

Greater Austin Area USBC Open City Championship  
Rules 2014-2015 TOURNAMENT IS OPEN TO ANY MIX ADULT MALE/FEMALE

1. Bowlers must be members of the United States Bowling Congress and the GAAUSBC Association to be eligible for this tournament. Non-members living within jurisdiction of this association who are not members of another association may enter by paying an affiliate membership fee.
2. The tournament will have 3 average-based divisions: **Div 1:** Team 975+; doubles 390+; singles 195+; **Div 2:** Team 850-974; doubles 342-389; Singles 171-194; **Div 3:** Team 849-under; Doubles 341-under; Singles 170-under.
  - a) All prizes and awards will be on a handicap basis of 90% of 230 for Singles and All-Events, 460 for doubles and 1150 for team.
3. The GAAUSBC shall recognize the city champion as the individual who bowls the **highest All-Events scratch score** with an entry to Masters/Sr. Masters Event or City Champion embroidered jacket.
4. In singles and doubles, the entry form should list only the name of the bowlers who are submitting money with this entry.
5. A substitute shall not participate in the All-Events prize money, unless the bowler bowls all three (3) events as a substitute for the same bowler for whom he/she is substituting.
6. Any player arriving late shall complete the game beginning with the frame being bowled. The late bowler shall receive a zero for each frame missed. All players should **check in 45 minutes prior to squad time.**
7. No Pacers will be allowed in any of the events.
8. No refunds will be made after the entry has been accepted.
9. The prize fund distribution shall be on a basis of a least one for six entries in the team, singles, and doubles events; and one for ten in the All-Events. **Checks will be mailed to team captains. Tournament has 30 days from last day of scheduled bowling to pay-out.**
10. Provisional Ball- to be used in a situation where foul or legality of pin fall cannot be immediately resolved.
11. **Ten minutes of practice.** No practice will be allowed on the tournament lanes (30) minutes prior to each shift.
12. Multiple participation will be allowed in Team, Singles and Doubles, with the following conditions:
  - a) No more than three players on the same team may place more than once on the prize list for position standings.
  - b) Same partners may bowl together only once in the Doubles event.
  - c) In the Singles event, the same individual may not place more than once.
  - d) A player who participates on more than one Team, Singles, or Doubles must count the first scores in each event for the All-Events standings.
13. **If a bowler enters the Singles event, the bowler must also enter the Doubles event and vice-versa.** Rule 11 (b) also applies. If a participant bowls Doubles more than once, he/she must bowl Singles the same number of times.
14. Classification: Shall be in three divisions (See Rule 2). There shall be no more than three (3) professional bowlers on any team entry and no more than one (1) professional bowler on any doubles team.

14. Entering Averages

ALL AVERAGES MUST BE FROM THE GAAUSBCA AVG. BOOK 2013-2014

A bowler without a average in the 2013-2014 average book will use their current average of 21 games or more as of January 1, 2015.

**Average must be in GAAUSBC jurisdiction.**

- a) If neither of the above rules applies, a bowler may participate if they have bowled 21 games or more as of the DATE OF ENTRY. **Verification from the league secretary must be obtained.** League must be a member of the GAAUSBCA.
- b) Bowlers with no verifiable average must bowl all events (S, D, and T) in Division 1 using a 230 entering average.
- c) When a bowler's average of 21 games is 10 pins higher than the book average as of January 1, 2015, then the higher average will be used for this tournament. Failure to report higher average will result in loss of any winnings.
- d) College Students may enter this tournament with a collegiate average which meets the above requirements, provided the local association USBC dues are paid with entry. Cost \$18.00.
- e) USBC Rules 319d and 319e do not apply. **Tournament director has the right to re-rate entrants (319c). Tournament director has the final say in any questions or disputes regarding the tournament or tournament payout.**
- f) **EACH BOWLER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR VERIFICATION OF THEIR AVERAGE WHETHER SUBMITTED BY BOWLER, TEAM CAPTAIN, OR OTHERS. AVERAGE BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL LOCAL BOWLING CENTERS AND AT THE ASSOCIATION WEB SITE.** ENTER NAMES EXACTLY AS ON USBC CARD.
- g) **Averages will be checked of all bowlers that win prize money. Failure to use the proper average or make a correction up to completion of the first game of a series shall disqualify the score if the submitted average is lower than the actual average. (See USBC rule 319A-3).**

**15. Dress Code-Participants - Please wear suitable bowling attire! Skirts/shorts should be mid-thigh in length; NO CROP TOPS OR TANK TOPS WILL BE ALLOWED. NO CUTOFF OR BIKE SHORTS. Shirts must have sleeves.**

**Money will be added from  
The GAAUSBC Association.**

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