



2024-25 Open Championships

Tournament Host



Tournament Sponsors

Rob Bailey's Pro Shop

"Keep the ball rolling"



Team Captains Drawing

All team captains are entered into a drawing for a new bowling ball from Rob Bailey's Pro Shop. One ball will be given away for every 30 team entries.

Team, Doubles & Singles

Team or Minor Events every squad.
Weekends, January 11 - February 9
Two squads each day. 11:00 and 3:00



Competitive Divisions

100% handicapped tournament open to ALL Madison Area USBC adult bowlers.

FOUR divisions each event:

All Divisions - Declared Scratch, or:

- Singles & All Events Division 1: 200+
- Singles & All Events Division 2: 180+
- Singles & All Events Division 3: 179-
- Doubles Division 1: 400+
- Doubles Division 2: 360+
- Doubles Division 3: 359-
- Team Division 1: 1000+
- Team Division 2: 900+
- Team Division 3: 899-

The 'BLC'

The Budweiser League Challenge!

Enter a team with all players from the same league and qualify to win up to \$300.00 for your league prize fund. See tournament rules for details.



Dinner with the Champs

All division champions and scratch titlists will be invited to the annual Dinner with the Champions, held in the fall of the following season.

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Team Information

Captain: _____

Email: _____

Team Name: _____

Preferred Squads List Squads by Number

Team Event: _____

Minor Events: _____

Total This Entry:

**The Open Championship has separate scratch DIVISIONS. Entering Scratch Division Events opts you out of Handicapped Divisions.*

Team Event

1 Name: _____ \$30.00

USBC ID: _____

2 Name: _____ \$30.00

USBC ID: _____

3 Name: _____ \$30.00

USBC ID: _____

4 Name: _____ \$30.00

USBC ID: _____

5 Name: _____ \$30.00

USBC ID: _____

Team Scratch Division*

Enter Budweiser League Challenge (see rules)

Minor Events

1 Name: _____ \$60.00

USBC ID: _____

Singles Scratch Division*

2 Name: _____ \$60.00

USBC ID: _____

Singles Scratch Division* Doubles Scratch Division*

1 Name: _____ \$60.00

USBC ID: _____

Singles Scratch Division*

2 Name: _____ \$60.00

USBC ID: _____

Singles Scratch Division* Doubles Scratch Division*

1 Name: _____ \$60.00

USBC ID: _____

Singles Scratch Division*

2 Name: _____ \$60.00

USBC ID: _____

Singles Scratch Division* Doubles Scratch Division*

All Events

Name: _____ AE SAE

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AE = Handicap SAE = Scratch | Both may be entered. \$5.00 Each

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Entry Form Instructions

Team and Minors Events

- List your preferred squad times in order by the squad number listed below
- Enter your lineups in bowling order.
- Each event is \$30.00.

Optional All Events and Scratch All Events

- Enter bowler names for All Events.
- Check the desired event box(es).
- Fees are \$5.00 per bowler, per event.

Entry Fee Totals

- Total all fees in the space provided.
- \$50.00 deposit required to hold a spot.

Defending Titlists

Singles	Derek Eoff	792
Doubles	Jeremy Krueger Matt Krueger	1490
All Events	Mike Pounders	2285
Team	Dan Swenson Jay Heinzelman Casey Gibney Chris Pounders Chris Gibbons	3553

Defending Champions

Singles Division 1	Rachel Zimmer	+130
Singles Division 2	Robert Houldsworth	+154
Singles Scratch Div	Derek Eoff	
Doubles Division 1	Steve Vande Zande Steve Parkinson	+130
Doubles Division 2	Gary Strand Matt Ruhland	+188
Doubles Scratch Div	Jeremy Krueger Matt Krueger	
All Events Division 1	Chris Loret	+285
All Events Division 2	Adam Mueller	+256
All Events Scratch Div	Mike Pounders	
Team Division 1	Tim Thorson Ryan Angell Joe Koshollek Mark Snyder Tim Morris	+151
Team Division 2	Corey Brown Jeff Schlieckau Rick Murphy Matt Skowronski Colin Mack	+260
Team Scratch Div	Dan Swenson Jay Heinzelman Casey Gibney Chris Pounders Chris Gibbons	

Squad Numbers

List Preferred Squads by Number on the Entry Form

1. Saturday, January 11	11:00 a.m.	11. Sunday, January 26	11:00 a.m.
2. Saturday, January 11	3:00 p.m.	12. Sunday, January 26	3:00 p.m.
3. Sunday, January 12	11:00 a.m.	13. Saturday, February 1	11:00 a.m.
4. Sunday, January 12	3:00 p.m.	14. Saturday, February 1	3:00 p.m.
5. Saturday, January 18	11:00 a.m.	15. Sunday, February 2	11:00 a.m.
6. Saturday, January 18	3:00 p.m.	16. Sunday, February 2	3:00 p.m.
7. Sunday, January 19	11:00 a.m.	17. Saturday, February 8	11:00 a.m.
8. Sunday, January 19	3:00 p.m.	18. Saturday, February 8	3:00 p.m.
9. Saturday, January 25	11:00 a.m.	19. Sunday, February 9	11:00 a.m.
10. Saturday, January 25	3:00 p.m.	20. Sunday, February 9	3:00 p.m.

