



13th Annual Greater Fredericksburg USBC Open Championship

March 24, 2018 and March 25, 2018

Lineage	\$9.75
Expenses	\$2.75
Prize Fund	\$12.50
Each Event Total	\$25.00

TOURNAMENT LOCATION:
Liberty Lanes Massaponax
5801 Southpoint Centre
Fredericksburg, VA 22407
Phone: (540) 710-7467

USBC Certified

Handicap 90% of 240

Multiple entries are allowed.
Optional Scratch events

GFUSBCA is adding \$1000 to the Prize Fund

Entry Deadline is March 10, 2018
(Late Entry Deadline is March 17, 2018)

Tournament Manager ~ Courtney Tripp ~ 540-891-5293
email ~ amgfusbca@gmail.com

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

5th Annual Greater Fredericksburg USBC Open Championship Rules

1. **CHECK-IN** will begin one hour prior to scheduled squad time. Check-In will be on an individual basis and 2017-2018 USBC membership cards must be presented at Check-In. Announcements will be made 15 minutes before squad time. Practice will begin ten minutes before squad time. Bowling for score will begin at squad time.

2. **TARDINESS:** Any player arriving late shall begin play with the frame in progress. Zero (0) will be given for frames missed.

3. **EMERGENCIES:** No change will be made in the entrant's scheduled time of bowling once the tournament has begun except for an emergency. The Tournament Manager must approve all changes to the schedule.

4. **ELIGIBILITY:** All entrants must be Adult, certified by USBC and a member of GFUSBCA or join GFUSBCA at time of entry.

5. **DRESS CODE:** Bowlers are required to wear suitable attire when participating in the GFUSBCA Championship tournament – no obscene or pornographic pictures or language.

6. **EARLY ENTRY FEE:** Handicap Events will be \$25.00 per person per event with \$12.50 for Prize Fund; \$9.75 for Lineage and \$2.75 for Expense Fee. All-Events fee (optional) will be \$5.00 with \$4.50 for Prize Fund; and .50 for Expense Fee. Optional Scratch Events will be \$10.00 per event - \$9.00 Prize Fund and \$1.00 Expense Fee. All-Events Scratch (optional) will be \$5.00 with \$4.50 for Prize Fund and .50 for Expense Fee. Scratch Team requires all team participants to enter optional scratch. Scratch Doubles requires both participants to enter optional scratch. 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 and an additional \$5.00 will be charged by GFUSBCA. Payments in cash must be submitted in a secure manner. No Personal Checks are allowed for late entries. **NO ENTRY FEE WILL BE REFUNDED AFTER ACCEPTED.**

7. **MULTIPLE ENTRIES:** Multiple and Reentries will be allowed for each event. There must be a change of at least two (2) team members in the Team Event. There must be a change of one (1) person in the Doubles Event. An individual may place multiple times. The first series bowled in each event will count towards All-Events.

8. **HANDICAP:** 90% of the difference between the individual's average and 240.

9. **SUBSTITUTIONS:** If a scheduled entrant cannot participate, a substitute may be used, providing they are not in violation of the multiple entry rule. Substitutions, along with average verification must be reported by the team captain to the Tournament Manager at least **ONE HOUR BEFORE** bowling begins. The substitute shall take the place in the line-up of the original entrant. A substitute replacing a bowler who is entered in All-Events shall be entered in All-Events automatically. The original bowler will forfeit the right to bowl in the event. In case of disability after a game has started, a substitute will be permitted to replace the disabled bowler in the event. The combined score will count for that event. If a tardy bowler arrives after a substitute has bowled, the substitute shall complete the event in progress. If the Division changes because of a substitution, the results shall be classified into the appropriate Division for that event.

10. **EARLY ENTRY DEADLINE** is two weeks prior to the 1st day of tournament. **LATE ENTRIES** will be accepted up to 1 week prior to the tournament with additional fees applied (See rule 6).

11. **ENTERING AVERAGE:** Entrants will use: Highest USBC average of the 2016-2017 winter seasons of 21 games or more. If the bowler does not have a 2016-2017 average, use the highest average as of 1 week prior to the tournament date* for 21 games or more from a current GFUSBCA certified league; If entrant does not meet any of the aforementioned requirements for average, a 240 scratch average will be used (USBC Rule 319b). *League averages must be supported by an Average Verification form from all leagues the bowler has competed in with the league

secretary's signature and supporting Bowler History – Standing Sheets are acceptable.

12. **AVERAGE VERIFICATION.** The following rules apply: USBC Rule 319.a.2 (current average 10 pins higher than the Highest average for the previous year).

a. It is the bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average, whether submitted by the bowler, their captain, or others. Failure to use the proper average shall disqualify the score if submitted average is lower than the correct average, resulting in more handicap. Prize winnings shall be based on the submitted average if it is higher than the correct average.

b. Emergency substitutes without a verified average may bowl using a 240 average. Written verification of average will be due within seven days of the bowling date in order to correct average, handicap, and classification.

USBC Rule 319c.

c. **Average Adjustments (Rerating):** The average of a bowler may be adjusted upward before participation in any event. If the assigned average is not accepted by the bowler, the entry fee shall be refunded.

