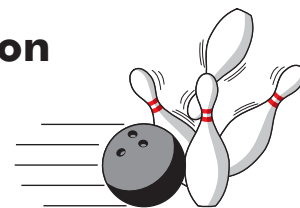




Greater Carlyle USBC Bowling Association



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NOTE DATES & USBC CARDS & NEW RULES
FROM LAST SEASON

Dear Captain,

Enclosed you will find an Entry Blank which is your invitation to enter your Annual Association Championship Handicap Tournament. The Team Event starts February 21, 2009 at Mascoutah Community Lanes in Mascoutah, Illinois. **YOU MAY BOWL TEAM EVENT AS OFTEN AS YOU DESIRE.** The Singles and Doubles Event starts February 21, 2009 at Ten Pin Bowl in Carlyle, Illinois. **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. **THIS YEAR'S TOURNAMENT WILL USE LAST SEASON'S (2007-2008) HIGHEST UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS (USBC) AVERAGE WITH A MINIMUM OF 21 GAMES.** (You can find your highest USBC average at www.bowl.com. Click on Find a Member on the left side column under the USBC Logo, search for your name, click on Leagues/Averages, and find your highest average with 21 games from 2007-08.) **If your highest USBC average as of January 1, 2009 (21 game minimum) is 10 pins higher than your highest 2007-2008 average (21 game minimum) you must use that average. IF YOU DID NOT HAVE A 21 GAME AVERAGE LAST SEASON, YOU MUST USE YOUR HIGHEST USBC AVERAGE - WITH 21 GAMES OR MORE - AS OF JANUARY 1, 2009. ALL OTHERS BOWL SCRATCH.** Any bowler whose average has been rerated or adjusted in any sanctioned tournament other than this 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. If you have any questions regarding your entering average, do not hesitate to call me. It is better to straighten this out before you bowl.

A large entry is expected again this year. Get your entry in early to get your desired date and time. All entry blanks and correspondence should be sent to the Assistant Association Manager, Harold Rutz. His address is 2116 Salmon Drive, Highland, IL 62249. You may also reserve a date and time by calling Harold at 654-7838.

A copy of the preliminary schedule should be in the bowling centers before January 25, 2009. If you have a problem with a date and/or time you are scheduled to bowl, call Harold Rutz at 654-7838 by February 4, 2009. 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 optional scratch events for singles, doubles and team. You will also be able to bowl singles and doubles as often as you desire. However, you must bowl both events — singles and doubles. **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 jackets.

Further details in regard to the tournament are available from your Bowling Center Manager, your League Secretary, or any of the Association's elected officers listed below. If you have never entered this tournament before, please do so. It's your tournament. Let's keep it among the largest in the State of Illinois.

Be sure all entries are postmarked on or before Sunday, January 18, 2009. However, if for some reason you are not able to enter the tournament before January 18, 2009, you may enter between January 19, 2009 and February 4, 2009 by paying a late entry fee of \$10.00 per entry form.

Sincerely,
TIM RUTZ
Association Manager

2008-2009 ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

President - Leroy Freund, Hoffman
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2nd Vice-President - Dave Wirz, Highland
Association Manager - Tim Rutz, Highland
Ass't. Association Manager - Harold Rutz, Highland

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1-Chuck Ridge, Baden Bowl, New Baden
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3-Paul Hellmann, Bartelso Bowl, Bartelso
4-Randy Leitschuh, Grantfork Bowl, Grantfork
5-Tom Whalen, 4th Street Lanes, Greenville
6-John Becker, Hanks Bowl, Trenton
7-Roscoe Ammann, Hi Top Bowl, Highland
8-Danny Schrempp, Community Lanes, Mascoutah
10-Robert Stocker, Poplar Junction, Highland
11-Richard Clark, Salem Bowl, Salem
12- , Community Hall, St. Jacob
13-Mike Rosselli, Ten Pin Bowl, Carlyle
14-Glen Summann, Vandalia Bowl, Vandalia
15-Steve Junk, V & H Recreation, Breese

