



16TH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

February 8 & 9, 2025

ENTRY CLOSING DATE: February 7, 2025



**BOWLERO
AUBURN**

**\$1,000.00 ADDED
TO PRIZE FUND**



TEAM + DOUBLES + SINGLES + ALL EVENTS

ENTRY FEE PER PERSON PER EVENT \$40.00
HANDICAP ALL EVENTS (OPTIONAL)..... \$5.00

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CAA
(\$35.00 SERVICE CHARGE FOR RETURNED CHECKS)

NOTE: Mail only entry form & fees or place them in the CAA mail box at any center.

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Tournament Director:
Linda Bass

WALK-INS WILL BE ACCEPTED

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1. **Rules:** United States Bowling Congress (USBC) rules and regulations will govern this tournament unless otherwise stated.
2. **Eligibility:** Participation shall be available to all CAA bowlers certified for the 2024-2025 season and in good standing. The Tournament Director reserves the right to deny participation to any individual that fails to provide adequate proof of current certification.
3. **Tournament Dates:** The tournament will be held on February 8 & 9, 2025 at 9:00 AM & 12:30 PM each day at Bowlero Auburn. Once an entry is processed and assigned to a squad, a processing fee of \$10.00 will be charged to reschedule days and times bowled.
4. **Tournament Composition:** This tournament will consist of a Team Event (4 members), a Doubles Event (2 members), a Singles Event (Individual) and an Optional Handicap All Events. If a participant bowls in the Doubles he/she must also bowl in the Singles and vice-versa. In order to enter the optional ALL EVENTS, a bowler must bowl in the Team, Doubles and Singles events.
5. **Entry Fee:** Will be \$40.00 per bowler per event with a \$5.00 optional fee for Handicap All-Events. Entry fee distribution – Lineage: \$11.00, Prize Fund: \$24.00, Expenses: \$5.00. Prize fund fees for Team, Doubles and Singles event will be returned 100% with a 1:6 Ratio. All Events Prize Fund \$4.00, Expenses \$1.00. Prize Fund will be returned 100% with a 1:6 Ratio.
6. **Tournament Average:** Bowlers will use their highest 2023-2024 certified average of 21 games or more from the Fall or Winter league, whether bowled as a regular member, or substitute. Rule 319a (2) (Average Adjustment for Tournament Entry) is in effect. The composite average rule of 319a (1) and the 10 pin rule of 319a (2) are both waived as authorized by rule 319a. A bowler without a 2023-2024 certified yearbook average or a current league average of 21 games or more as of the average cutoff date will bowl scratch.
7. **Average Verification:** Each team member is responsible for providing the team captain with the correct tournament average. The team captain, in-turn, is responsible for reporting all averages for the individual members of their team. All team members are required to verify and initial submitted averages prior to the completion of the first game of the first series bowled. Corrections must be identified prior to end of first game of the first series bowled. If the submitted average is lower than required and results in a lower classification or more handicap, the bowler's score will be disqualified. If the submitted average is higher than required, tournament standings will be based on the submitted average.
8. **Average Re-Rating:** The Tournament Director reserves the right to re-rate a participant's tournament entering average under USBC rule 319e (Average Adjustment for Tournament Entry). A bowler who has qualified for a prize of \$600.00 or more in any event of any tournament within the previous 12month period must report actual scores, position and amount won to the Tournament Director at time of entry. Re-rating must be accomplished and presented to participant prior to the participant bowling. Should the participant not accept the re-rated average, entry fee shall be refunded. Failure to comply with these provisions will constitute in a forfeiture of entry fee and prize money.
Note: Average re-rating applies to Tournament, Brackets and Nassau scores.
10. **Tournament Handicap:** Will be 90% of 230.
11. **Multiple Participation:** A bowler will be allowed unlimited entries in both the Team & Doubles events, providing two members are changed in the line-up for the Team event and a different partner is used for the Doubles event. The first series in each event will be used towards the All-Events. **No one will be allowed to bowl with 2 different partners at the same time in Doubles.**
12. **Squad Scheduling:** All entries shall be scheduled on a first come first served basis for the shift requested in the order of receipt in the hands of the Association Manager or by the post office postmark. The Association Manager reserves the right to cancel a shift if deemed in the best interest of the tournament or house. However, additional shifts and times may be added to scheduled tournament dates if necessary based on number of entries received and lane availability.

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13. **Line-Up and Check-In:** Substitutes must bowl in the position of the member being replaced. Bowlers must check-in no earlier than one hour prior and no later than 30 minutes to scheduled shift. After tournament play has started, late bowlers will receive a zero for each frame missed.

14. **Dress Code:** Entrants are required to wear suitable attire during tournament participation. Knee length shorts and skirts may be worn. Clothing which advertises obscene/rude gestures or has offensive writing on it will not be worn. Hats, visors, bandanas, halter tops, tank tops, miniskirts or sagging pants will not be allowed while participating in the tournament. These are dress items that the bowlers consider as offensive. Dress code will be strictly enforced by the Tournament Director and his/her decision is final.

15. **Abrasives:** In accordance with USBC Rule 18 (Bowling Ball-Altering Surface) the use of abrasives on the surface of bowling balls during tournament play will result in disqualification of the bowler.

16. **Lane Courtesy:** Only one lane of courtesy will be allowed during tournament play. Only one bowling ball per bowler will be allowed on the ball return rack during the tournament.

17. **Injury/Emergency:** If an entrant is unable to complete competition during the Team or Doubles event due to illness or injury, a substitute will be permitted, if available, and the combined score will count. If a substitute is not available the actual score of the frames bowled shall count. Substitutions made are subject to the approval of the Tournament Director.

18. **Ties:** In the case of a tie for first place in any event, Co-Champions will be declared based on total pin fall plus handicap. USBC Rule 326a (1) will apply.

19. **Lane Dressing:** Lanes will be dressed before each squad using the Bourbon Street Oil Pattern.

20. **Bowler of the Year Points:** Participants in this tournament will be awarded Bowler of the Year Points at one point per event. For example; bowling in two teams, two doubles, singles and handicap all-events would earn six (6) points. Bowlers will also receive points for placing in the top ten places in each event, based on a sliding scale of 10 to 1.

21. **Disputes/Protests:** Any disputes or protest which may occur and are not covered by the above tournament rules or USBC rules shall be submitted in writing to the Association Manager before the tournament prize payments are made. All disputes regarding scoring must be reported within 24 hours of scores being posted. Any decision of the Tournament Committee shall be final unless an appeal is made in accordance with USBC Rule 329.