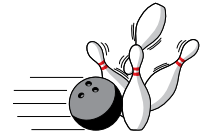




Greater Carlyle Open Tournament

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INFORMATIONAL COVER LETTER



Dear Captain,

Enclosed you will find an Entry Blank which is your invitation to enter your Annual Open Association Championship Handicap Tournament. This tournament is open to all members of the Greater Carlyle Bowling Association (GCBA). The Team Event starts March 2, 2019 at V&H Recreation in Breese. YOU MAY BOWL TEAM EVENT AS OFTEN AS YOU DESIRE. The Singles and Doubles Event starts March 2, 2019 at Vandalia Bowl in Vandalia. YOU MAY BOWL SINGLES AND DOUBLES EVENTS AS OFTEN AS YOU DESIRE — **NO SINGLES ONLY - NO DOUBLES ONLY.**

Please read the rules on the back of this letter. I want to especially call your attention to the rules governing the average you must use during this tournament. **SUMMER LEAGUE AVERAGES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS TOURNAMENT UNLESS YOU DO NOT HAVE A QUALIFYING WINTER LEAGUE AVERAGE. THIS YEAR'S TOURNAMENT WILL USE LAST SEASON'S (2017-2018) HIGHEST UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS (USBC) WINTER LEAGUE AVERAGE WITH A MINIMUM OF 21 GAMES. (You can find your highest USBC winter league average at www.bowl.com. Click on Find a Member on the home page, search for your name, click on Leagues/Averages, and find your highest winter league average with 21 games from 2017-18.) IF YOU DID NOT HAVE A 21 GAME AVERAGE LAST SEASON, YOU MUST USE YOUR HIGHEST UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS (USBC) AVERAGE - WITH 21 GAMES OR MORE - AS OF JANUARY 1, 2019. ALL OTHERS BOWL SCRATCH. THE 10 PIN OVER AVERAGE RULE (OVER LAST SEASON'S AVERAGE) NO LONGER EXISTS.**

A large entry is expected again this year. You can view an availability list on the home page of the GCBA website, www.greatercarlyle.com. Get your entry in early to get your desired date and time. All entry blanks and correspondence should be sent to GCBA, 2116 Salmon Drive, Highland, IL 62249. You may also reserve a date and time by calling Tim Rutz at 654-9840. Please leave a message if there is no answer. You will be called back as soon as possible.

A copy of the preliminary schedule should be in the bowling centers and on the home page of GCBA website, www.greatercarlyle.com by February 2, 2019. If you have a problem with a date and/or time you are scheduled to bowl, call 654-9840 by February 10, 2019. The official schedule will be printed at that time, and there will be **ABSOLUTELY NO RESCHEDULING** of dates after the tournament schedule is printed.

Again this year we will be offering scratch events for Singles, Doubles, Team and All Events as well as Handicap All Events. The entry fee for these events is included in your regular entry fee. You can only cash in one division - Handicap or Scratch - for each event - Singles, Doubles, Team and All Events - depending upon which pays more. If you would receive the same dollar amount in handicap and scratch, you will be listed on the scratch portion of the prize list. **AGAIN THIS YEAR, IF YOU ENTER ANY EVENT (SINGLES AND DOUBLES WITH THE SAME PARTNER OR TEAM WITH THE SAME TEAM) MORE THAN ONCE, YOU CAN CASH IN BOTH DIVISIONS - SCRATCH AND HANDICAP (ONLY ONCE IN EACH DIVISION) - USING SCORES FROM TWO SEPARATE ENTRIES. YOU CAN ONLY CASH IN ONE DIVISION IN ALL EVENTS - DEPENDING UPON WHICH PAYS MORE.**

Again this year is the opportunity for you to reenter the tournament after you have already bowled. Any team (at least three original members) or double (at least one original member) has the opportunity to reenter the tournament after they have already bowled. Reentering will be allowed based on availability. There is no late fee to reenter the tournament. USBC Rule 315 does apply.

You will also be able to bowl Singles and Doubles as often as you desire. Singles will be bowled first. **NO SINGLES ONLY, NO DOUBLES ONLY.**

Again this year, a total of \$600.00 is set aside for 300 games - \$300.00 maximum for a 300 game. If there are more than two 300 games, the money will be divided equally. A bowler may qualify for only one 300 game prize no matter how many 300 games he/she bowls during the tournament. The bowlers with the highest scores in team, singles, and doubles - handicap and scratch - will also receive their choice of jackets or polo shirts.

Again this year, a total of \$300.00 is set aside for 800 series - \$100 maximum for an 800 series. If there are more than three 800 series, the money will be divided equally. A bowler may qualify for only one 800 series prize no matter how many 800 series he/she bowls during the tournament.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the GCBA Tournament, please do not hesitate to contact Tim Rutz at 654-9840 or trutz1@charter.net or any of the Association's elected directors listed below.

Be sure all entries are postmarked on or before Sunday, January 27, 2019. However, if for some reason you are not able to enter the tournament before January 27, 2019, you may enter between January 28, 2019 and February 10, 2019 by paying a late entry fee of \$10.00 per entry form.

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