

2026 Greater Grand Rapids USBC 109th Open Championship Tournament



TOURNAMENT OPENS SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026
CLOSES SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026 (UNLESS EXTENDED)

****Enter Doubles & Singles twice (must change Doubles partner)****

TEAM - DOUBLES - SINGLES
STATION 300

3335 FAIRLANES AVE SW—GRANDVILLE—616-534-6038

Entries Close: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 - Based on Lane Availability
No Walk-Ins Allowed - Must enter at least 4 days prior to requested squad.

Entries submitted must be turned in fully completed with all fees to a GGRUSBC Tournament Official.

Squad Organizer Incentive: Organize 10 Teams; earn \$150 for your group;
all teams must bowl same squad; high handicap Team series earns \$150.
See Rule 20 for details.

Mail All Entries and Make Checks Payable to:
Greater Grand Rapids USBC (GGRUSBC)
2405-A Porter SW - Wyoming 49519
Phone: 616-530-8195

Note: Credit Card use is available - 3% fee and email address required.

Confirmations will be emailed, when possible.

Rules and Regulations of the Open Championship Tournament

1. All entrants must be certified members of the United States Bowling Congress and the Greater Grand Rapids USBC Association. All entrants must be a minimum of 18 years old at the time of participation. Members who are eligible for another Association Championship Tournament, and who do not have a 2024-2025 Grand Rapids yearbook average, must have bowled at least 21 games in a GGRUSBC league prior to competition in the 2026 GGRUSBC City Tournament and have been a GGRUSBC member for at least 30 days.
2. All entrants will use their highest Greater Grand Rapids USBC yearbook average for the 2024-2025 season regardless of whether bowled as a regular member or a substitute. Summer league averages will be used. A bowler with no 2024-2025 yearbook average will use their highest average, minimum 21 games, as of the week of March 1, 2026. Bowlers without 21 games as of the week of March 1, 2026 will use their highest average, minimum 21 games as of their first participation in the Tournament. They must bring an average sheet with them. All others will bowl scratch.
***** NOTE: Rule 319 a2 is in effect – the 10 pin rule *****
3. The tournament division structure will be as follows:

	<u>Regular Division</u>	<u>Classic Division</u>
Team	1000 & under	1001 & over
Doubles	400 & under	401 & over
Singles	200 & under	201 & over
All Events	200 & under	201 & over
4. Handicap will be based on 90% of 230 scratch for all Divisions.
5. Rule 319d is in effect: \$300 in any one event; \$500 in any one tournament; \$1,000 in all tournaments within the last 12 months.
6. Rule 319e is in effect (Average Adjustment).
7. The delivery used in tournament competition must be the same as that used in establishing the entering average and the delivery used (right/left handed) must be maintained for each 3-game set.
8. Team Event participation is unlimited subject to the following conditions.
 - (1) No more than 3 players on one team can bowl together more than once on a five (5) person team.
 - (2) First appearance in Team Event will count towards All Events.Bowlers may compete twice in Doubles (must change partner), Bowlers may compete twice in Singles (cash only once with highest score). First appearance in Doubles and Singles will count towards All Events.
Entrants in Doubles must enter Singles. Entrants in Singles must enter Doubles.
A bowler's Doubles and Singles must be bowled the same assigned squad/day.
Three sets of Doubles will be scheduled on a pair of lanes, when possible.
*****NOTE: Doubles will be bowled before Singles*****
All Events is Optional. USBC Rule 306: Where a trophy or award, other than cash awards, is offered for the All Events championship, the bowler who places first in All Events is entitled to the award even if the bowler did not pay the Optional fee.
9. Any player or team arriving late will begin play and the score will count beginning with the frame then being bowled. Zero (0) will be given for all frames missed.
10. Pacers will not be allowed.
11. Substitutes will be allowed in each event. A substitute in any event will take the place in the lineup of the bowler they are replacing. If a replacement is needed in each of two (2) Doubles teams, the two (2) entrants may be paired together. A substitute shall not be required to reimburse the original entrant for the entry fee paid; nor shall the substitute be required to give the original entrant any prize money or award they may win.
12. Entry fee will be \$30.00 per bowler per event with the breakdown as follows: Prize Fund - \$16.00; Lineage - \$12.00, Expenses - \$2.00. Optional All Events Prize Fund \$10.00.
Paid All Events are not transferable unless the substitute replaces the original entrant in all three (3) events. **ALL EVENTS MUST BE PAID BEFORE YOU THROW A BALL.**
Overpayments of \$5.00 or less will not be refunded.
13. The **Optional Scratch** prize entry fee is \$10.00 per event per bowler and available in Team, Doubles, Singles and All Events. In each event \$10.00 goes to the prize fund. **RULE: You must enter the handicap event to participate in the corresponding Optional Scratch event. You are eligible to win prizes in both handicap and optional actual. All five (5) team bowlers must pay the Optional Scratch prize fee (\$10) to compete in the scratch team prize list. Both bowlers in Doubles must pay the Optional Scratch prize fee (\$10) to compete in the scratch doubles prize list and must be the same partners as in the handicap event. Any bowler may enter the Optional Scratch event in Singles and All Events but must be competing in the handicap event.**
14. Prize fees will be returned 100% with at least one prize for each five (5) entries. Individual awards will be awarded for handicap winners and actual score winners in each event. In case of a tie in any event for first place, duplicate awards will be given.
15. A dress code will be enforced: Slacks/Pants preferred. If wearing shorts or skirts (women only), they should be knee length or longer.
16. Any protest affecting eligibility or general playing rules must be made in writing to a responsible Tournament or Local Association official or the USBC before the Tournament prize payments are made. Errors in scoring must be reported within 24 hours after the series is bowled. Math errors will be corrected.
17. The entrants whose names appear hereon or their authorized replacements hereby agree that the Greater Grand Rapids USBC Association, its Officers and Agents shall be liable only to the extent of returning fees, if and when entrants shall be prevented from bowling any event in the tournament through premature termination of the tournament which may be brought about by war, national emergency or emergencies or other causes beyond the control of the Greater Grand Rapids USBC.
18. The Board of Directors of the Greater Grand Rapids USBC Association shall decide any questions not covered by these tournament rules.
19. The tournament management reserves the right to cancel squads that are not full.
20. Squad Organizer must make a reservation and submit all entries together, completed and with full entry fees by April 10, 2026 to retain squad spot.

