

**69<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL**  
**GEORGIA State USBC**  
**Bowling Association**

**Open Championship**

Certified by the United States Bowling Congress

CONDUCTED BY

**Greater Savannah USBC**

**Team Center**

AMF Savannah Lanes  
115 Tibet Avenue  
Savannah, GA 31406  
(912) 925-0320

**Singles & Doubles**

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Tournament Dates: Apr 21-22, Apr 28-29, May 5-6, and 12-13, 2018  
GEORGIA STATE BA ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DIRECTORS MEETING, April 20, 2018  
GEORGIA STATE BA ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DELEGATES MEETING, April 21, 2018

**Host Hotel – Hilton Garden Inn Savannah Midtown**

5711 Abercorn Street  
Savannah, GA 31405

Reservations Telephone (912) 652-9300

**Hotel Rates \$129/\$139 (See Back Page)**

**ENTRY FEE PER BOWLER, PER EVENT**

	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>DOUBLES</b>	<b>SINGLES</b>
<b>PRIZE FEE</b>	<b>\$14.00</b>	<b>\$14.00</b>	<b>\$14.00</b>
<b>BOWLING FEE</b>	<b>\$11.50</b>	<b>\$11.50</b>	<b>\$11.50</b>
<b>EXPENSE FEE</b>	<b>\$ 2.50</b>	<b>\$ 2.50</b>	<b>\$ 2.50</b>

**Total Per Event = \$28.00**

**Handicap All Events (Optional) \$6.00 Per Bowler Scratch All Events (Optional) \$6.00 Per Bowler**

**Divisions will be Team: 720 & Above and Under 720**

**Doubles: Over 380, 340 to 380, and Under 340; Singles: Over 190, 170 to 190, and Under 170**

**Reserved Entry Deadline: March 11, 2018**

(February 11, 2018 Deadline for GSBA Directors and Delegates for Weekend of April 21-22)

**HANDICAP BASED ON 90% DIFFERENCE OF BOWLERS AVERAGE AND 230**

MULTIPLE ENTRIES PERMITTED – SEE RULE 7

**MAIL ENTRIES TO:**

Joe Spain (Assn Mgr)

GA STATE USBC Open Championship

P.O. Box 517 Roswell, GA 30077

PHONE (770) 709-3250 or Fax (678) 770-4342

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: G.S.B.A. TOURNAMENT FUND**

**\$30.00 Fee will be charged for all returned checks**

While tournament management reserves the right to rerate an entrant, such rerating or adjusting of their legal average must be accomplished before the contestant starts to bowl

**WEBSITE: [www.gasba.net](http://www.gasba.net)**

Entry No
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Team Schedule: Apr 21-22, 28-29, May 5-6, 12-13  
 Times: 8:30 am, 1:30 pm  
 Sgls/Dbls Schedule: Apr 21-22, 28-29, May 5-6, 12-13  
 Times: 8:30 am, 1:30 pm

**Squads on Meeting Weekend (April 21-22) are reserved for GSBA Directors and Delegates until February 11, 2018**

SELECT TEAM DATES		
	DATE	TIME
1st		
2nd		
3rd		
SELECT SINGLES /DOUBLES DATES		
	DATE	TIME
1st		
2nd		
3rd		

CAPTAIN INFORMATION								
Name _____		Address _____						
City _____		State _____	ZIP _____	Phone ( ) _____				
e-mail: _____								
Team Name				Local Association Name				
Names of Bowlers in Lineup		USBC #	2016-2017 Avg	2016-2017 Comp Avg*	Jan 1, 2018 Avg**	Prize \$\$ prev 12 mos***		
1.								
2.								
3.								
4.								
Doubles Pairings								
	Bowler Name (Doubles entries must be complete. Do not split pairs.)	Team \$28 each bowler	Sgl/DbI \$56 each bowler	A.E. Hdcp \$6 Ea	A.E Sct \$6		Avg.	Dbls. Pair Avg.
	1.							*****
	2.							
	1.							*****
	2.							
Entry Account Totals		\$112.00	\$	\$	\$			Total \$

(\*) Bowlers must use **HIGHEST** of either; i) 2016-2017 single USBC league average of 21 or more games **OR** (ii) 2016-2017 composite average of ALL USBC leagues, including leagues with less than 21 games.  
 (\*\*) Ten Pin Rule **DOES** apply. (See Tournament Rule 4)  
 (\*\*\*) If Prize Winnings are reported above, please provide date, position and amount awarded.

