

GKFHUSBC Tournament Rules

1. GKFHUSBC tournaments: Mens/Womens/Open shall be open to all members in good standing of the USBC and this association. Local Adult Association dues is \$9. The Youth and singles tournaments are not closed to our association members. Anyone in good standing with USBC can bowl. Original entries USBC cards will be verified by the Association Manager.
2. PARTICIPATION AND MULTIPLE PARTICIPATION for tournaments with Team and Doubles/Singles events.
 - a. A bowler may enter either Team event or Singles & Doubles or both. Bowlers who enter Doubles must also enter Singles and vice-versa.
 - b. Bowlers may enter as many times as they wish, but no more than two members of the same team (Team event), the same two-member team (Doubles), nor the same bowler (Singles) may cash more than once. For bowlers bowling multiple times within an event, the highest set will be used to calculate All Events.
3. SUBSTITUTIONS. Substitutions are allowed but must be reported to the tournament director prior to the scheduled shift. In case of injury or illness, substitutions will be allowed with adjusted scoring. A substitute shall not participate in the "All Events" prize money unless he/she bowls all three (3) events as a substitute for the same member for whom she is substituting. Original bowler may transfer all events prior to either bowler bowling by providing a written request to tournament director. Substitutes are not required to reimburse original entrant with entry fee nor shall the substitute be expected to give original entrant any prize money or trophies. Pacers are not allowed. Substitutes may be asked to show current USBC for verification purposes. Lineup changes are not permitted.
4. TARDY PLAYERS. Any player or team arriving after the game has started will be allowed to bowl and the score(s) will count beginning in the frame then being bowled. No score will be given for frames missed. Late entries are not allowed for tournaments with on-site registration.
5. ENTRY FEE. Payment of entry fees must accompany entry applications. There shall be a \$25 fee on any returned checks. Bowlers with a returned check will not be permitted to write checks for future association tournaments. **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO GREATER KILLEEN FORT HOOD USBC.** Postdated checks will not be accepted. Entries postmarked later than one USPS business day after the entry closing date will not be accepted.
6. HANDICAP & ENTERING AVERAGE. Handicap is calculated on 3 game basis. ***Each bowler is responsible for verification of their own average whether submitted by self, their team captain or others. Tournament director reserves the right to rerate any bowler.***
 - a. **Rule A** - Bowlers will use the highest verifiable **2021-2022** winter USBC average of at least 21 or more games.
 - b. **Rule B** - If Rule A does not apply. Use the highest **2022** summer league average of at least 21 or more games.
 - c. **Rule C** - If Rule A, or B does not apply. Use the highest **2022-2023** current league average of at least 15 games as of date of participation. Bowler must provide league standing sheet.
 - d. **Rule D** – All others will bowl scratch.
7. SCHEDULING & CHECK-IN. Entries will be scheduled in order of receipt. Entrants will be notified by the tournament director only if they do not receive one of their requested squads. Schedules are posted on the website 5 days prior to the tournament. It is the bowlers' responsibility to verify the schedule and notify the tournament director, if there are any problems. Confirmations will be e-mailed to each team captain. The schedule will not be changed except for emergencies. Lanes will be assigned by the tournament director for each event and each event will be bowled on a pair of lanes. Check-in time is 30 minutes before the scheduled squad time. For those tournaments with onsite registration. Check In closes 15 minutes prior to squad start time.

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8. SCORING. A tournament entrant will not be allowed to re-bowl a game or series except as authorized by the tournament director when the scores are irretrievably lost from an automatic scoring device. Any scoring corrections must be accomplished prior to the end of the game.
9. PRIZES
 - a. Prize fees shall be returned 100% in each event collected. There will be at least 1 prize for every 5 entries in Team, Doubles & Singles events, and at least 1 for every 8 entries in All-Events. All cash awards shall be awarded on a handicap basis except the Scratch Events.
 - b. In the event of ties for first place in any event, co-champions shall be declared with prize money divided equally and duplicate chevrons awarded. Prize money for ties in any other position shall be divided equally among those tied.
 - c. Prize Funds will be distributed onsite for the singles tournaments immediately following the completion of bracket finals. Any ties in this format, we will conduct a 9th and 10th frame roll off to break the tie.
 - d. All youth bowlers will have their prize funds submitted to SMART after the tournament standings are finalized.
10. PROTESTS & APPEALS.
 - a. This tournament will be conducted in accordance with USBC rules and the tournament director shall decide any question not covered by these tournament rules.
 - b. The tournament director shall have authority to hear and act on all protests concerning the tournament. Any protest must be explicit and in writing as soon as possible after the infraction occurred. In no case will a protest be considered after the prize list has been paid.
11. UNAUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES. Brackets and high game/series side pots not approved by the tournament director shall not be conducted.
12. Qualification for Tournament of Champions. Bowlers winning first in any of the GKFHUSBC sanctioned tournaments will qualify to advance to the Tournament of Champions (TOC) at the end of the season. A bowler may only qualify once for the Tournament of Champions. If a bowler has previously qualified for the Tournament of Champions, the next bowler in placement will be offered a spot.
13. DIVISIONS

a. OPEN & MENS

	DIV 1 – Hdcp	DIV 2 - Hdcp
Team	760 & above	759 & below
Doubles	380 & above	379 & below
Singles & All Events	190 & above	189 & below

- b. WOMENS. The Womens Tournament only has 1 division for team, doubles and singles. All bowlers will bowl against each other. Handicap is based on 90% or 215.
- c. SENIOR. Senior Tournament only has 1 division for team and singles. All bowlers will bowl against each other.