

2026 Open Tournament Rules

1. This tournament will be open to all members of any local USBC chartered association in the State of New Mexico and will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the United States Bowling Congress. Non-members who reside in the jurisdiction of these associations can become eligible by the purchase of an appropriate USBC membership (full or local/state). A USBC member who is a non-resident of New Mexico may participate in the tournament by paying the local/state dues.
2. Entrants are eligible to bowl unlimited times in doubles, singles and team events for this tournament; however, you must change partners for doubles and at least 2 people for team to cash again. Entrants may cash in singles only once. Multiple entrants may only enter All-Events once. The first all-events series will count as the All-Events score regardless of when entries are paid.
3. Handicap is 90% of the difference between the highest certified average and 220. Entry averages will be determined by the following:
 - a. Previous winter or summer season's highest (standard or adjusted sport/challenge) for 21 games or more in any association area. If not a., then:
 - b. If no average from previous winter or summer season, use the highest current season average (standard or adjusted sport/challenge) at time of participation based on 12 games. (MUST BRING AN INDIVIDUAL BOWLER RECORD, CURRENT LEAGUE SHEET, OR PROVIDE THE ABILITY TO CHECK STANDINGS AND AVERAGES ON THE INTERNET AT THE TIME OF BOWLING). If not b., then:
 - c. If none of these applies, bowler will use 220 and bowl scratch.
4. All bowlers should be familiar with USBC Rule 319. Sections a, b, and c apply, Sections d, and e do not apply. Rule 319c will be strictly enforced.
5. Entry Fee must accompany entry form.
6. Team and Doubles will have two divisions. Singles and All Events will have 3 divisions. Team divisions are (division 1 - 720 and up, division 2 - 719 and down). Doubles divisions are (division 1 - 360 and up, division 2 - 359 and down). Singles/All Events (division 1 - 190 and up, division 2 - 160 - 189, division 3 - 159 and down).
7. Participants must be members in good standing of the USBC and agree to bowl on lanes assigned to them. **Memberships will be verified.** Violation of USBC or tournament rules could result in disqualification.
8. The prize ratio is one for each six entries, and prize fees are returned 100%.
9. **Late entries allowed subject to availability of lanes up to one hour before squad. Cash or credit card only (A \$10 surcharge will be added for credit card use).**
10. Members of the Board of Directors of NMUSBC, as sponsor of this Championship Tournament, require that all bowlers wear suitable attire when participating in the tournament: Slacks, Skirts or walking shorts to the knee, bowling shirts or blouses are preferred. **Unsuitable attire:** Tank tops, sweatpants, jogging suits, Bib overalls, torn or unclean jeans, shirts with offensive language/graphics. This rule will be strictly enforced.
11. The entrants whose names appear hereon or their authorized replacement hereby agree that the New Mexico State USBC shall be liable ONLY to the extent of returned entry fees if and when these entrants shall be prevented from bowling any event in the tournament through delay, unexpected yet necessary schedule change, or premature termination of the tournament which may be brought about by war, national emergency or emergencies or causes relating thereto or resulting therefrom, fires, strikes, lockouts, labor difficulties, pandemic, or causes beyond the control of the New Mexico State USBC.
12. The NMUSBC Tournament Management shall decide any question not covered by these rules, and have power to hear and act on all protests. Tournament management decisions will be final unless appealed in accordance with USBC Rule 329.
13. Bracket winnings of \$10.00 or under not picked up at the tournament will not be sent to the bowler.
14. ALL RULES NOT COVERED BY THE ABOVE WILL BE COVERED BY THE CURRENT USBC PLAYING RULES BOOK.

ENTRY FEE BREAKDOWN	
Prize Fee	\$ 15.00
Lineage	\$ 14.85
Expenses	\$ 5.15
TOTAL	\$ 35.00
Optional All-Events*	\$ 6.00

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION
(A \$10.00 surcharge per entry will be added to total entry fee)



Name on Card _____
Number _____
Exp. _____ CCV: _____ Zip: _____