Michigan State USBC
117th Annual
Open Championship Tournament

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM
LIVONIA & WESTLAND, MICHIGAN

TEAM
MERRI-BOWL LANES
30950 Five Mile Rd
Livonia MI 48154

DOUBLES & SINGLES
WESTLAND BOWL
5940 N Wayne Rd
Westland MI 48185

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TOURNAMENT OPENS January 18, 2020
CLOSES May 3, 2020  (unless extended)
NO WALK-INS

Special Prize Fund for Opening Weekend Squads

CLOSING DATES FOR ENTRIES
Reserved Dates: November 1, 2019 — All Others: December 1, 2019

**** Late entries may be accepted on a space available basis at an additional cost of $5 per person ****

Call the state office at 616/635-2032 for information and availability

Late entries with full fees must be received in the state office no later than 4 pm on the Wednesday prior to the date scheduled to bowl.

~ Handicap Competition in the Following Average Divisions ~
Division 1: Team: 925 and above
Division 2: Team: 924 and below
Doubles: 370 and above
Doubles: 369 and below
Singles & All Events: 185 and above
Singles & All Events: 184 and below

Handicap Based on 90% from 230 Scratch

State Champions shall be declared in each event, each division

Optional Scratch Available in Team, Doubles, Singles and All-Events

Mail Entries with Full Fees To:
Michigan State USBC
Attention: Association Manager—P.O. Box 217—Grandville MI 49468-0217

Entries may be completed online at Website: michiganstateusbc.com
Email: MichiganStateUSBC@comcast.net—Phone: (616) 635-2032 for Reservations

Note: credit card use is also available—(3% fee and email address is required)

Dates and Times are assigned on a first come-first serve basis as completed entry forms and correct fees are received
1. **ELIGIBILITY:**
   Tournament is open to all Michigan State USBC Adult members. Those who are not members may establish eligibility by paying all applicable dues. Refer to USBC Rule 300c. Current membership cards must be available for presentation at check-in.

   Members who do not have a 2018-19 Bowl.com average for a Michigan certified league must have bowled a minimum of 21 games in a current certified Michigan league prior to competition. Bowl.com league average sheet must be submitted at check-in. EXCEPTION: A team is allowed one out-of-state non-Michigan bowler who will be required to purchase a USBC and/or Michigan membership (local & state) prior to competition.

2. **PARTICIPATION:**
   Bowlers may enter the TEAM event up to 2 times but must have at least 2 different bowlers in each lineup. The bowlers first team score will be used for all events. All Events (both handicap & Optional Scratch) may be entered only 1 time (no refunds) and must be paid prior to first event.

   Bowlers may participate in DOUBLES & SINGLES TWICE subject to the following conditions: You must change partners to bowl doubles a second time. Persons entering doubles must find a new partner and these events will be bowled consecutively. If bowling doubles a second time, will not be paid to bowl singles. Note this on entry. The first doubles and the first singles scores will be used for the bowlers all-events score. You may cash only once in the singles event. PLEASE LIST SECOND DOUBLES & SINGLES ON A SEPARATE ENTRY FORM.

   Optional scratch will be available for all of the events but entrants must be entered in the handicap event. All members of team and doubles must be entered in the Optional Scratch to be eligible for Optional Scratch prize winnings.

3. **AVERAGES:**
   (please read carefully)
   a. Use Michigan State USBC Tournament average based on a minimum of eighteen (18) games over the last four (4) years. The State Tournament average may be found on the Michigan State USBC website (michiganstateusbc.com).
   b. If no tournament average, use the highest average from the 2018-19 season based on a minimum of 21 games. Bowl.com average will be recognized as official.
   c. If neither of these averages applies, use your highest current average from a USBC certified league as of December 31st based on a minimum of twenty-one (21) games. (Individual Record sheet must be provided).
   d. If a, b, or c do not apply, use your current season average based on a minimum of 21 games at time of participation (Individual Record sheet must be provided).
   e. If no qualifying average under a, b, or c, entrant shall bowl scratch – 230
   f. USBC rule 319 applies to this tournament. Please review in its entirety regarding adjustment. Rule 319a-2 [ten pin rule] does not apply.

   Any bowler who has only a USBC Sport/Challenge league average will use his/her highest to the two (the Adjustable Sport/Challenge league average versus tournament average). Bowlers who have been re-rated by USBC will use their highest average and/or the rating of the one with the highest average (highest, whichever is highest)

   The delivery used in this tournament must be the same as that used when the average was established.

