

2026 CNMUSBC 87th Open Championship Tournament Rules

1. This tournament is open to all ADULT current Central New Mexico USBC members. Anyone wishing to participate who doesn't have a current USBC membership, may participate by paying a CNMUSBC MEMBERSHIP. A CNMUSBC membership is \$34.00 fee. A local membership for CNMUSBC may be purchased before participating in the tournament for \$15.00.
2. Reserved entries online entries close at midnight January 31, 2026. You may contact the CNMUSBC office for further assistance. Onsite entries close 1 hour before squad time unless the squad is full. 2a Walk in fee will be waived if a sequential to your paid registered event.
3. Entering average precedence: (A) Highest 2024-2025 USBC book average of 21 games or more. (B) If a bowler does not have 2024-25 season average a bowler may enter with a verified current average of 12 games or more as of their scheduled tournament date. (C) A bowler who does not have an average in accordance with A or B above must use a scratch average of 220 (Rule 319b). Bowlers must use their highest inter-association average. If your January 1, 2026 average of 21 games or more exceeds your 2024-25 average by 10 pins or more you must use the higher average. Rule 319-a-3 will apply. It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average whether submitted by the bowler, their team captain or others. Tournament management reserves the right to adjust a bowler's entering average to his/her USBC Championship average if it appears to be a more accurate representation of the bowler's true ability. **Bowlers who have established a qualifying average in a sport or sport condition league, must use an adjusted average based on the qualifying sport or sport condition average (failure to comply will result in disqualification).** Rule 319a (as modified above) and rule 319e apply. Rule 319d does not apply. **Handicap is 90% of 880 Team, 440 Doubles and 220 Singles and All Events.**
4. Awards will be presented to the highest SCRATCH winners in each division of Team, Doubles, Singles and All Events at an annual awards ceremony. Prize money paid into each event will be returned 100% to the winners in that event. Prize ratio: at least 1 in 6 including all events, handicap and scratch. Team, Doubles and Singles entry fee of \$35.00 per event is divided as follows: prize fund \$16.25 per event; lineage \$11.25 per event; expenses \$7.50 per event. Optional, Scratch Singles \$16.25: All Events \$10.00 handicap & \$10.00 scratch. Bowlers MUST pay for All Events prior to the start of their first event. Rule 306 applies. \$1.00 of All Events will be donated to BVL/Bowl for the Cure. There is Multiple All Event entries available with each complete entry of Team, Doubles & Singles
5. Bowlers may participate multiple times in Team, Doubles, Singles and All Events. If a bowler participates in either doubles or singles, they must participate in both. A bowler may cash only once in Singles, only once with the same Doubles partner, only once applicable All Events. Not more than 3 players on a team may cash together. (Rule 315b applies.)
6. NO MORE THAN 2 PROFESSIONAL BOWLERS ON A TEAM. ONLY 1 PROFESSIONAL BOWLER PER DOUBLES PAIR. (Defined as current member of PBA or Senior PBA.)
7. Entries will be scheduled ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS. Tournament Management may make changes in scheduling if necessary. Rule 314 applies. Tournament Management will assign lanes. Lineup shall be the same as shown on the entry form.
8. Protest: In USBC adult tournaments, a protest regarding eligibility or playing rules must be confirmed in writing and filed with tournament management within 72 hours of the infraction or prior to the payment of tournament prizes, whichever occurs first. (Rule 329).
9. Returned check fee is \$35.00 AND MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO YOUR SCHEDULED SQUAD TIME.
10. ENTRANTS ARE EXPECTED TO WEAR SUITABLE ATTIRE WHEN PARTICIPATING IN THE TOURNAMENT. Sleeved shirts, walking shorts, slacks are preferred. Skirts or skorts are permitted for female participants. **NO short shorts, skirts or skorts* (if a bowler's fingers are below the hemline, they are considered too short and not suitable)** UNSUITABLE ATTIRE: Tank tops* Halter tops*Tube Tops Workout Attire (e.g. -Sweatpants, Gym shorts) *Short Shorts, skirts or skorts* (if a bowler's fingers are below the hemline, the shorts are considered too short and not suitable)* Bib Overalls* Torn or Unclean Jeans* Shirts/T-shirts with offensive language/pictures*. VIOLATIONS: Entrants will be required to change to suitable attire. Entrants who refuse to wear suitable attire will not be allowed to bowl. TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT reserves the right to refuse participation to anyone deemed to be inappropriately attired without recourse. Improper tactics or conduct while participating in the tournament will be considered grounds for disqualification.(Rule 17b1 applies.)
11. All squads start promptly. Rule 322 applies entirely. Check in and report substitutions at least 30 minutes prior to your scheduled squad.
12. The lane condition for this tournament is a house pattern.
13. Face masks or other restrictions may be required by the house, per New Mexico State Public Health order.
14. All checks not cashed by 90 days of issue will be void and returned to the CNMUSBC Account.

[Submit entry with payment to USBC on BOWL.com](#)

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