107th ANNUAL

Fort Wayne OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

PRESENTED BY

FORT WAYNE METRO USBC

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

TEAM EVENT

PRO BOWL WEST
1455 GOSHEN ROAD
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA, 46808

SHIFT DATES (ALL 10:00 A.M.)

Saturday, January 2nd	SQUAD 1
Sunday, January 3rd	SQUAD 2
Saturday, January 9th	SQUAD 3
Sunday, January 10th	SQUAD 4
Sunday, January 17th	SQUAD 5
Sunday, January 24th	SQUAD 6

DOUBLES / SINGLES

THUNDER BOWL #1
6700 LAFAYETTE STREET
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA, 46816

SHIFT DATES (ALL 10:00 A.M.)

Saturday, January 2nd
Sunday, January 3rd
Saturday, January 16th
Sunday, January 17th
Saturday, January 23rd
Sunday, January 24th

2027 FORT WAYNE METRO USBC OPEN CITY CHAMPIONSHIPS - RULES

1. **ELIGIBILITY**: The Ft. Wayne Metro USBC Open Championships are open for bowlers who compete in any designated Ft. Wayne Metro USBC League. To be eligible to enter this tournament you must A) Have a Ft. Wayne Metro USBC Sanction Card or a Ft. Wayne Metro USBC associate card, B) Must be CURRENTLY competing in a Fort Wayne Metro USBC sanctioned league with a minimum 12 game average as of January 1st, 2027. BOWLERS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF ADJACENT INDIANA ASSOCIATIONS (ADAMS CO., BLACKFORD CO., DEKALB CO., ELKHART CO., FULTON CO., GRANT CO., JAY CO., KOSCIUSKO CO., NOBLE CO., STEUBEN CO., WABASH CO.) MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO ENTER AT THE COST OF $10/PERSON LOCAL SANCTION AND PROOF OF 2026-2027 NATIONAL SANCTION IN ADDITION TO STANDARD ENTRY FEE.

2. **AVERAGES**: Averages are for handicap purposes only. Averages will be based on the highest from the 2025-2026 yearbook. If a competitor does not have a yearbook average (2025-2026) then the player will use their HIGHEST CURRENT AVERAGE in a Fort Wayne Metro USBC (or adjacent association) sanctioned league as of January 1st, 2027 with a minimum of 12 games completed. The "10 Pin Rule *WILL BE IN EFFECT*. Bowlers who have an average as of January 1st, 2027 that is 10 or more pins higher than their previous season average (*MINIMUM 21 GAMES*) must declare highest average the 1st time bowling in tournament and current average will be used. ***This tournament is handicapped at 80% from 210 FOR "CLASSIFIED" DIVISIONS. "STANDARD" DIVISION WILL BE "SCRATCH" AND WILL BE FOR ALL BOWLERS WITH AVERAGES 210 & HIGHER.*** The tournament manager may adjust an entrant's average prior to bowling (USBC RULE 319 C & E). Such adjustment may be appealed to the USBC within 15 days of the date of bowling or prior to the payment of prizes, whichever comes first. If the entrant chooses not to bowl with the adjusted average, the entrant's entry fee shall be refunded before the start of the tournament.

3. **MEMBERSHIP / ROSTERS**: Team Captain's Responsibility: The team captain will be responsible to make any changes to the line-up no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of competition on each shift. All team captains will check into the tournament office no later than one half hour prior to the start of a shift. No subs will be used without proper verification of membership. Special requests will be honored when both entries are submitted at the same time.

4. **PARTICIPATION**: Eligible bowlers may enter more than once in the 5-person team event. No more than THREE (**3**) players can compete on the same team more than once. Bowlers can compete TWICE (**2 TIMES**) in Doubles and TWICE (**2 TIMES**) in Singles. **NO SINGLES ONLY ENTRIES!** First team score, doubles score, and singles score will count for ALL EVENTS.

NOTE FOR SINGLES COMPETITION: Participants may not contest a "DOUBLES ONLY" set prior to completing their SINGLES competition if entered. Players participating in Singles MUST do so on the first (and second if desired) shift competing in doubles. NO "Doubles Only" set prior to scheduled "Doubles & Singles" shift.