   An entrant requiring tournament relief due to injury or disability for Entry into this tournament must be approved by USBC Headquarters in accordance with USBC rule 4e.

4. **AVERAGE VERIFICATION:**
   Each entrant is responsible for the accuracy of their average whether submitted by captain or others. Correction of an average must be made by the end of the first game of any event. A substitution of an average will result in disqualification if submitted average is lower than correct average. If submitted average is higher than correct average, prize winnings will be based on submitted average. Tournament management reserves the right to correct any averages and adjust final tournament standings accordingly.

5. **SUBSTITUTES:**
   a. An entrant may be allowed to bowl as a substitute up to 2 times per event. First time participation only will count towards the All-Events score. A substitute shall take the place of the original entrant in the lineup. No changes in the line-up (in any event) will be permitted.

   b. A substitute will not be required to reimburse the entry fee nor give the original entrant any prize money or awards.

   c. A substitute's average may change the division.

   d. Captains must provide verification of averages for substitutes as required in Rule 4c. (properly signed affidavits and records must be submitted to the state office within two weeks prior to the scheduled date of bowl on or at least two hours prior to bowling time).

   e. In case of emergency/disability after team or doubles events has started, a substitute will be permitted if available. Combined scores to count and player subbed out cannot return if preferred. UNUSUAL FRAME BOWLING will cancel. Paid all events not refundable unless the substitute replaces the original entrant in all three events and the transfer is made by a tournament official prior to the time of substitute's participation in any event.

6. **PRIZES & AWARDS:**
   In case of a tie for first place in any event, co-champions will be declared. Prize money for first and second place (or more) shall be divided equally between the teams or individuals tied.

   All prize funds shall be distributed within 30 days of the close of the tournament except when USBC has authorized delay in payment. The team captain shall distribute the prize money within 30 days of receipt. USBC Rule 304-a2.

7. **CANCELLATIONS & REFUND POLICY:**
   Requests for cancellations once confirmations have been sent, must be made in writing within 15 days of the date of the confirmation letter. Requests for cancellations received after the 15 days will be assessed a $50 service fee. No refunds after the start of the tournament (USBC rule 314).

8. **LATE BOWLING:**
   Any player or team: arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. A bowler who misses one or more frames by not being present and ready to bowl when it is their turn shall not be credited with any pins for frames missed.

   If an entrant is late for the doubles event, the entrant present shall bowl their singles first, if their partner has not arrived by the time they finish their singles event and a substitute cannot be found, the entrant present shall be permitted to bowl their doubles event without a partner.

9. **LOST SCORES:**
   In the event a game (or portion of a game) is irrevocably lost in the scoring Process, the game (or portion thereof) shall be bowled at a time and date determined by the Tournament Director.

10. **ENTRY CLOSING DATE:**
   Entries close December 1, 2019. Late entries may be accepted on a space available basis at an additional cost of $5 per person. NO WALKINS.

11. **FOR THOSE WITH RESERVATIONS:**
   ENTRY MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FRIDAY November 1, 2019 OR SPOTS MAY BE FORFEITED. All entries must have full fees included – no partial fees will be accepted.

12. **DRESS CODE:**
   The Michigan State USBC requests that all bowlers wear suitable attire while participating in the Tournament: Slacks or walking shorts to the knee and bowling shoes with collar preferred. UNUSUAL ATTIRE: Tank tops, Workout Attire: Shorts or shorts skirts, Bib Overalls, Tan or Unclean Jeans, Shirts or T-shirts with offensive language/pictures. Tournament management reserves the right to refuse participation to anyone deemed to be inappropriately attired without recourse. Attire needed for medical reasons must be discussed with Tournament management prior to participating in the Tournament.

13. **SMOKING:**
   Not allowed during competition including the use of E-cigarettes or Vapes. NO BREAK BETWEEN DOUBLES & SINGLES.

14. **EQUIPMENT:**
   See USBC Rule 16. Bowling Ball – Altering Surface – Doubles/Singles are run concurrently, therefore altering the surface of the ball between events is prohibited.

15. **Each participant is expected to exhibit good sportsmanship while participating in this tournament. The use of excessive foul language or improper conduct will result in the bowler being issued a warning. Additional violations will result in the immediate disqualification of the bowler from that event.**

16. **RULES OF GOVERNANCE:**
   Protests involving eligibility or playing rules must be filed in accordance with Rule 329. In case of scoring errors, they should be reported immediately upon discovery.

