



1 1TH ANNUAL GFUSBC OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

OPEN to ALL GFUSBC MEMBERS

April 2nd and 3rd, 2016

Liberty Lanes Massaponax

Lineage	\$ 9.50
Expenses	\$ 3.00
Prize Fund	<u>\$12.50</u>
Event Total	\$25.00

5801 Southpoint Centre Fredericksburg, VA 22407 ~ (540) 710-7467 ~

USBC Certified

Handicap: 90% of 240

Multiple entries allowed in Singles, Doubles, and Team Events
Optional Scratch Events Available

Entries close March 28, 2016

Tournament Director ~ Diana Monroe ~ (540) 479-1609

Email: <u>amgfusbca@gmail.com</u>

"The entrants whose names appear on the Tournament Entry or their authorized replacements hereby agree that the Greater Fredericksburg USBC Association, its officers, and agents shall be liable only to the extent of returning 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 hereto from fires, strikes, lockouts, labor difficulties or other causes beyond the control of the Greater Fredericksburg USBC Association."

Entries available online at www.gfusbca.org

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Available Squad Dates & Times Team Doubles & Singles Apr 2 & Apr 3 Apr 2 & Apr 3 9:00 AM * & 2:00 PM 9:00 AM *& 2:00 PM

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Retain the rules for reference Entry Deadline - March 28, 2016

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Fredericksburg, VA 22406

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- ELIGIBILITY: All entrants must be certified by the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) and be a member of Greater Fredericksburg USBC (GFUSBC).
- 2. TEAM & DOUBLES EVENT FORMAT: Teams will consist of four persons. Team & Doubles can be any gender or mixed.
- 3. MULTIPLE ENTRIES: Multiple entries will be allowed in Singles, Doubles and Team Events, provided there is a change of at least two (2) team members in the Team Event and one (1) person in the Doubles Event. An individual may place multiple times in the Team, Doubles and Singles Events. The first series bowled in each event will count towards all-events.

4. TOURNAMENT AVERAGE:

Entrants will use:

- $\left(1\right)$ Highest average of the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 winter seasons.
- (2) If (1) does not apply, use the highest average as of March 15, 2016* for 21 games or more from a current GFUSBC certified league;
- (3) If entrant does not meet any of the aforementioned requirements for average, a 240 scratch average will be used (USBC Rule 319b).
 - *March 15, 2016 league averages must be supported by an Average Verification form from all leagues you have competed in with the league secretary's signature and supporting Bowler History Standing Sheets are acceptable.

The following rule applies: USBC Rule 319a2 (current average 10 pins higher than last year).

5. AVERAGE VERIFICATION:

It shall be the bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average in handicap tournaments, whether submitted by the bowler, their captain or others. Failure to use proper average shall disqualify score if submitted average is lower than actual average; thereby, resulting in more handicap. Prize winnings shall be based on submitted average if it is higher than actual average. Correction of averages must be submitted in writing within 48 hours after the completion of the first event bowled.

- **6. HANDICAP:** 90% of the difference between the individual's average and 240 based on three games.
- 7. ENTRY FEE: Handicap Events will be \$25 per person per event \$12.50 Prize Fund; \$9.50 Lineage and \$3.00 Expense Fee. All-Events fee (optional) will be \$5.00 \$4.50 Prize Fund; and \$.50 Expense Fee.

Optional Scratch Events will be \$10 per event - \$9.00 Prize Fund and \$1 Expense Fee. All-Events (optional) will be \$5 - \$4.50 Prize Fund and \$.50 Expense Fee. Scratch Team requires all four team participants to enter. Scratch Doubles requires entry by both participants bowling doubles together.

- Entry fees may be remitted by Personal Check, money order or cash.
 All applicable bank fees will be charged for any personal checks returned by the bank. Payments in cash must be submitted in a secure manner.
- 9. PRIZE MONEY: All prize money will be returned 100%. Prize money shall be sent to the team captain within 30 days after the tournament ends. The team captain shall distribute the prize money within 30 days of receipt. Prize checks will be void 90 days from the date of issuance.

Prizes will be paid on a ratio of at least one prize for each 6 entries. All Events will be paid on a ratio of at least 1 in 10. Each event champion will receive a trophy. In the event of a tie for championship, Co-champions will be declared and prize money will be divided equally and duplicate awards will be presented. The bowler who places first in any All-Events shall be entitled to the title and trophy regardless if they have not paid the optional All-Events fee; cash awards will be awarded to paid entrants only.

- 10. TARDY PLAYERS: Any player arriving after the game has started will be allowed to bowl and score(s) will count beginning in the frame then being bowled. No score (0) will be given for frames missed.
- **11. SUBSTITUTES** & **REPLACEMENTS:** No substitute or replacement will be accepted for All-Events participation when any one event, or portion of an event, has been bowled by the original entrant or another substitute.
- 12. OTHER: Bowlers entering singles must also enter doubles and vice

The Doubles event shall be bowled first.
10 minutes of practice will be permitted.
Telescores will be used as the official scores.
Singles & Doubles will be bowled on the same pair of lanes.
Pacers are not permitted.

The use of such substances as talcum powder, pumice, rosin, etc., on shoes, or the use of soft rubber soles and heels that rub off and in any manner may alter the normal conditions of the approach, is <u>strictly prohibited</u>.

- 13. PROTESTS: Protests concerning eligibility or general playing rules must be conveyed in writing to the Tournament Director before prize payments are made. Any dispute or disagreement shall be immediately referred to and decided by the Tournament Director. A score sheet cannot be changed after the official scorer, captain or entrant has signed it, except that obvious errors in scoring, handicap, and classification may be corrected by a tournament official.
- **14. DECISIONS:** All decisions of the Tournament Director are final unless an appeal is made in accordance with USBC Rule 329.
- 15. APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 28, 2016 MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: GFUSBC MAIL ENTRIES TO:

GFUSBC Tournament Director 17 Ashland Circle Fredericksburg, VA 22406

TOURNAMENT LOCATION

Liberty Lanes Massaponax 5801 Southpoint Centre Fredericksburg, VA 22407

TOURNAMENT SUBSTITUTION FORM GFUSBC Open Championship Tournament

Substitutes should be reported as soon as possible. Complete this form and mail it along with the verification of average (as necessary) to the GFUSBC Tournament Director, 17 Ashland Circle, Fredericksburg, VA 22406 or present it at the tournament office at least <u>ONE HOUR</u> prior to bowling time.

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VALID AVERAGE for other than 2013-2014/2014-2015 average:

1 - Use **highest March 15, 2016 average of 21 games or more** from a current GFUSBC certified league

- If no 21 game average as of March 15, 2016, bowler will be classified at 240 scratch.