Handicap</b> <b>6-game</b> All-Events	\$5 Each <b>Scratch</b> <b>6-game</b> All-Events	\$5 Each <b>Senior Handicap</b> <b>9-game</b> All-Events	\$5 Each <b>Senior Scratch</b> <b>9-game</b> All-Events	\$5 Each <b>Senior Handicap</b> <b>6-game</b> All-Events	\$5 Each <b>Senior Scratch</b> <b>6-game</b> All-Events
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	USBC ID #									
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<b>Minor Event</b> Doubles (\$60 per team), Singles (\$30 per person) Participants must enter BOTH Doubles and Singles Team must bowl in order listed below				Highest Average 2024-2025	Remit total fees by Personal Check or Money Order with completed form by April 18th, 2026 to: <b>Greater Pittsburgh USBC</b> <b>2026 Open Championship Tournament</b> <b>P.O. Box 307</b> <b>Homestead, PA 15120</b> Email: jamiegreaterpittsburghusbc@gmail.com <b>Incomplete Entry Forms will be returned</b> ** There will be a \$40 charge for any returned check **  <b>Any questions call or text Jamie Crisman 412-773-1099</b>						
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	USBC ID #									
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**IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

I hereby certify as the team captain to be responsible for the correctness and authenticity of last season's highest averages of individual or team members while the players in turn be responsible to me. Should the Tournament Officials ascertain at any time that the highest averages have been falsified and the players listed on this entry blank, the team shall forfeit all claims for prize money as well as entry fees.

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Team Captain (Print)

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Address, City, State, Zip Code

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Phone Number

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Team Captain (Signature)

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E-Mail Address