

2025-26 ANNUAL OPEN TOURNAMENT

AIKEN COUNTY USBC BOWLING ASSOCIATION

SANCTIONED BY THE UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS

<p><u>ENTRY DEADLINE FOR MAILED ENTRIES</u></p>	<p>February 18th, 2026</p>	<p>Make Checks Payable to: Aiken County USBC</p>
<p>Entries submitted after 2/18/26 - MUST BE CASH</p>		<p>Mail Entries to: Sarah Boothe</p>
<p>Entries will be accepted up to an hour before each squad</p>	<p>All Prize Fees Returned 100%</p>	<p>121 Palmetto Ave North Augusta, SC 29841</p>

Event Dates/Times		Entry Fee Per Person						
Feb 21 & 22, 2026		Team	Doubles	Singles				
Feb 28 & Mar 1, 2026		Bowling	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00	Hdcp.	Optional	Optional
		Prize Fee	\$ 18.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 18.00	All	Scratch	Scratch
Team @ Park Ave Lanes		Expense	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	Events	Singles	All
D/S @ Northside Lanes		Total	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$5.00	\$10.00	Events

The *Open* Tournament Squad Times for both centers:

Team @ Park Ave - 10 am & 2:30 pm both weekends **Doubles/Singles @ Northside Lanes - both weekends** **10 am & 2:30 pm both days**

***** INDICATE DATES AND TIME DESIRED (MUST GIVE 2 CHOICES) *****

	Team Event		Doubles/Singles Event	
	Date	Time	Date	Time
1st				
2nd				

Captain's Name _____ Email Address _____
Address _____ Phone: _____
City, St, Zip _____ Cell Phone: _____
Team Name _____ Captain Signature _____

Doubles Partners:

1. _____

2. _____

1. _____

2. _____

Scratch Incentive for All Bowlers:

**\$150 per 300 Game Bowled
\$200 per 800 Series Bowled**
**No additional Fee Required for this
incentive.

TOTAL AMOUNT
**HANDICAP EVENTS ONLY IS
\$95.00 PER BOWLER.**

**ALL HANDICAP+
SCRATCH \$135 PER
BOWLER.**

2025-2026 ANNUAL OPEN TOURNAMENT RULES

1. The Annual Tournament is open to all members of the Aiken County USBC Bowling Association (ACUSBCA). Anyone who has not yet purchased a USBC card prior to bowling the tournament may do so when entry is sent in or the day they are scheduled to bowl. Breakdown of sanction card payment is as follows: \$15.00 - USBC; \$10.00 - Local; \$4.00 South Carolina State. Any bowler purchasing a card is still subject to the Entering Average Rule (see Rule 7).
2. Entries are to be submitted or postmarked by midnight **February 18, 2026**. Late entries accepted must be paid in cash to the Tournament Director on site. Entries will be scheduled based on the date they are received. Shifts will be filled on a first come basis. There will be no schedule changes except for emergencies. **TEAM CAPTAINS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF ANY CHANGES TO SQUAD TIMES SELECTED BY FEBRUARY 20, 2026.**
3. Entry Fee is \$30 per event per bowler. A bowler can choose to enter either on or both All Events (\$5 for Handicap or \$10 for scratch. All events are optional and 100% of each prize fund is returned. Optional Scratch Events - Fees are an additional \$10.00 per person per event for each team, doubles and singles event. Scratch events can ONLY be entered if the participant is entered in the handicap event.
4. A bowler may enter the tournament in as many team events as desired before the tournament until one hour prior to squad date and time. A bowlers may enter in as many doubles and singles as desired before the tournament closing date. The bowler's **first appearance** in any event counts toward the all events total. A bowler may cash only once with the same partner but may cash as often as the partners are changed. A bowler may cash only once in the singles. Teams must have at least two different members in order to cash more than once. USBC Rule 315 Applies for multiple participation.
5. USBC Rule 319 **will** apply in this tournament, **including the 10 pin-rule**. The bowler's average as of January 1, 2026 will be applied for the 10-pin rule. Rule 319a-3 - It shall be each entrant's responsibility to verify the accuracy of his/her average in handicap tournaments, whether originally submitted by the entrant, his/her team captain or other. Failure to use the proper average shall DISQUALIFY score if submitted average is lower than actual average thereby resulting in a lower classification or more handicap. Prize winnings shall be based on the submitted average if it is higher than the actual average. In the case of teams of two or more entrants, the averages shall be combined to determine whether the correct total is higher or lower than the submitted total. USBC Rule 319d (requiring a bowler to report previous tournament winnings) will not apply.
6. Handicap will be 90% of the difference between the entering average and 220 based on a 3 game series.
The entering average used will be:
 - a. USBC certified average of 21 games or more in the 2024-2025 winter season.
 - b. Bowlers having no certified winter average from 6a will use their highest USBC certified average of 21 games or more as of January 1, 2026, and must be accompanied by verification from their league secretary. Ten Pin rule will apply (see rule 4).
 - c. Bowlers having no average from 6a or 6b will use highest average based on 21 games or more from 2023/2024 Summer season.
 - d. Bowlers having none of the above will bowl scratch.
7. All entrants must check-in at least 60-minutes prior to the scheduled squad time. Substitutions may be made at this time. Line-up will not be changed prior to the squad, the substitute will bowl in the original lineup position of the bowler being replaced. All Events entry may be transferred **ONLY IF THE TRANSFER IS MADE BEFORE EITHER OF THE BOWLERS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN ANY EVENT**. Teams will bowl in the order the lineup is submitted on the form. Doubles teams will also bowl in the order submitted on the entry form.
8. **PRIZE DISTRIBUTION:** All prize money collected in each event will be returned to the participants. Bowlers may enter and win both handicap and scratch prizes. The last paid prize, including ties, will be equal to the prize fee for each event. 85% of the prize funds paid will be based on handicap scores. There will be at least one cash prize for each eight entries or major fraction thereof in the team, doubles, and singles events of the tournament. There will be at least one cash prize for each ten entries or major fraction thereof in the all events handicap. 15% of the prize funds paid will be based on scratch scores. There will be at least one cash prize for each eight entries or major fraction thereof in the team doubles, and singles events of the tournament. There will be at least one cash prize for each ten entries or major fraction thereof in all events scratch. Co-champions will be declared if ties occur for first place in all of the events. Cash prizes of the affected scores will be divided equally.
9. Prize checks will be sent to team captains within 30 days after the close of the tournament. The tournament committee will not honor prize checks not cashed within 60 days.
10. Scores lost due to power failure or mechanical failure must be rebowled.
11. **ALL DECISIONS OF THE TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT ARE FINAL.** Any appeal or protest regarding tournament scores shall be made in writing to the tournament manager. The action of the tournament manager shall be final unless an appeal is made in accordance with **USBC Rule 327c**.
12. USBC rules will govern any rules not covered here.