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GENERAL

- The Madison Area USBC Open Championship is USBC Certified.
- All USBC rules not specified in this document are in effect.
- Courtesy to other bowlers is expected and will be enforced. Loud, rude, or unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated.
- Unofficial tournament standings, official tournament rules, and final prize lists will be available on the Madison Area USBC website.

ELIGIBILITY

- The tournament is open to all certified members of the USBC and the Madison Area USBC in the current season.
- Madison Area USBC members who are also eligible for another association tournament must have bowled a minimum of nine games in a Madison Area USBC certified league in the current season.
- Participation in the team event is unlimited, but no more than three players on any five person team may cash together more than once.
- Participation in minor events is limited to one time per bowler.
- Entry into the minor events requires participation in both doubles and singles.
- No more than two Professional Bowlers Association members of any classification may participate on any team or doubles team.

ENTRY

- Entries for each squad close the Wednesday prior to the scheduled squad date.
- The tournament may be extended if necessary.
- A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is required with each entry. Deposits refunded only if none of the requested squads are available.
- Team, Doubles, and Singles: \$30.00 per bowler, per event. Prizes \$15.00 / Lineage \$10.00 / Expense \$5.00
- All Events and Scratch All Events: \$5.00 per bowler. Prizes \$4.50 / Expense \$5.00

AVERAGES

- USBC Rule 319a is modified for this tournament.
- The tournament director will assign bowler averages.
- Bowlers will use their 2023-24 composite average of all USBC standard leagues, including leagues with less than 21 games bowled or, if none, Current season single league average of 21 games.
- Tournament director may assign an average above the tournament minimum of zero.
- USBC Rule 319d is waived.

TEAM DIVISIONS

- Declared Scratch Division
- Division 1 – Team averages 1000 and above
- Division 2 – Team averages 900 to 999
- Division 3 – Team averages 899 and below

DOUBLES DIVISIONS

- Declared Scratch Division
- Division 1 – Team averages 400 and above
- Division 2 – Team averages 360 to 399
- Division 3 – Team averages 359 and below

SINGLES and ALL EVENTS DIVISIONS

- Declared Scratch Division
- Division 1 – Individual averages 200 and above
- Division 2 – Individual averages 180-199
- Division 3 – Individual averages 179 and below

HANDICAP

- Division 1 Team handicap is 100% to 1150
- Division 2 Team handicap is 100% to 1000
- Division 3 Team handicap is 100% to 900
- Division 1 Doubles handicap is 100% to 460
- Division 2 Doubles handicap is 100% to 400
- Division 3 Doubles handicap is 100% to 360
- Division 1 Singles and All Events handicap is 100% to 230
- Division 2 Singles and All Events handicap is 100% to 200
- Division 3 Singles and All Events handicap is 100% to 180

PRIZES

- Prize fees will be returned 100% in prizes with one prize for at least every five entries into each event, including optional events.

TITLES AND CHAMPIONSHIPS

- The highest scratch scores bowled in singles, doubles, team, and all-events earn Madison Area USBC Tournament Titles.
- The highest scores with handicap bowled in singles, doubles, team, and all-events earn Madison Area USBC Tournament Championships.

OPTIONAL EVENTS

- The first score bowled in team event will count toward the All Events total.
- Replacements for All Events must be made before either the original or replacement entrant has bowled in any event in the tournament.
- Any All Events score is given championship and/or titlist consideration, however only a paid optional All Events entry will qualify a bowler for cash prizes.
- No refunds given for any All Events entries.

BUDWEISER LEAGUE CHALLENGE

- To qualify, all players on a team must be active, certified Madison Area members of the same certified league with at least nine games bowled in that league by the opening squad date.
- The top seven teams will be determined by highest pins over team average, regardless of tournament division.
- Ties will split the value of the prizes.
- 1st Place: \$300.00. 2nd Place \$200.00. 3rd-7th Place \$100.00

TOURNAMENT PLAY

- All bowlers must report to the tournament office prior to their scheduled bowling time to check in.
- Lanes will be assigned by a tournament staff member.
- Official scorers will be provided by the Madison Area USBC.
- All games of each event will be bowled on the same pair of lanes.
- The order in which the bowlers are listed on the entry form will be the official bowling order. No changing of bowlers between team and doubles sets or rearranging of the bowling order is allowed.
- Bowler(s) arriving late will be allowed to bowl. Late bowlers will receive zero in any frames missed. Scoring will start in the next frame that the late bowler(s) is up to bowl.
- Substitutes will be allowed. All substitutions must be reported to the tournament office prior to the start of practice.
- Substitutes during an event will receive handicap based on the original or the substitutes average, whichever is higher.
- In the event of a machine breakdown, the tournament director will move bowlers to another pair of lanes if available. If no pair is available, the bowlers must wait until the next squad time that lanes are available. If arrangements cannot be made to finish the series, refunds will be given only for that event.
- Premature termination of the tournament brought on by war, national emergency, or other reasons beyond the control of the Madison Area USBC will cause the foregoing prize list to be prorated based on the number of entrants in each event at the time of termination.

AUTHORITY

- Decisions of the tournament committee are final.
- Appeals may be made, in writing, to the rules department of the United States Bowling Congress with a copy to the local association.
- Appeals must be submitted prior to the distribution of prizes.