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USBC CERTIFIED 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.**
2. All members of the Greater Carlyle USBC Bowling Association (GCBA) are eligible to enter, and must have filed a 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 \$16.00.
3. 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.
4. This is a Handicap Tournament and Optional Scratch Tournament. All prize money will be paid out 100%.
5. Bowlers must use their highest USBC sanctioned league average from the 2007-08 season with a minimum of 21 games in a league. If your highest USBC average as of January 1, 2009 (21 game minimum) is 10 pins higher than your highest 2007-2008 average (21 game minimum), you must use that average. Bowlers not having an average from the 2007-08 season will use their average as of January 1, 2009 with a minimum of 21 games. All others must bowl scratch.
6. The GCBA Tournament Committee reserves the right to adjust the average of any bowler based on their past GCBA Handicap Tournament performance.
7. USBC Rule 310a applies to closing date of entries. Entries must be postmarked by January 18, 2009.
8. Team event starts February 21, 2009 and ends April 5, 2009. Singles and Doubles starts February 21, 2009 and ends April 5, 2009. April 11, 18 and 19 will be used for emergencies.
9. USBC Rule 315 will prevail. When bowling team, singles or doubles more than once, your first score in each event counts towards All Events.
10. USBC Rule 314 will prevail. NO fees returned.
11. USBC Rule 319 a. b. c. e. - Average Adjustment will be in effect and must be complied with.
12. USBC Rule 322a - Tardy Players will prevail.
13. USBC Rule 325 - Bowling Alone will prevail.
14. USBC Rule 326a - Tie Scores will prevail.
15. USBC Rule 329 - Appeal or Protest will prevail.
16. Team and doubles line-ups can not be changed once they are submitted. A substitute must be inserted in the place of the man he is replacing.
17. Any bowler who earned \$600.00 or more in any sanctioned tournament other than the GCBA Handicap Tournament or the GCBA Scratch Classic must report their earnings in accordance to USBC rule 319d.
18. 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.
19. Unmarried grade and high school students must fill out parent consent form in accordance with USBC Rule 13.
20. Handicap is 80% from 220. Maximum handicap is 180 pins for singles, 360 pins for doubles, and 900 pins for team.
21. You may bowl Singles & Doubles as many times as you desire. **NO SINGLES ONLY - NO DOUBLES ONLY.** 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.
22. You may bowl Team Event as many times as you desire. 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.
23. All Events entry is \$5.00 and is optional. That score — team, singles & doubles — is a scratch score. The first score bowled in each event - team, singles and doubles - will be used. Please enter with singles and doubles entry.
24. Cash prizes in the Team, Singles and Doubles events will be awarded on a ratio of 1 prize for each 10 entries. All Events 1 prize for each 20 entries. USBC championship chevrons and jackets will be awarded to 1st place winners.
25. Scratch Singles, Doubles Scratch and Team Scratch Events are available as an option. Each event costs \$5.00 per person per event with the full \$5.00 going to the prize fund. In order to bowl in the optional scratch singles, doubles and team events, you must be entered in the handicap events. You will be eligible to cash in both the handicap and scratch events. Scratch doubles must be bowled with the same partner as handicap doubles. In the event that a bowler needs a substitute for any event in the handicap tournament and is signed up for any of the optional scratch events, the scratch entry (or entries) automatically transfer to the substitute bowler. No Refunds.
26. Any bowler who rolls a 300 game can receive up to \$300.00. We are setting aside \$600.00 for 300 games. 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. This may change to special prize. If so, it will be shown in tournament book and by P.A. announcement.
27. A copy of the preliminary schedule should be in centers before January 25, 2009. If you have a problem with a date and/or time you are scheduled to bowl, call the Tournament Secretary by February 4, 2009. There will be **ABSOLUTELY NO RESCHEDULING** after the official schedule book is printed. Be especially careful when scheduling other tournaments.
28. Be sure all entries are postmarked on or before Sunday, January 18, 2009. You may enter the tournament between January 19, 2009 and February 4, 2009 by paying a late entry fee. The late entry fee is \$10.00 per entry form.
29. Shadow balls will be determined by tournament sites. There will be no shadow balls before doubles.
30. Singles and Doubles will be bowled on the same pair of lanes. Lanes will be assigned.
31. Teams will be assigned lanes during Team Event.
32. All returned checks are subject to a \$25.00 Service Charge.
33. Any rule not listed above will be covered by USBC Rule Book.