

Greater Carlyle OPEN Tournament

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INFORMATIONAL COVER LETTER

Enclosed you will find an Entry Form which is your invitation to enter you Annual Open Association Championship Handicap Tournament. This tournament is open to all members of the Greater Carlyle Bowling Association (GCBA). The Team Event starts February 8, 2025 at Baden Bowl in New Baden. YOU MAY BOWL TEAM EVENT AS OFTEN AS YOU DESIRE. The Singles and Doubles Event starts February 22, 2025 at V & H Recreation in Breese. 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 the 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 (2023-2024) HIGHEST UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS (USBC) WINTER LEAGUE AVERAGE WITH A MINIMUM OF 21 GAMES. IF YOU DID NOT HAVE A 21 GAME AVERAGE LAST SEASON, YOU MUST USE YOUR HIGHEST USBC AVERAGE WITH A MINIMUM OF 21 GAMES OR MORE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2025. ALL OTHERS BOWL SCRATCH UNLESS OTHER PROVISIONS ARE MADE. THE 10 PIN OVER AVERAGE LAST YEAR'S AVERAGE RULE NO LONGER EXISTS.**

Squad times are limited. You can view an availability list on the home page of the GCBA website, www.greatercarlyle.com. Get you entry in early for the best chance to get your desired date and time. You may also reserve a date and time by call Tim Rutz at 618-654-9840, before 9:00 PM. Please leave a message if there is no answer. You will be called back as soon as possible. Entry forms should be sent to GCBA, 2116 Salmon Drive, Highland, IL 62249.

A copy of the preliminary schedule should be in the bowling centers and on the home page of the GCBA website, www.greatercarlyle.com by February 3, 2025. If you have a conflict with a date and/or time you are scheduled to bowl, call 618-654-9840 by February 10, 2025 to find an available time to bowl.

Again this year, we will be offering scratch events for Singles, Doubles, Team, and All Events as well as Handicap All Events. They 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 awarded the scratch prize money. Again this year, if you enter any event more than once (singles and doubles with the same partner or team with the same team members), 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 one pays more.

Again this year is the opportunity to reenter the tournament after you have already bowled. Any team (at least three original members) or singles and doubles (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. Rule 315 does apply. Your first score bowled in each event counts towards your all events score.

The bowlers with the highest handicap scores in team, singles, doubles, and all events – handicap and scratch – will also receive polo shirts. Jackets will be awarded if we receive a sufficient number of entries.

Again this year, a total of \$600.00 is set aside for 300 games and 800 series - \$300 maximum for either score. If there are more than two 300 games and 800 series, 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. A bowler may qualify for only one 800 series prize no matter how many 800 series he/she bowls during the tournament.

The bowler with the highest handicap and scratch scores in team, singles, doubles, and all events will receive a polo shirt. Jackets will be awarded if we receive a sufficient number of entries.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the GCBA Tournament, please do not hesitate to contact Tim Rutz at 618-654-9840 or trutz1@charter.net or any of the GCBA Directors listed below.

Be sure all entries are postmarked on or before Sunday, January 26, 2025. However, if you are not able to enter the tournament before January 26, 2025, you may enter after January 26, 2025 by paying a late entry fee of \$10.00 per entry form.

***SPECIAL NOTE:** Only six teams can bowl during each shift, so there may be the possibility of a OPEN Tournament team bowling on the same lanes as a WOMEN'S Tournament team. If your OPEN team definitely does not want to bowl on the same lanes as a WOMEN'S Tournament team, please check the appropriate box under the tournament dates on the entry form. I try to fill up each squad, so this could result in your team not getting their first or even second choice.

2024-2025 GCBA OFFICERS

President – Scott Feist, New Baden
First Vice President – Jeff Voss, Highland

Second Vice President – Pam Yates, Vandalia
Association Manager – Tim Rutz, Highland

GCBA HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES

Larry Hilmes – Baden Bowl, New Baden
Jeremy Jansen – Bartelso Bowl, Bartelso
Jeff Voss – Grantfork Bowl, Grantfork
Sam Turley – 4th Street Lanes, Greenville
Gregg Suydam – Hanks Bowl, Trenton
Shelly Hennessy – Hanks Bowl, Trenton
Spencer Holzinger – Hi Top Bowl, Highland
Pam Schrupf – Hi Top/Poplar Junction, Highland

Mike Klein – Mascoutah Lanes, Mascoutah
Greg Walter – Poplar Junction, Highland
Alan Profancik – Salem Bowl, Salem
Jeff Johnson – V&H Recreation, Breese
Jim Ward – Vandalia Bowl, Vandalia
Sarah Berger – Youth Director, Aviston
Cindy Ogden – Youth Director, New Baden

