

Arkansas State Open Championship Rules:

1. USBC Rules and Regulations will govern this tournament. Any rule not covered here will be subject to USBC Rules and regulations.
2. All bowlers entering the Arkansas State Open Championship Tournament must be a member of a local USBC Association in the State of Arkansas.
3. Lanes will be dressed after each squad as needed.
4. All awards will be based on handicap other than optional scratch singles and optional scratch all events. There will be at least one prize awarded for each 5 entries in the team, doubles, and singles events and at least one prize awarded for each 10 paid entries in the scratch singles and handicap and scratch all events.
5. Averages used will be the highest book average for the 2017-18 season based on 21 or more games. Bowlers without at 2017-18 average may use current (including summer league) average of 21 or more games. Without any of the above, a bowler must use 220. Rule 319a shall apply when reporting averages (rule states in part: failure to use proper average or make a correction prior to completion of the first game of a series shall disqualify score if submitted average is lower than actual average or prize winning will be based on submitted average if higher). **USBC Rule 319a2 shall apply (10 pin rule).**
6. Entries not verified on [www.bowl.com](http://www.bowl.com) will need a league standing sheet or a letter from the local association manager verifying average of 21 games or more. Bowlers without certified averages will bowl scratch.
7. Rule 319c shall apply in reporting averages. It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify their entering average even though submitted by someone other than themselves by initialing the official score sheet at the time they are scheduled to bowl. Failure to use proper average or to make necessary corrections shall disqualify the score if submitted average is lower than actual average. If submitted average is higher than the actual average, prizes will be based on the higher submitted average.
8. Entry fee will be \$25 per person per event. Optional Singles Scratch will be \$5. All-events handicap will be \$5 and optional all-events scratch is \$5. Entry fees shall not be refunded except when ASUSBC notifies an entrant of dates and times assigned and a refusal has been received by ASUSBC within 14 days of the date of the schedule notice. Full entry fees must be submitted with entry.
9. Handicap will be 90% of the difference between 220 and the official entering average, using individual method.
10. Substitutions will be allowed but must bowl in the same position as the bowler being replaced. All substitutes must be reported to the tournament manager no later than 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time to bowl, with the proper verification of the substitute's average. Team captains or their representative shall sign all requests for substitutions.
11. All entries properly completed with entry fees attached must be postmarked no later than the 1st business day after March 11, 2019.
12. Bowlers will be able to permitted to bowl multiple times in the team event and doubles/singles event subject to USBC Rules 315b and 315c. A bowler entering doubles must enter singles and vice-versa. If a team enters the tournament a second time, they must replace at least 2 bowlers on the original entry in order to cash a second time. If a doubles team enters a second time, they must replace one bowler on the original entry in order to cash a second time. A bowler can only cash once in the singles event. First score for each event will be used for all-events scratch and all events handicap.  
**\*\*\* Paid entry into the 2020 USBC Masters tournament will be awarded to the winner of Scratch All Events. To be eligible, the winner must have a current season Arkansas league average of 42 games or more as of tournament date. If Winner is ineligible, the entry will be offered to the next eligible person in the final standings.\*\*\***
13. Pacers will not be allowed in this tournament.
14. Dress code: No muscle shirts, no short shorts/skirts, no tank tops, and spandex. No writing or figures on clothing or equipment that are deemed offensive by the tournament manager will be allowed.

***\*Brackets and other side pots will be available during competition. BRING CASH!***

Please make checks (**Returned Check fee of \$25.00**) or money order payable to Arkansas State USBC and mail to:

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