13. **EVENTS:** Teams will consist of four bowlers. Team and Doubles can be any gender or mixed. **ALL-EVENTS** (optional): All entries will be in one division. The cumulative individual total of handicap scores from the first event bowled in each of the events will be used for All-Events.

14. **FORMAT:** Line-up will be in the same order as listed on the Entry Form. Center scoring system will be used as the official scores. Pacers are not permitted.

15. **PRIZES:** 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 after the date of issuance. A fee of \$45.00 for any reissuance of lost checks. Prizes will be paid on a ratio of at least one (1) prize for each six (6) entries. Optional All-Events will be paid on a ratio of at least one (1) in ten (10). Each division 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. Duplicate awards will be presented.

16. **PROTESTS:** Protests concerning eligibility or general playing rules must be conveyed in writing to the Tournament Manager within 72 hours of completion of the tournament. Any dispute or disagreement shall be immediately referred to and decided by the Tournament Manager. All decisions of the Tournament Manager are final unless an appeal is made in accordance with USBC Rule 329. 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.

17. **RESTRICTIONS:** No Alcohol will be allowed on Saturday Morning squads. **BANNED SUBSTANCES:** The use of such substances as talcum powder, pumice, rosin, etc., on shoes is prohibited. The use of soft rubber soles and heels that rub off in any manner that may alter the normal conditions of the approach is also strictly prohibited.

18. **TOURNAMENT LOCATION:** Liberty Lanes Massaponax
5801 Southpoint Centre
Fredericksburg, VA 22407
Phone: (540) 710-7467

19. **Make Checks Payable to:** GFUSBCA
Mail Entries to GFUSBCA Tournament Manager
11160 Hamlet Court
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

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Type or Print Clearly

Retain the rules for reference

Entry Deadline is March 10, 2018

Available Squad Dates and Times					
March 24, 2018 and March 25, 2018 at 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM					
* 9:00 AM Squads on Saturday are alcohol free due to Youth League					
Team		Doubles		Singles	
Choice	Date	Time	Choice	Date	Time
#1	_____	_____	#1	_____	_____
#2	_____	_____	#2	_____	_____

Captain: _____

Address: _____

_____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

By checking box at left, captain agrees to receive tournament confirmation via Email.

TEAM NAME: _____

TEAM LINE UP				Must bowl in order listed		USBC Number	Highest Winter Average 2016-2017	"X" If Multiple Entry	- HANDICAP -				OPTIONAL SCRATCH				Per Bowler TOTAL		
Last Name	First	MI							Team \$25	Doubles \$25	Singles \$25	A/E (Optional) \$5	Team * \$10	Doubles * \$10	Singles \$10	A/E \$5			
1									\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$			
2									\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$			
3									\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$			
4									\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$			
									\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$			
									\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$			
DOUBLES PARINGS ONLY								Totals	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$			
Must bowl in order listed								"X" If Multiple Entry	OFFICE USE ONLY										
Last Name			First			MI			RECEIVED:				ENTRY #						
Pair 1									Total Received:				Squad Assignment						
Pair 2									Team				Dbl Sgl						
								MAIL ENTRY TO: GFUSBCA Tournament Manager 11160 Hamlet Court Fredericksburg, VA 22407								Make checks payable to: GFUSBCA			

***Late entry deadline is March 17, 2018, add \$10 per bowler. # Bowlers _____ x \$10 = _____ Total Late Fee**

TOURNAMENT SUBSTITUTION FORM

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Substitutes should be reported as soon as possible. Complete this form and present it at the tournament office at least ONE HOUR prior to bowling time or mail it along with the verification of average (as necessary) to the Tournament Manager, 11160 Hamlet Court Fredericksburg, VA 22407

TEAM SUB: YES NO ENTRY # _____ Date/Hour of Team _____ Replacing: _____

DOUBLES SUB: YES NO ENTRY # _____ Date/Hour of Doubles _____ Replacing: _____

SINGLES SUB: YES NO ENTRY # _____ Date/Hour of Singles _____ Replacing: _____

USBC#: _____ Average: _____ Source: _____ Verified: _____

NAME: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Original bowler's ALL EVENTS are to be transferred to _____

CAUTION: All Events can be transferred ONLY TO A SUBSTITUTE PRIOR to the substitute's participation. Substitute is eligible for All-Events only if replacing original entrant in every event in tournament competition.

* If the substitutes average is not on www.bowl.com, then written verification with standing sheet or bowler history of their average will be required from the league secretary. If verification of the average is not presented by bowling time, the substitutes entering average will be 240 and will remain at that average unless verification is submitted within seven (7) days after bowling

ADVANCE SUBSTITUTION NOTIFICATION IS REQUESTED TO AVOID TOURNAMENT DELAYS

AVERAGE VERIFICATION

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Entry # _____ This is to certify that _____

had an average of _____ for _____ games as of _____ in the
(Date)
_____ league.

Signed _____ Date _____

(League or Association Secretary)

Bowler history required with verification for March 17, 2018 Average.

VALID AVERAGE for other than 2016-2017 USBC BOOK AVERAGES:

1 - Use highest March 17, 2018 average of 21 games or more from a current GFUSBC certified league

2 - If no 21 game average as of March 17, 2018, bowler will be classified at 240 scratch.