

86th Annual New York State Open Championships
Conducted by the Empire State United States Bowling Congress Bowling Association
USBC Certified - Competition Dates: April 10 – May 16, 2010
HOSTS: NIAGARA FALLS AND TONAWANDAS USBC BOWLING ASSOCIATIONS

TEAM EVENT: Rapids Bowling Center
 9523 Niagara Falls Blvd., Niagara Falls NY 14304 — 716-297-2500
DOUBLES AND SINGLES EVENTS: Tonawanda Bowling Center
 574 Young St., Tonawanda NY 14150 — 716-694-4120
Entries close at 4:00 PM — May 16, 2010

Dates and Times:
 Saturdays April 10, 17, 25, May 1, 15 — 11 AM, 3 PM and 7 PM
 Sundays April 11, 18, 26, May 2, 16 — 9 AM, 12:30 PM and 4 PM

PLEASE COMPLETE AND SUBMIT WITH FEES TO:
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**Choices for Team
 Event and Doubles
 and Singles Event:**

	Team Date	Team Time	D/S Date	D/S Time
First Choice:				
Second Choice				

Team Name:

Bowlers Name (Must bowl in order listed)	Check if Captain	Address, City, State, Zip, E-Mail Address	USBC ID Number	Average (See Rule 7)
1)				
2)				
3)				
4)				
5)				

Enter required information below for extra bowler entered in doubles and singles only on this entry

6)				
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Doubles & Singles (Must bowl in listed order)	Check box for all events
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ENTRY NUMBER:		
Team Entry @		
Doubles Entries @		
Singles Entries@		
All Events Entries @		
Grand Total		

TOURNAMENT RULES AND INFORMATION

ALL TOURNAMENT COMPETITION WILL BE IN STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH USBC RULES

This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (USBC).

Any USBC certified tournament rule not specifically stated, waived or modified in these rules will apply to this tournament where applicable

1. This Competition in the tournament will consist of a five-player team event, a doubles event, a singles event and a nine game all events (the total of team, doubles and singles scores).
2. Multiple Participation will be allowed. In order to place more than once in the prize list for position standings:
 - Team – At least two players in the lineup must be different.
 - Doubles – At least one player in the lineup must be different
 - Singles event, - the same individual can not place more than once.

The bowler's first appearance in each event counts towards their all-events total.
4. No doubles only or singles only entries will be accepted. No split entries will be accepted. Bowlers must enter both doubles and singles events. The Empire State USBCBA is not responsible for obtaining doubles and singles partners for any entries.
5. All entrants must be members of USBC and the Empire State USBC BA. Membership cards must be presented at tournament check-in. USBC dues of \$21.00 will be assessed to each bowler not in possession of a USBC card for current members.
6. Any team or individual entered in the tournament failing to appear on the lanes when scheduled to bowl, will forfeit the entry unless the Tournament Manager finds sufficient reason for granting a postponement. Any team or individual arriving late will begin bowling with the score counting beginning with the frame then being bowled.
7. The entrants whose names appear on the entry blank or their authorized replacements will and do agree that the USBC officers and agents will be liable only to the extent of returning entry fees and when these entrants will be prevented from bowling any events in this tournament through delay, unexpected yet necessary schedule change, or premature termination of the tournament, which may be brought about by war, lockouts, labor difficulties or other causes beyond the control of the USBC.
8. ENTERING AVERAGES - Entrants will use their highest USBC certified league average based on a minimum of 21 games or more for the previous season. If current season's certified league average for 21 games or more as of April 1, 2010 is 10 pins or more above player's 2008-2009 USBC certified league average, then current season's USBC certified league average must be used. If a bowler has no USBC certified league average from the 2008-2009 season, then use the highest current season's USBC certified league average for 21 games or more as of April 1, 2010. All others will bowl scratch. USBC rule 319a-3 will apply.
9. HANDICAP RULES - Handicap will be based on 100% of the difference between the bowler's average and a scratch score of 230. Team handicap for the five player team event will be computed by adding the individual handicaps of the five bowlers entered. Likewise, handicaps for the doubles event will be computed the same way.
10. When an injury, emergency or other reason may require a change in the lineup after a game has started, USBC rule 324b will apply with proper handicap changes being made by Tournament Management. When a substitute enters a game already in progress, the handicap will be prorated based on number of frames bowled by each individual.
11. RE-RATING REQUIREMENTS - Re-rating will apply in this tournament. All bowlers must report all scores bowled in tournaments, and all cash prize winnings of \$600 or more for the past year to April 1, 2010. USBC rules 319c, 319d and 319e will apply.
12. REPLACEMENTS/SUBSTITUTES - Replacements and/or Substitutes must be made by the team captain or designated person on the team with approval of the original tournament entrant. There is no re-arranging of bowlers once entry has been processed. Refer to rule 324b regarding substitute bowlers during a game/or series.
13. LANE ASSIGNMENTS - Lanes will be assigned by the Tournament Manager starting with the center lanes and working out. Entries obtained before the tournament starts will have the advantage in this method as lanes will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.
14. CASH PRIZES and CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS - The Tournament prize list will be posted on the internet prior to distribution. Cash prizes will be awarded to the handicap scores and top five scratch scores in all four events. In the event a score qualifies for both the scratch and handicap prize in the same event, only the prize of higher value will be paid. In the event of a tie, the scratch prize will be paid.
 - Awards will be presented to the Scratch and Handicap winners of the four events. The bowlers with the highest scores in each division will be declared STATE CHAMPIONS in each event. In all events, the bowler with the highest scratch and handicap score will be the CHAMPION regardless of whether he/she paid the entry fee for that event. Team Sponsor Plaques will be awarded to the Championship Teams (Scratch & Handicap). Also, the Scratch All Events winner will receive a paid entry to the USBC Masters Tournament in 2011.
15. ENTRY FEE BREAKDOWN - Fees to enter this tournament are \$175.00 for a five player team; \$70.00 for doubles; \$35.00 for singles and \$10.00 for all events. Prize fee will be returned 100%. Prizes to be paid on a ratio of at least 1 in 5.

Prize Distribution	Team	Doubles	Singles	All-Events
Prize Fee	\$116.25	\$46.50	\$23.25	\$10.00
Bowling Fee	\$33.75	\$13.50	\$6.75	
Expense Fee	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	
TOTALS	\$175.00	\$70.00	\$35.00	\$10.00

- The tournament manager reserves the right to cancel any date or squad due to insufficient number of entries.
- **\$5.00 will be assessed for each player per event for walk-in entries.**
- **There will be a \$30.00 charge for all NSF and returned checks.**
- There will be no tournament bowling on Mother's Day weekend (May 8-9, 2010)