17. **In order for us to stay on schedule we will monitor squads times. The team event expected time is (3) hours and ten (10) minutes. The doubles/singles expected time for 3 bowlers on a lane is three (3) hours and thirty (30) minutes.**
**Open Championship – USBC Certified #4518**

Team Captain: __________________________ Phone: ____/______

Mailing Address: ____________________________________________

City/Zip: __________________________________________________

(Prize checks will be mailed to the above contact address for all winners on this entry)

Email: ______________________________________________________

(Confirmation will be sent to this email)

Entrants are members of what Local Association: __________________

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**TOURNAMENT DATES/TIMES**

**January:** 18-19, 25-26

**February:** 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 29 & March 1 (no bowling Super Bowl 1-2)

**March:** 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 28-29

**April:** 4-5, 18-19, 25-26 (no bowling Easter weekend 11/12)

**May:** 2-3

**SQUAD TIMES:**

**Team:** Doubles/Singles:

Saturdays: 9:00 am, 1:00 pm

Sundays: 9:00 am, 1:00 pm

**List 3 choices of Dates/Times:**

Is this a reserved date: Yes _____ No _____

Reservation Name: _________________________________

**Team** D / S

1st Choice: _________________________________

2nd Choice: _________________________________

3rd Choice: _________________________________

Choices will be honored ONLY if available

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**TEAM EVENT:** Teams wishing same dates and times MUST send in the same envelope

Team Name: ____________________________ We wish to cross with: _________________

Optional Scratch: Yes: __________ No: __________ To enter Team Scratch – All team members must enter

**List Names as they appear on USBC Membership card – No NICKNAMES**

USBC # Name Address City/Zip Average*

1. ________________________________________________________________

2. ________________________________________________________________

3. ________________________________________________________________

4. ________________________________________________________________

5. ________________________________________________________________

*See tournament rules for entering average requirements

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**DOUBLES/SINGLES EVENT:** Indicate if second doubles

List Doubles on one entry only - NO ¼ PAIRS (bowlers not listed above – list on back)

No change in lineup at Tournament Check-in – Substitute must take place of original entrant

You May Only enter All Events Once – No refunds for 2nd payments – Pay on First entry

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**ENTRY FEE CALCULATIONS**

**Team** @ $125 $____________

**Doubles** @ $50 per pair $____________

**Singles** @ $25 each $____________

**All Events Hdcp** @ $10 each $____________

**OPTIONAL SCRATCH EVENTS**

**Team** @ $50 $____________

**Doubles** @ $20 per pair $____________

**Singles** @ $10 each $____________

**All Events Scratch** @ $10 each $____________

**Total Fees THIS Entry** $____________

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Fees Enclosed: Yes ______ No ______

Please invoice me to use my credit card:

Email: ____________________________

Credit cards will be accepted for entry fees and will incur a 3% service charge. See back for more information.
IF BOWLING DOUBLES AND SINGLES ONLY (no team event) – please complete this section/otherwise DO NOT complete
List Names as they appear on USBC Membership card – No NICKNAMES

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Complete this section for those wishing to pay by credit card
Entry will not be processed until all fees have been paid

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Entry Fee Breakdown:
- Prize Fee ........................................... $10.00
- Lineage ................................................ $8.25
- Expense Fee .......................................... $6.75
- Total Per Person per Event ..................... $25.00
- Optional All Event Fee ........................... $10.00
- Optional Scratch Events/Per Person/Per Event... $10.00
- Prize Ratio is 1 in 5 entries....................
  ........................................................ Team, Doubles, Singles
- Prize Ratio is 1 in 10............................. All Events
- Prize Ratio is 1 in 10...... All Optional Scratch Events
  Prize Fees returned 100%

Please Note: ALL participants must be ADULT SANCTIONED
Youth Bowlers or Bowlers Under the Age of 18
Please be aware that participating in this tournament will violate both MHSAA & USBC eligibility rules.

Special Requests: (disabilities, needs, etc)
__________________________________________
__________________________________________

Please list participants to be considered for recognition on the squad.
Recognition will ONLY be given for Last year’s Champion(s), State Hall of Fame,
Current State Board Members and/or Current Association Presidents / Managers.
Name:______________________________________
Accomplishment/Position_____________________
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For additional names—please attach a note.

IMPORTANT – Please read
Squad announcements and practice will begin 20 minutes prior to Squad time – so bowlers need to be checked-in and on their lanes 20 minutes prior to listed squad time. There will be fresh oil for every squad. Squad times will be monitored – Team event should be completed in no more than 3 hours and ten minutes and Doubles/Singles should be completed in no more than 3 ½ hours.