GREATER CARLYLE OPEN TOURNAMENT RULES

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- 1. ANY BOWLER WHO DOES NOT ADHERE TO ALL RULES SHALL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM ANY EARNINGS, SO PLEASE CHECK ALL RULES TO PREVENT ANY EMBARRASSMENT.**
- All members of the Greater Carlyle USBC (GCBA) are eligible to enter, and must have a filed sanction card application with the Association Manager prior to bowling or scores will not be allowed. Non-members living within the jurisdiction of this association who are not members of another association may enter by paying an unattached membership fee of \$23.00.
- Upon request, you must show your current GCBA USBC membership card in order to bowl, and must verify your average before you can bowl. You must check in 30 minutes before time to bowl.
- This is a Handicap and Scratch Tournament. All prize money will be paid out 100%.
- Summer League Averages will not be used in this tournament unless you do not have a qualifying Winter League average. Bowlers must use their highest USBC sanctioned Winter League Average from the 2023-24 season with a minimum of 21 games in a league. The 10 Pin Over Average Rule (over last season's average) no longer exists. Bowlers not having an average from the 2023-24 season will use their average as of January 1, 2025 with a minimum of 21 games. All others must bowl scratch unless other provisions were arranged.
- The GCBA Tournament Committee reserves the right to adjust the average of any bowler based on their past GCBA Handicap Tournament performance.
- USBC Rule 310a applies to closing date of entries. Entries must be postmarked by January 26, 2025.
- Team events starts Feb 8, 2025 and ends April 5, 2025. Singles and Doubles events start February 22, 2025 and ends March 30, 2025. April 5, April 6, April 12 and April 13 will be used for emergencies.
- USBC Rule 315 will prevail. When bowling team, singles or doubles more than once, your first score in each event counts towards All Events.
- USBC Rule 314 will prevail. NO fees returned.
- USBC Rule 319 a. b. c. e. - Average Adjustment will be in effect and must be complied with.
- USBC Rule 322a - Tardy Players will prevail.
- USBC Rule 325 - Bowling Alone will prevail.
- USBC Rule 326a - Tie Scores will prevail.
- USBC Rule 329 - Appeal or Protest will prevail.
- Team and doubles line-ups cannot be changed once they are submitted. A substitute must be inserted in the place of the person they are replacing.
- Any bowler who earned \$300 in a single event, the combined prize money won in excess of \$500 in a tournament, and/or the combined prize money won in excess of \$1000 in all tournaments competed in within 12 months other than the GCBA Handicap Tournament or the GCBA Scratch Tournaments, must report their earnings in accordance to USBC rule 319d.
- Any bowler whose average has been rerated or adjusted in any sanctioned tournament other than the GCBA Handicap Tournament must report their average to tournament officials before they bowl or they will be subject to disqualification. You will be required to use that average.
- Handicap is based on 80% from 220 for singles, 80% from 440 for doubles, and 80% from 1100 for team. Maximum handicap is 180 pins for singles, 360 pins for doubles, and 900 pins for team.
- You may bowl Singles & Doubles as many times as you desire. NO SINGLES ONLY - NO DOUBLES ONLY. You may reenter singles & doubles (at least one original member of doubles bowlers) after you have already bowled. You can only cash once in singles. In doubles you can cash more than once with different partners. This is in accordance with USBC Rule 315.
- You may bowl Team Event as many times as you desire. You may reenter your team (at least three original team members) after you have already bowled. In order to place more than once in the prize list for position standings, at least two players in the lineup must be different. This is in accordance with USBC Rule 315.
- There are two separate All Events divisions - Handicap and Scratch. The entry fee is included in your entry. You must bowl all three events - Team, Singles and Doubles - to be eligible for All Events. You can only cash in one division - Handicap or Scratch - depending upon which pays more. Scratch All Events is calculated by adding your first score for each event - Team, Singles and Doubles. Handicap All Events is calculated by adding your individual handicap for each event - Team, Singles and Doubles - to your Scratch All Events score.
- Cash prizes in the Handicap Events - Team, Singles and Doubles - will be awarded on a ratio of 1 prize for each 10 entries. All Events - 1 prize for each 20 entries. The bowlers with the highest scores in team, singles, doubles and all events - handicap and scratch - will also receive a polo shirt.
- Singles Scratch, Doubles Scratch and Team Scratch Events are included with your entry fee. You can cash in only one division - Handicap or Scratch - for each event - Singles, Doubles and Team - depending on which pays more. However, if you enter any event (singles or 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.
- A copy of the preliminary schedule should be in centers by February 3, 2025. If you have a problem with a date and/or time you are scheduled to bowl, call the Tournament Secretary by February 10, 2025. There will be ABSOLUTELY NO RESCHEDULING after the official schedule book is printed. Be especially careful when scheduling other tournaments.
- Be sure all entries are postmarked on or before January 26, 2025. You may enter the tournament after January 26, 2025 by paying a late entry fee. The late entry fee is \$10.00 per entry form.
- Singles will be bowled first. Singles and Doubles will be bowled on the same pair of lanes. Lanes will be assigned.
- Shadow balls will be determined by tournament sites. There will be no shadow balls before doubles.
- Teams will be assigned lanes during Team Event.
- All returned checks are subject to a \$25.00 Service Charge.
- Any rule not listed above will be covered by USBC Rule Book