5. **DIVISION BREAKDOWN**: For 2027, there will be ONLY TWO divisions of competiton:

DIVISION	TEAM	DOUBLES	SINGLES
1 (STANDARD)	1050 & ABOVE	420 & ABOVE	210 & ABOVE
2 (CLASSIFIED)	1049 & UNDER	419 & UNDER	209 & UNDER

PLAYERS ELIGIBLE FOR DIVISION 2 MAY DECLARE DIVISION 1 if so desired, but will forfeit eligibility in respective divisions originally assigned.

6. **AWARDS & PRIZES / SPONSORSHIP:** All prize money returned 100%. Prize monies and trophies will be awarded in EACH OF THE TWO DIVISIONS. The ratio of prizes in EACH division shall not be less than one (1) prize to each five (5) entrants in TEAM, DOUBLES, and SINGLES. The ratio of one (1) prize to each ten (10) entrants in All-Events (HANDICAP & SCRATCH). All sponsorship monies received by the Fort Wayne Metro USBC will be used to supplement the prize fund. Any bowler who places first in either All-Events category, but has not entered and paid the extra entry fee will forfeit the prize monies to the next highest eligible competitor. **PARTICIPANTS MAY ONLY CASH ONCE IN SINGLES!**

7. **CHECK-IN PROCEDURE / TOURNAMENT MANAGER AUTHORITY**: RESERVATIONS will be accepted but must be paid by the reservation deadline, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29th, 2026 or reservation may not be honored. ALL MONIES MUST be included with entry blank. Any changes in line-ups must be submitted prior to the start of the participant's respective shift. **All captains MUST report 30 minutes before bowling and will be held responsible for submitting correct averages**. LATE ENTRIES will be accepted but NO "WALK-IN" entries the day of competition. Participants wanting to compete on a desired shift may request to do so based on lane availability by the THURSDAY prior to the desired shift. Participants WILL be assessed a **$15.00 PER PERSON & PER EVENT SURCHARGE**.

8. **TIME RULES / LIMITS**: Any player or team arriving late shall begin play and the score(s) shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. A time limit has been put in place for this year's tournament. A duration of **3:15 HOURS** will be the respective time limit for each shift in TEAM EVENT. A duration of **4:00 HOURS** will be the respective time limit for each shift in DOUBLES / SINGLES. ***FAILURE TO COMPLETE IN DESIGNATED TIME WILL RESULT IN SCORES BEING MARKED AS ZERO FOR FRAMES MISSED.***

9. **VERIFICATION**: Any bowler or bowlers with scores of 750 or better in singles, 1450 or better in doubles, 3450 or better in the team event may be requested/required to provide average verification by a league secretary and returned to the Association office no later than one week from when the scores were bowled, or scores may be disqualified. Any bowlers with 210 averages or above will not have to be verified.

10. **EQUIPMENT**: Any new bowling balls manufactured and approved by USBC, but NOT worldwide released by January 1st, 2027 will NOT be allowed in competition. The penalty for non-compliance will be immediate disqualification of the bowler in the event. All bowling balls MUST meet the standard USBC 78d hardness rule. No balance holes will be permitted in ANY balls used in competition. All holes drilled must be used for gripping purposes on every delivery. No more than three (3) ounces of weight on any halves of the ball. Violation of tournament rules will carry the penalty of disqualification of the bowler with no refund. **ALL TWO-HANDED PLAYERS MUST HAVE AN "X" MARKED ON THEIR BALL TO INDICATE WHERE THEIR PALM IS PLACED DURING COMPETITION**.

11. **LANE ETIQUETTE**: Bowlers are expected to be in designated bowlers' area and ready to bowl when applicable. No more than THREE (3) re-racks will be permitted per participant, per event unless authorized by a designated tournament official.

12. **ALL USBC RULES WILL BE IN EFFECT.** ANY and ALL rules not covered above will default back to the 2026-2027 USBC National Rulebook.

13. **ENTRY FEES**: The entry fees for each bowler will be $40.00 per person per event. An optional fee for "ALL EVENTS" in both Handicap ($10) **OR** Scratch ($10) will be charged for those wanting to compete. All entry fees are to accompany entry blank at time of submission. Any overages or shortages must be completed prior to the start of the tournament or entrants will be disqualified. No monies will be collected at the tournament site office for entry fees.

