

Capital Area USBC Association

2017 **OPEN** Championship Tournament



Singles & Doubles

Certified by USBC



\$750 First Place

(Based on 60 doubles teams)

ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY OCTOBER 27, 2017

AMF Pleasant Valley Lanes

5501 Commercial Ave

Raleigh, NC 27612

919-783-0080

November 4-5 & 11-12, 2017

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

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MAIL ENTRIES TO:

Capital Area USBC Association

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ENTRY FEE PER PERSON PER EVENT

Prize Fund	\$ 17.25
Lineage Fee	\$ 7.50
Expense Fee	\$.25
Total Entry Fee	\$ 25.00

(per person per event)

HANDICAP

90% of 220

ALSO AVAILABLE:

Scratch Brackets
Handicap Brackets
50/50 Drawings

HANDICAP ALL EVENTS (OPTIONAL)

\$ 5.00

SCRATCH ALL EVENTS (OPTIONAL)

\$ 5.00

DOUBLES, SINGLES SCRATCH (OPTIONAL) PER PERSON PER EVENT

\$ 5.00

CHECK LANE ASSIGNMENTS (posted by November 2, 2017) & STANDINGS AT: www.raleighbowling.com
CONFIRMATIONS WILL BE EMAILED (if current email address is provided on application)

READ CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING ENTRY (RETAIN THIS PAGE FOR YOUR RECORDS)

2017 OPEN TOURNAMENT RULES

1. **RULES and REGULATIONS:** This tournament is certified through the United States Bowling Congress. Rules not covered on this form are governed by USBC rules and regulations. **Submittal of entry form confirms that the bowlers have read and understand the rules of the tournament.**
2. **ENTRANCE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Participation in the Open Tournament shall be available to all certified male and female members of the Capital Area USBC Association prior to bowling in their first scheduled event. The tournament director may refuse to permit any team or individual to bowl if it is determined that the entry should not have been accepted due to the individual(s) not meeting membership requirements.
3. **ENTRY FEES:** Entry fee in the tournament shall be \$25.00 per person per event. Optional events: \$5.00 per person per event for Scratch Doubles, Scratch Singles, Handicap All Events, and Scratch All Events. Prize fund will be returned 100%. Each official entry must be accompanied with a completed (all information filled in) form. No entry shall be accepted without fees. Any entry accompanied by payment not acceptable by the tournament director shall lose its place in the tournament schedule and shall not be rescheduled until an acceptable payment is made.
4. **ENTRY FEE REFUNDS:** No team or individual shall be entitled to a refund after the form and entry fees have been received except in cases of re-rate (see rule 6 below).
5. **AVERAGES:** Bowlers will use their highest 2016-2017 USBC certified yearbook average with 21 games or more.
 - a. A bowler without a 2016-2017 USBC certified yearbook average will use their highest 2017-2018 USBC certified current average of at least 21 games as of October 27, 2017. Written verification is required.
 - b. A bowler who does not qualify under the above conditions will enter with a 220 average.
 - c. It is each bowler's responsibility to determine that the submitted average is correct. Failure to use the proper average shall disqualify the score if the submitted average is lower than the actual average thereby resulting in more handicap or different position standings. If the submitted average is higher, then the higher average will be used.
 - d. Average corrections can be made until the end of the first game of the first event.
 - e. The 10 or more pins increase in average provision of USBC Rule 319a-2 will not apply for this tournament.
6. **AVERAGE RE-RATING:** The tournament director reserves the right to re-rate averages under USBC rule 319c. For modified/sport league averages, the USBC Average Adjustment Scale will be used. Within the last 12-month period, anyone who has qualified for a cash and/or merchandise prize in the position standings prize list in a tournament, including all-events, special features, special prizes and donated prizes, must give tournament management the following information prior to participation for possible average adjustment:
 - a. The name of each tournament in which they have been paid the following prizes, or if not yet paid, in which they have qualified for the prize:
 - 1) \$300 or more in any event;
 - 2) Total combined prize winnings of \$500 or more in any one tournament;
 - 3) Total combined prize winnings of \$1000 or more in all tournaments within the last 12-months;
 - b. The amount of the prize.
 - c. The actual score bowled to qualify for the prize.
 - d. The prize position.Failure to comply with these provisions is cause for a forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings.
7. **HANDICAP:** Handicap is computed on a basis of 90% of the difference between each individual's average and scratch average of 220 in each event.
8. **TOURNAMENT AWARDS:** The following tournament awards will be presented:
 - a. **CASH AWARDS:** For both handicap and scratch divisions, cash awards will be made on a basis of 1:8 places in doubles and singles events and 1:10 places in paid all-events entries. Prize fund returned 100%.
 - b. Tournament prize money will not be awarded until the winners' averages are verified and will be mailed out within 30 days from the end of the tournament, providing there are not any protests. Tournament checks will be voided after 90 days from the date on the check. The IRS requires USBC to furnish 1099 forms to individuals who accumulate winnings of \$600 or more annually in any USBC events in which they participate (including brackets). This 1099 form must be issued before the release of prize winnings. Final standings will be posted on www.raleighbowling.com.
9. **SCHEDULING:** Entries will be scheduled for the shift requested (or if such shift has been filled, on the next shift available) in order of receipt by mail as evidenced by postmark. The tournament may cancel a shift when deemed in the best interest of the bowlers. Additional shifts and times may be added upon entries and lane availability. **Confirmations will be emailed if a current email address is provided. Lane assignments (posted by November 2, 2017) and standings will be posted at www.raleighbowling.com.**
10. **REPORTING TIMES:** All bowlers must check in with tournament officials at least thirty (30) minutes before competition event is scheduled to bowl. Any individual failing to appear at the scheduled time or who is not ready to bowl when play is scheduled shall begin play with zero (0) scored until the frame they actually begin bowling. If a team refuses to begin bowling because a full line-up is not present, the team shall forfeit all games they fail or decline to bowl.
11. **STUDENTS PARTICIPATION:** Unmarried grade or high school students under the age of 18 must have written consent (on a USBC approved form) from a parent or guardian to compete in a USBC certified tournament where cash or merchandise prizes are offered. Current youth bowlers are NOT allowed to bowl.
12. **PAYMENTS:** Make all checks payable to Capital Area USBC Association (CAUSBCA). LIMIT ONE CHECK PER ENTRY. A \$30.00 fee will be charged for returned checks. Entries with returned checks shall lose their place in the tournament schedule and will not be rescheduled until acceptable payment is made. **Please do not send cash. HAND DELIVERED ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. ALL entry forms must be mailed. There will be no exceptions to this rule.**
13. **LANE CONDITION:** The lane condition for the tournament will be the house pattern.
14. **ENTRY CLOSING DATE:** Entries must be postmarked by October 27, 2017.