

2016 Helena USBC Open City Tournament  
February 7, 2016 – February 21, 2016  
Sleeping Giant Lanes

Entry will be open to current adult members of the Helena USBC Bowling Association.

The tournament shall consist of a five person team event, a doubles event and a singles event, and an optional handicap and optional scratch all events. Three consecutive games shall be bowled in each event, and the total pin count plus handicap shall determine the winners. The total pin count of nine games plus handicap shall determine the handicap all events winner. Handicap will be a three-game handicap.

**TEAM EVENT:** You may bowl as often as you wish with no more than three (3) USBC members competing together more than once. Competition during league play only can consist of all 5 team bowlers scoring on the same night of entry during the same shift.

**DOUBLES/SINGLES:** You may enter this event only once and must bowl both the Doubles and Single event.

<b>SQUAD TIMES</b>	
<b>Dates</b>	<b>TEAM Event</b>
<b>Feb 7 – Feb 19</b>	League play (2 wks.)
	<b>TEAM &amp; Double-Singles Events</b>
<b>Feb 20</b>	9:00 AM, 12:30 PM
	5:00 PM
<b>Feb 21</b>	10:00 AM, 2:00 PM

This is an USBC handicap tournament. **Handicap will be based on 90% of a 230 average.**

**DIVISIONS:** Players will be divided into two divisions. The breakdown is as follows:

	<b>DIVISION A</b>	<b>DIVISION B</b>
<b>TEAM</b>	900 and over	899 and under
<b>DOUBLES</b>	360 and over	359 and under
<b>SINGLES</b>	180 and over	179 and under

**Cost Information:**

Cost per event:     \$ 20.00  
Lineage               \$ 9.00  
Prize Fee             \$ 8.50  
Expense Fee         \$2.50

**Optional Events**

All Events – Handicap     \$ 2.00  
All Events – Scratch       \$ 2.00

Note: all entrants in optional events are combined into  
A single division.

Prize fees are returned 100%. Prize ratio will be at least 1 for 5 for Team, at least 1 for 6 for Doubles and Singles and at least 1 for 10 for All Events.

In addition to prize monies, USBC Chevrons will be given to the winners in each handicap event. **No plaques or awards will be presented.** If there is a tie for first place in any event, the first and second place prize money shall be divided equally and duplicate emblems shall be awarded. If there is a tie for any other place in any event, the prize money shall be divided equally.

The tournament is open to members of the Helena USBC Association **ONLY**. To be eligible to participate in the city tournament a bowler must have been a member of the association for at least 30 days prior to the start of League Play portion of HUSBC City Tournament, and have at least 15 games in a HUSBC sanctioned league. League Play is only valid at Sleeping Giant Lanes.

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If a bowler is entered into more than one team, **ONLY** their first team score will count towards the All-Events total.

**Each bowler shall be responsible for submitting their highest 2014/2015 Year End Average (of at least 21 games).** If a bowler does not have a 2014/2015 Year End Average (of at least 21 games), they may use their highest January 1, 2016 Average (of at least 21 games). If a bowler has no prior year or January 1, 2016 average, they may use their highest current USBC average as of February 6, 2016 (of at least 21 games). All others may enter but will bowl without the benefit of handicap. **If a bowler's January 1, 2016 average (of at least 21 games) is 10 pins or higher than the prior season year-end average, the higher average will be used.**

Entry forms along with payment are to be submitted to Sleeping Giant Lanes or to a Tournament Coordinator. Reservations will be taken without payment but the money must be received within seven days of reserved shift time/date, or before you bowl, whichever occurs first.

Substitutes who meet the requirements of tournament rule #2 are allowed when replacement is necessary. The Tournament Desk and/or Manager should be advised of substitutes at least **ONE HOUR** before the scheduled bowling time, if possible. In case of disability after a game has started, a substitute shall be allowed, if one is available, in the team and doubles event only. The combined scores of both bowlers are to count in either of these events. Prize fund money to be awarded to the person whom starts that said event to be divided by both parties agreement. If no substitute is available, only the actual score of the frames bowled shall be counted, zero for all frames after. A substitute will not be required to reimburse the original entrant with the entry fee paid nor shall the substitute be expected to give the original entrant any prize money or trophy he/she may win. The substitute will take the place of the original bowler in the lineup.

**Entries will close at 1:30 pm on February 21, 2016, unless the schedule is full prior to February 21, 2016.**

The Board of Directors of the Helena USBC Association or a smaller committee consisting of not less than five (5) members may re-rate the league USBC average of an entrant in this tournament when and if this average does not represent entrants true ability. USBC Rule #319, section d, tournament prize winnings, will not apply for this tournament. All participants must be familiar with the re-rating requirement of USBC rule #319, section e, a copy of which will be on display at each tournament site.

**Summary:**

1. Tournament will be held only one weekend, February 20 & 21, 2016 with an option to bowl a team event during league play the two weeks prior (February 7<sup>th</sup> through February 19<sup>th</sup>).
2. An option to bowl team during league's scheduled play as well as on the weekend is now offered. For each team event bowled during league play it will allow for payouts to be bigger, due to lineage being paid for thru league dues. This means, a portion of the tournament lineage would go to prize fund.
3. Lanes will be dressed the same for leagues during the week of 2/7/16 thru 2/19/16 as well, to level the playing field.
4. Team slots will still be available on the weekend as well as the Doubles and Singles Events.
5. Team entry (during league play) will be paid in full prior to bowling that night.
6. Teams can be made up of members bowling on any pair of lanes. Only requirement being: All entry team bowlers must bowl during the same night.

**CHECK IN TIME: THIRTY (30) MINUTES PRIOR TO SHIFT START TIME!**

**ALL SHIFTS WILL BEGIN ON TIME!  
GOOD LUCK AND HAVE FUN!**