

2026 CITY OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

TUSCALOOSA USBC ASSOCIATION

The Tuscaloosa USBC 2026 City Open Championship Tournament will be held January 31-February 1 and February 7-8, 2026. The tournament format shall consist of a 4-person team, doubles and singles with optional scratch and handicap all-events. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress. USBC rules and regulations will govern this tournament unless the tournament rules state otherwise.

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** Tournament is open to adult members, male and female, of the Tuscaloosa USBC Association. All members must have joined and bowled a minimum of three games in an association league at least 15 days prior to bowling in the tournament.

2. **MULTIPLE PARTICIPATION:** An entrant may participate multiple times in team, doubles, and singles. The first score bowled in each event will count toward all-events score. For multiple participation, the following rules apply:

TEAM: At least two players in the lineup must be different.

DOUBLES: At least one player in the lineup must be different.

SINGLES: A player may only cash once in singles.

3. **PRIZES:** 100% of the prize fees will be paid out. The total prize fund will be distributed 80% to handicap prize list and 20% to scratch prize list. Cash awards proration for handicap team and doubles events is 1 out of every 5 entries and handicap singles and all events is 1 out of every 10 entries. Cash award proration for scratch team, doubles and all-events is 1 out of every 10 entries and scratch singles is 1 out of every 20 entries.

4. **AVERAGES:** Each participant is responsible for providing the proper tournament average on the entry form.

a. Tournament entering average is the previous season's highest average of either (1) a single USBC league average based on a minimum of 21 games or (2) a composite average of 21 or more games in all USBC leagues.

b. 10-pin rule applies: If your current average of 21 games or more—either single league or composite--as of 1 January exceeds your highest average from last year by 10 pins or more, you must enter with your current average.

c. In the event you do not have a sanctioned average from last year, you must use your highest current sanctioned average of 21 games or more—either single league or composite--as of January 1st. A bowler not meeting the 21-game requirement before January 1st but achieving 21 games by 30 January may use that average.

d. A bowler not meeting any of these conditions must enter at an average of 220.

e. The Association Manager will verify all averages of prize winners before any awards are given. It is each bowler's individual responsibility to ensure compliance with USBC Rules 319a, b, c, d and e concerning averages.

5. **HANDICAP:** Handicap will be computed on a basis of 90% of the difference between each individual average and 220 per game for a three-game set. $[(220 - \text{avg.}) \times 3] \times .90$

6. **TEAM CAPTAINS:** Team captains must be identified on the entry form and will be responsible at all times for the eligibility and conduct of team members. All team captains must check in at least 30 minutes prior to squad time.

7. **ENTRY FEE:** Entry fee will be \$35.00 per person for Team, Doubles and Singles. Of this \$35.00 fee, \$14.25 will pay bowling lineage fees and \$20.75 will go into prize fund/expenses. Both all-events are optional—entry fee for All-Events Handicap is \$5.00 and All-Events Scratch is \$5.00. All bowlers are automatically entered into handicap and scratch portions of team, doubles and singles.

8. **ENTRY FORMS AND PAYMENT:**

CHECK-IN IS 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO SHIFT TIME

****ENTRY FEE IS \$35 PER PERSON PER EVENT****

*****EARLY BIRD RATE FOR ENTRIES**

SUBMITTED AND PAID BY 29 JAN--\$30 ENTRY FEE PER PERSON PER EVENT***

All entry forms must be complete and no entry forms will be accepted without entry fees. Mail advance entry forms with payment to Bob Gambrell, 1121 Canvasback Cove, Tuscaloosa AL 35405, or give to Bob Gambrell or Jim Spitzley. Make checks payable to Tuscaloosa USBC. DO NOT MAIL CASH. There will be a \$20.00 fee imposed on all checks returned.

9. **LANE ASSIGNMENTS:** The Tournament Manager will determine the lane assignments. Doubles and singles event will be bowled on one pair of lanes, doubles will be bowled first.

10. Premature termination of the tournament brought about by war, national emergency relating thereto or therefrom fire, natural disaster, or other reasons beyond the control of Tuscaloosa USBC Association shall cause all advertised prizes to be prorated in accordance with the number of entrants who have bowled in each of the respective events up to the time of such termination.

Tournament Committee

Bob Gambrell – Chairman

Jim Spitzley

DJ Brasfield

Hawkins Davis

Jaxon Knight

Garrick Pearson

Doug Shelby

****WALK-INS WELCOME****

EARLY BIRD RATE—REGISTER AND PAY BY 29 JANUARY FOR ENTRY FEE OF \$30 PER PERSON PER EVENT

TEAM NAME: _____ **Team Captain's Name** _____

BOWLER NAME	Last Year's Average	January 1 st Average
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

PLEASE MARK 1ST AND 2ND CHOICE FOR TEAM EVENT:

Saturday, January 31st 10:00 AM _____ 2:00 PM _____
 Sunday, February 8th 10:00 AM _____ 2:00 PM _____

*******ALL-EVENTS ENTRY MUST BE PAID
 BEFORE YOU BOWL YOUR FIRST EVENT*******

DOUBLES AND SINGLES EVENT—SHINDIG FEC

Bowler Name	Last Year's Average	January 1 st Average	Team \$35 per person	Doubles \$35 per person	Singles \$35 per person	All Events Handicap \$5	All Events Scratch \$5	Total
1.								
2.								
1.								
2.								
Total								
Discount if paid by 29 Jan -- \$5 per bowler per event								
Total with discount								

PLEASE MARK 1ST AND 2ND CHOICE FOR DOUBLES/SINGLES EVENT:

Sunday, February 1st 10:00 AM _____ 2:00 PM _____
 Saturday, February 7th 10:00 AM _____ 2:00 PM _____

***EARLY BIRD RATE—
 REGISTER AND PAY BY 29 JANUARY FOR
 ENTRY FEE OF \$30 PER PERSON PER EVENT***

ENTRY FEE MUST ACCOMPANY FORM!! * DO NOT MAIL CASH *****

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Tuscaloosa USBC (\$20.00 FEE FOR ANY RETURNED CHECKS)

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ASSOCIATION USE ONLY:

Date Received _____

Entry Number _____

Amount Received _____

Received By _____