ENTRY FEE BREAKDOWN				
EVENT	PRIZE	LINEAGE	EXPENSE	TOTAL
TEAM	$115.00	$60.00	$25.00	**$200.00**
DOUBLES	$46.00	$24.00	$10.00	**$80.00**
SINGLES	$23.00	$12.00	$5.00	**$40.00**
AE SCRATCH	$10.00			**$10.00**
AE HANDICAP	$10.00			**$10.00**

PLAYERS MUST DECLARE "SCRATCH" or "HANDICAP" for ALL EVENTS. PLAYERS ARE PROHIBITED FROM PARTICIPATING IN BOTH.

CAPTAIN'S INFORMATION									
TEAM NAME:				TEAM CAPTAIN:					
ADDRESS:		CITY:		STATE:		ZIP:			
PHONE:		EMAIL:							

BOWLER ROSTER									
BOWLER 1 NAME:				USBC I.D. #					
ADDRESS:		CITY:		STATE:		ZIP:			
PHONE:		EMAIL:							
AVG:		CENTER		LEAGUE:					
BOWLER 2 NAME:				USBC I.D. #					
ADDRESS:		CITY:		STATE:		ZIP:			
PHONE:		EMAIL:							
AVG:		CENTER		LEAGUE:					
BOWLER 3 NAME:				USBC I.D. #					
ADDRESS:		CITY:		STATE:		ZIP:			
PHONE:		EMAIL:							
AVG:		CENTER		LEAGUE:					
BOWLER 4 NAME:				USBC I.D. #					
ADDRESS:		CITY:		STATE:		ZIP:			
PHONE:		EMAIL:							
AVG:		CENTER		LEAGUE:					
BOWLER 5 NAME:				USBC I.D. #					
ADDRESS:		CITY:		STATE:		ZIP:			
PHONE:		EMAIL:							
AVG:		CENTER		LEAGUE:					
BOWLER 6 NAME:				USBC I.D. #					
ADDRESS:		CITY:		STATE:		ZIP:			
PHONE:		EMAIL:							
AVG:		CENTER		LEAGUE:					

Money Orders or Checks Payable to: **Fort Wayne Metro USBC, P.O. BOX 11645, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46859**
Questions??? Call: Michael McIntyre at 260-432-7278 (HOT LINE)

DIVISION BREAKDOWN TEAM EVENT	1 (STANDARD)	1050 & ABOVE	2 (CLASSIFIED)	1049 & UNDER

TEAM EVENT LINE-UP (PLEASE LIST CORRECT BOWLING ORDER)						
SQUAD PREFERENCE (1st Choice)	DATE		TIME		SQUAD #	
SQUAD PREFERENCE (2nd Choice)	DATE		TIME		SQUAD #	

TEAM NAME:			
BOWLER NAME		USBC I.D.	AVERAGE
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
		TEAM AVG	
		TEAM DIVISION	

DIVISION BREAKDOWN (DOUBLES)	1 (STANDARD)	420 & ABOVE	2 (CLASSIFIED)	419 & UNDER
DIVISION BREAKDOWN (SINGLES)	1 (STANDARD)	210 & ABOVE	2 (CLASSIFIED)	209 & UNDER

DOUBLES / SINGLES EVENT LINE-UP						
SQUAD PREFERENCE (1st Choice)	DATE		TIME		SQUAD #	
SQUAD PREFERENCE (2nd Choice)	DATE		TIME		SQUAD #	

NAME	USBC I.D.	AVG	DOUBLES $80		SINGLES $40		SINGLES DIVISION	ALL EVENTS CHOOSE ONE IF APPLICABLE HCP ($10) / SCTCH ($10)	
1.			1st	2nd	1st	2nd			
2.			1st	2nd	1st	2nd			
DOUBLES AVG			DOUBLES DIVISION						

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DOUBLES AVG			DOUBLES DIVISION						

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1.			1st	2nd	1st	2nd			
2.			1st	2nd	1st	2nd			
DOUBLES AVG			DOUBLES DIVISION						

ENTRY FEE CALCULATION TABLE			
EVENT	#	PRICE	TOTAL PER EVENT
TEAM EVENT		$200.00	$
DOUBLES		$80.00	$
SINGLES		$40.00	$
AE HANDICAP		$10.00	$
AE ACTUAL		$10.00	$
TOTAL FEES THIS ENTRY			$

ENTRY NUMBER (FOR OFFICE USE)