ALL BOWLING EQUIPMENT MUST BE APPROVED BY USBC. NO BOWLING BALL CAN BE USED PRIOR TO RELEASE DATE TO THE PUBLIC. BOWLERS WHO VIOLATE THIS RULE WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

*****NOTE: Teams and Doubles/Singles participants will be assigned lanes.*****

TEAM CAPTAIN with substitute changes should make changes 1 ½ hours before scheduled time to bowl.
If possible, please call the Association office prior to your scheduled time to bowl with changes.

Reservations may be made by calling the Association Office (616/530-8195). If a reservation has been made prior to the opening day, full entry fees and entry must be in the Association Office by April 10, 2026 or the reservation is subject to cancellation.

Team Name _____

Team Captain _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ / _____

Email Address: _____

Center: _____

League Name: _____

Dates Cannot Bowl : _____

Do Not Write in These Spaces:

Date Received: _____ Entry #: _____

TEAM	DBLS	SGLS	AE	Total
Optional Team	Optional Doubles	Optional Singles	Optional AE	Total
Team Date		Time	Lane	
D/S Date		Time	Lanes	

Please Check Division for this Team:

Regular Division ☐

Classic Division ☐

TEAM EVENT: Preferred Dates/Times: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Team Name:

We wish to cross lanes with:

USBC #		Team Lineup will NOT be changed Name as it Appears on USBC Membership Card—No Nicknames PLEASE! Last Name First Name		Birthdate	Highest 2024-25 Average Winter or Summer	For Office Use	Check ✓ If Paying Handicap All Events \$10.00	Check ✓ If Declaring Prize Winnings	Check if paying Optional Actual Fees \$10.00 each Event Team AE	
1										
2										
3										
4										
5										
6										

Doubles/Singles Event: Preferred Dates/Times: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

USBC #		Doubles Lineup will NOT be changed		Lane No.	Highest 2024-25 Average Winter or Summer	For Office Use	✓ Here If declaring Prize Winnings	Check if paying Optional Actual Fees \$10.00 each Event	
		Last Name	First Name					Doubles	Singles
1 .									
2 .									
3 .									

Please see back for Dates and Times

2026 City Tournament - STATION 300

Dates and Squad Times

Team Event - Station 300

Saturday Squads		Sunday Squads	
April 25	12:00PM	April 26	12:00PM
May 2	12:00PM	May 3	12:00PM
May 9	12:00PM	May 10	12:00PM
Monday Squads	Tuesday Squads	Wednesday Squads	Thursday Squads
April 27 6:30PM	April 28 6:30PM	April 29 6:30PM	April 30 6:30PM
May 4 6:30PM	May 5 6:30PM	May 6 6:30PM	May 7 6:30PM

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ENTRY FEE CALCULATIONS

_____ Team @ \$150.00 = _____

_____ Doubles @ \$ 60.00 = _____

_____ Singles @ \$ 30.00 = _____

_____ All Events @ \$ 10.00 = _____

Total = _____

OPTIONAL SCRATCH CALCULATIONS

_____ Team @ \$ 50.00 = _____

_____ Doubles @ \$ 20.00 = _____

_____ Singles @ \$ 10.00 = _____

_____ All Events @ \$ 10.00 = _____

Total = _____

_____ I wish to pay by credit card. (3% fee will be added)

Email required: _____

RETURN THIS HALF ONLY - KEEP RULES