**AMT RECD** \_\_\_\_\_ **CK NO** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE RECD** \_\_\_\_\_

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# TOURNAMENT RULES

- 1. ELIGIBILITY:** USBC and GSBA rules will govern this tournament. Competition is restricted to members of the Georgia State Bowling Association (GSBA), who are members of a local bowling association within the state. Non-members living within the jurisdictional boundaries of chartered associations served by the GSBA, who are not members of another association, may enter by paying an affiliate membership fee. (USBC ARTICLE 3, Sect. B) **Bowlers will be required to show their USBC card.**
- 2. Reserved Entry Deadline:** Reserved entries close midnight March 11, 2018. (USBC RULE 310a) Any entries received after this date may be accepted to fill openings in any shift.
- 3. Fees and Prizes:** Prize, bowling, and expense fee shall be established as defined on the front of the entry. All Events (Optional): Handicap - \$6.00, Scratch - \$6.00 (\$1 of each All Events entry will be allocated as expense for bowling affiliated donations.) **All fees must accompany entry form, or entry will not be processed.** The tournament will be conducted on a handicap basis. Team Divisions will be based on Team averages 'Under 720' and '720 & Above.' Doubles Divisions will be based on Pair averages of 'Under 340,' '340 to 380,' and 'Over 380.' Singles Divisions will be based on averages 'Under 170,' '170 to 190,' and 'Over 190.' All Divisions, including All Events Handicap and Scratch will have at least one prize for each ten (10) entries. Bowlers may win in both Handicap and Scratch if scores and All Events fees warrant.
- 4. Averages and Handicap:** (a) Entrants must use the HIGHEST AVERAGE of EITHER their 2016-2017 highest single USBC league average based on a minimum of 21 games OR a composite average of all 2016-2017 USBC leagues, including leagues with less than 21 games bowled; unless their highest average for the 2017-2018 season is ten (10) pins or more higher with at least 21 games, as of January 1, 2018. If no 2016-2017 single USBC league average or 2016-2017 composite average, the highest Jan. 1, 2018 average (21 or more games) must be used. If a bowler has none of the previous averages but will have 21 or more games by the March 11, 2018 reserved entry deadline, the March 11, 2018 average may be used. A letter of verification from the league secretary must accompany the entry form for current year average, or verification must be received by the tournament director within seventy-two (72) hours after the event has been bowled. **ALL OTHERS MUST BOWL SCRATCH.** (USBC RULE 17 and 319a will be enforced.) (b) Handicap will be computed on 90% of the difference between entering average and 230. Handicap will be applied on an individual basis on each three game series. (c) Tournament prizes will not be awarded until the winners' averages are verified. (d) No more than two (2) PBA members may be on one team, nor more than one (1) PBA member on a Doubles pair.
- 5. USBC RULE 322a will be strictly enforced.**
- 6. LINEUP & SUBSTITUTES:** Entrants shall not change their position in any team lineup after confirmation has been accepted by the Team Captain. If a substitution is desired, it must be made in the Tournament office at least 60 minutes prior to the time said entrant is scheduled to bowl; the **substitute must bowl in the position of the original team member.** In event of a substitution within a game, the highest average bowler's handicap will be used for the game.
- 7. MULTIPLE PARTICIPATION:** Individuals are permitted to bowl twice in team event only. Teams must have at least two (2) different members in order to cash more than once. **IF A BOWLER ENTERS SINGLES, THEY MUST ALSO ENTER DOUBLES, AND VICE VERSA.**
- 8. ERRORS, CLAIMS, AND PROTESTS:** (A) Errors in computer scoring must be reported before the game is cleared from the screen to be corrected. (b) All claims for prize money must be made within 30 days after receipt of the prize list, or claims will be disallowed. Such claims must be made in writing to the Tournament Director. (c) Any protest affecting eligibility or general playing rules must be confirmed in writing to a responsible tournament official or to USBC before the Tournament Prize payments are made. (d) The computer score is official.
- 9. SCHEDULING:** (a) Preference in dates and times will be given in the order entries are received, excepting squads reserved for the directors and delegates of the GSBA. (b) **No entry blank will be accepted without entry fees, and it must be completed or priority will be forfeited and the entry blank returned.** To be eligible for All Events Handicap or Scratch, the fee per must accompany the entry.
- 10. SPECIAL AWARDS:** (A) Awards will be given to the Champion Team members, Doubles partners, and Singles winners in each division. A Handicap All Events winner and Scratch All Events winner whether entered in the All Events prize fund or not, will receive an award. The All Events Scratch winner will also be entered into the USBC Masters in 2019, with entry fees to be paid, and expenses defrayed to as great a degree as possible if the bowler actually bowls in the event. The entry fee is not transferrable.

## ATTENTION BOWLERS

USBC RULE 319D: Bowlers who have qualified for a cash and/or merchandise prize of \$600.00 or more in any event in a Tournament within the previous 12 month period, even though payment of the prize has not been made, must report Actual Score, Position, and Amount won to the Tournament at the time of bowling for possible re-rating. Tournament management reserves the right to re-rate any entrant prior to bowling. If the entrant refuses to re-rate, entry fees will be refunded. Entrants have the right to appeal any re-rate to USBC within 10 days of the date of bowling.

USBC RULE 319a-3: Bowlers shall be responsible for verifying the accuracy of their average whether originally submitted by the bowler, their team captain, or others. Failure to use the proper average or make a correction prior to competition of their first game shall disqualify the score, if lower than the actual average; if submitted average is higher, it shall serve to base prize winnings.

Tournament Director reserves the right to reverse events in order to fulfill entrants' time choice. If preference times are filled, entries will be scheduled on the best remaining times.

