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# **MAT-SU VALLEY USBC**

# **2025 OPEN CITY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

# **ENTRY FORM**

The undersigned, or their authorized replacements, hereby make entry into the 2025 Mat-Su Valley Open City Championships, and all agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the USBC and the Mat-Su Valley USBC Association (MSVUSBCA). MSVUSBCA shall be liable only to the extent of returning fees to entrants who are prevented from bowling in any event through premature termination (given 24-hour notice), or in the event of emergencies and causes beyond the control of the MSVUSBCA.

Entrants can also sign up by scanning the QR Code below

## A qr code on a screen Description automatically generatedSQUAD TIMES (FCFS with PAID entry only)

**1.** Tues: 1/21 @ 12:30pm (S/D) **2**. Tues: 1/21 @ 12:30pm (Team)

**3.** Tues: 1/21 @ 6:30pm (S/D) **4**. Tues: 1/21 @ 6:30pm (Team)

**5.** Wed: 1/22 @ 6:30pm (S/D) **6.** Wed: 1/22 @ 6:30pm (Team)

**7.** Thu: 1/23 @ 6:30pm (S/D) **8.** Thu: 1/23 @ 6:30pm (Team)

**9.**  Fri: 1/24 @ 6:30pm (S/D) **10.** Fri: 1/24 @ 6:30pm (Team)

**11.** Sat: 1/25 @ 10:00am (S/D) **12.** Sat: 1/25 @ 10:00am (Team)

**MSVUSBCA will add $100.00 to the prize fund per every 10 entries per event**

## Entries Close 1 Hour prior to squad time

## Handicap and Optional Scratch: Division I (Avg. 170-300) Division II (Avg. 0-169)

**\*\*$35.00 per person per event ($17.00 Prize Fund, $16.00 Lineage, $2.00 Expense Fee) \*\***

**Optional: All Events is $5.00 per person (Handicap)**

**Optional: All Events is $10.00 per person (Scratch)**

(All Events must be paid before you throw a ball in your first event)

TEAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Captain’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| Team Names – Squad # \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Ave | $35.00/Entrant Handicap | $5.00 Optional Scratch |
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| Doubles Names – Squad # \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Ave | $35.00/Entrant  Handicap | $5.00 Optional Scratch |
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| Doubles Names – Squad # \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Ave |  |  |
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| Singles Name | Ave | Squad # | $35.00/Entrant  Handicap | $5.00 Optional | $5.00 A/E | $10.00 A/E |
| Scratch | Handicap | Scratch |
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Make checks payable to **MSVUSBCA: NSF checks will result in DISQUALIFICATION**!

Total Fees submitted with this form (Office use only): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mat-Su Valley USBC 2025 OPEN CITY CHAMPIONSHIPS RULES

1. Unless otherwise stated, This Tournament shall be conducted in accordance with the USBC rules governing Local Association Tournaments and the USBC general playing rules. All entrants must be members in good standing with the Mat-Su Valley USBC Bowling Association and with USBC. To be eligible, a bowler must have a current local association sanction card. NO cards will be purchased at the time of the tournament.

2. Handicap and Optional Scratch events shall be as follows: Divisions I (Avg. 170-300) and II (Avg. 0-169) will be 90% of the difference between the individual's average and 220.

3. Entrants in the Open City Championships must use his/her highest local USBC certified league average regardless of whether bowled as a regular member or a substitute. The entrant shall use his/her highest local USBC average in the following order:

1. Previous winter season, provided they have bowled 21 or more games.

2. If no previous winter season average, an entrant shall use his/her highest local USBC certified league average as of the end of the previous summer season, provided he/she has bowled 21 games or more.

3. If no previous winter or summer league average, an entrant shall use his/her highest current local USBC certified league average for 21 games or more as of December 31, 2024.

4. An entrant without a 21-game average as of December 31, 2024, shall use his/her highest current average for 12 games or more as of the beginning date of Tournament.

5. Tournament average relief will be governed by USBC rule number 4e,

6. A composite average of a minimum of 12 games throughout MSUSBC association leagues combined, including leagues with less than 21 games bowled.

7. All others will bowl scratch.

4. A bowler must submit and use their adjusted local sport bowling league average utilizing the USBC Average Adjustment Scale (see USBC Rule 201) and identify themselves as a sport bowler if the bowler does not have a standard league average from the same season(s) specified in the Tournament’s entering rule as the sport bowling average.

5. USBC Rule 319a (10 pin rule) will apply. Rule 319d does not apply. Rule 319e is waived. If an entrant’s average is 10 pins higher than his/her yearbook, or as stated on his/her Tournament entry, by the beginning date of the Tournament, he/she will use that average.

6. All winners are subject to average verification by the Tournament Director.

7. Unlimited participation is permitted under the following provisions:

1. 4- Person Team event -Not more than 2 players on one Team can place more than once in the event in any division for position standings. The prize amount paid will be determined using tournamentbowl.com.

2. Doubles event -In no case shall the same 2-bowlers be permitted to place more than once in the prize list for position standings.

3. Singles event -In no case shall the same individual be permitted to place more than once in the prize list for position standings.

8. When a bowler competes more than once, his/her highest appearance in each event shall count toward his/her All Events score.

9. Changes can be made to the entrant's scheduled time with the approval of the Tournament Director.

10. USBC Rule 324b1 will apply: If a duly scheduled entrant is unable to bowl in the Team, Doubles or Singles events, the Captain shall have the right to substitute for a bowler. A substitute must be able to provide his/her highest average and must comply with all the rules herein. In the case of a disability of an entrant, after a game is started, a substitute will be permitted, if available, and the combined score shall count. This applies in the Team and Doubles events only.

11. Substitutes will be allowed when warranted. The tournament office should be advised of any changes as soon as possible. Substitutions made because of an emergency are subject to the approval of the Tournament Director. If the substitute's average changes the division in any event, the event will be reclassified. An entrant arriving late will be permitted to bowl, with his/her scores to count beginning with the frame being bowled.

12. Team Captains, Doubles, and Singles are to check in the entire Team 15 minutes before squad time.

13. The Doubles and the Singles Events will be bowled concurrently. Singles will be bowled first. If one bowler in a Doubles event has not arrived by the time the Doubles event begins, and a substitute is not available, his/her partner will be allowed to bowl his/her games in the Doubles event in order to qualify for All Events. If an entrant cannot bowl 6 games concurrently, he/she may be eligible to reschedule his/her Singles event with approval of the Tournament Director; pending squad and lane availability, and if he/she bowls his/her Singles event on a different scheduled squad, he/she will bowl his/her squad the same time other Single’s squads have been scheduled to bowl. In case of time delay between Doubles and Singles, an entrant is not allowed to leave the seating area without the permission of a Tournament official. Doubles/Singles events may have multiple groups per lane. There will be no lane changes during each squad.

14. When a Team is scheduled by itself on a pair of lanes, and it is not possible to schedule this event with another Team entered in the Tournament, the Team must bowl by itself on a pair of lanes. Singles entrants will not be permitted to bowl on a pair of lanes by his/herself. He/she will be able to bowl if there is room for them to bowl with a Doubles Team or a Team event. Pacers are not permitted.

15. No smoking, including the use of electronic cigarettes, and chewing tobacco, or substitute this/hereof, is permitted. NO beverages or food will be allowed in the bowling pit/settee area.

16. Each entrant must have a bowling ball for his/her individual use in the Tournament.

17. USBC Rule 12 will apply: The application of any foreign substance on any part of the approach that detracts from the possibility of any other players having normal conditions is prohibited. The use of any hand conditioners: powders, resin, etc. will not be permitted within the pit/settee area.

18. Once a bowler has taken his/her first shot, he/she shall continue to use that hand throughout the tournament. Rule 328 will apply.

19. USBC Rule 18 will apply: Altering the surface of a bowling ball by the use of abrasives while bowling in USBC competition is prohibited. Bowling balls cannot be cleaned with liquid substances or cleaning agents or have any foreign materials on the ball including but not limited to powder, rosin, marker, or paint. Only a clean and dry towel may be used, no isopropyl alcohol will be allowed. See the tournament director for use of other cleaners.

20. Prize fund will be returned 100% based on one in five entries for the Handicap and Optional Scratch, Team, Doubles and Singles events, per division (see entry form). All Events prize fund will be returned 100% based on one in ten entries. Optional All Events fees must be paid prior to the start of the bowler’s first event. An All Events entry may be transferred provided the transfer is made before the bowlers involved have participated in any event of the Tournament. In case of a tie, Co-Champions will be declared.

21. All prize funds shall be distributed within 30 days following the close of the Tournament, except when USBC has authorized delay in payment pending the settlement of a claim or protest which affects position standings.

22. Any protest affecting eligibility or general playing rules must be confirmed in writing to an Association official or USBC within 72 hours before the Tournament prize payments are made. Entrants may post their scores on the score sheet; ALL scores must be verified by a Tournament Lane Monitor, the opposing Team Captain, a Tournament Official, or a Board Member, prior to starting the next game. Errors in scoring must be reported to the Tournament Director within 24 hours.

23. Entries shall be accepted up to 1 Hour (60 minutes) prior to the squad time chosen on a space available basis. The Entry fees for the Team, Doubles, and Singles Handicap events shall be $35.00 per person per event. ($16.00 bowling fee; $17.00 prize fund; $2.00 expense fund). The Optional All Events Handicap will be $5.00 per person. The Optional Scratch event shall be $5.00 per person, per event. The Optional All Events Scratch will be $10.00 per person. The scores entered in the Scratch event are taken from this handicap Tournament as bowled by the Scratch entrant. These scores are bowled concurrently.

24. Equipment specifications changes: No balance holes will be permitted; all holes drilled must be used for gripping purposes on every delivery; and, no more than three (3) ounces of weight on any halves of the ball.

**NSF checks will result in disqualification**. **24-hour notice must be given prior to cancellation to be eligible for a refund.**