Tournament Director reserves the right to add additional shifts as deemed necessary and also extend the tournament deadline.

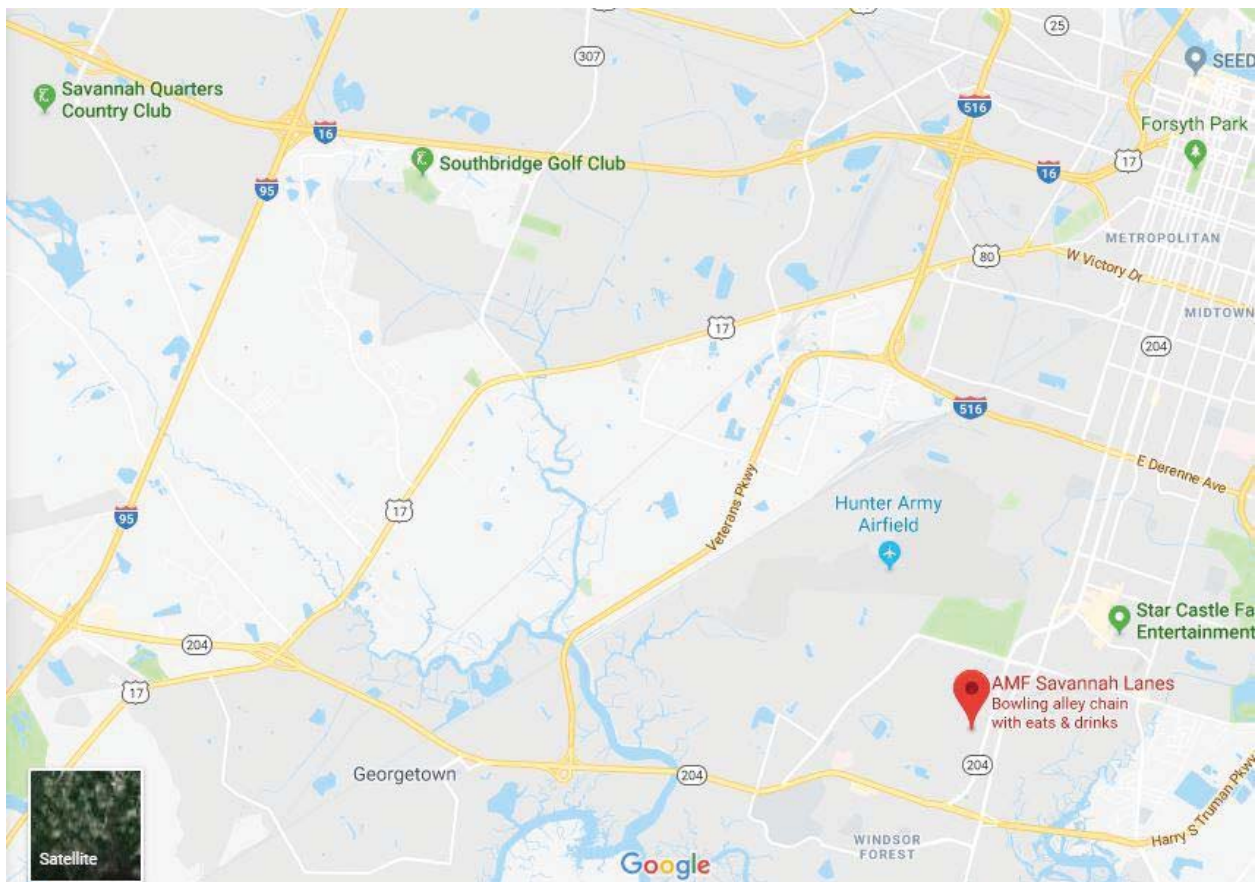
Any bowler that has been re-rated in any tournament in the past 12 months must report entering average and re-rated average to tournament director prior to bowling. Failure to do so will result in the disqualification of the bowler.

**DRESS CODE:** Men and women participants must wear a shirt with a butterfly type collar or acceptable mock collar, and casual slacks, trousers, jeans, culottes, or shorts of acceptable length. During participation in any event, bowlers are not permitted to wear hats or other headgear, sweats, short shorts, or skirts. All clothing must be neat, clean, and in good condition.

Violators will not be allowed to participate in that event. No eating, drinking or smoking will be allowed within the settee area or other areas designated by bowling center management.

Tournament management reserves the right to make all final decisions on the dress code.

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**From I-16**

I-16 East to Savannah  
Exit 164A – I-516 South Lynes Pkwy  
Turn Right onto White Bluff Road  
Turn Right onto Abercorn Street  
Turn Right onto Tibet Avenue  
Bowling Center is on the Left

**From I-95** from North or South

From North – Exit 94 (Hwy 204/Abercorn St)  
Turn Left off of exit onto Abercorn Ext  
Turn left onto Tibet Avenue  
Bowling Center is on the Left

From South – Exit 94 (Hwy 204/Abercorn St)  
Turn Right onto Abercorn Ext  
Turn Left onto Tibet Avenue  
Bowling Center is on the Left