

Tournament Rules & Information – 2026 Women’s City

- Eligibility/Age:** This tournament is for female GSLBA/GSLUSBC members age 18 years and older at the time of participation. Non-members who do not have a USBC card may purchase a membership for \$26.00. Those with a USBC membership but not from the GSLBA must pay \$9.00 if within the state of Utah for local dues, or \$11.00 if outside the state of Utah for local and state association dues.
- Participation:** This is a Certified USBC competition and will consist of three events: Team, Doubles & Singles. An individual may bowl **multiple** team events as long as at least 1 player in the line-up are different. ****Doubles event may be bowled multiple times with different partners as schedule permits.** Bowlers may cash more than once with multiple partners. Singles may only be bowled once.
- Average Requirements:** Bowlers will be assigned their composite average from the 24/25 season with a combined games total of all leagues bowled equal to or greater than 12 for the season as listed on **bowling.com**. If no 24/25 then 23/24 may be used with the same stipulation as for the 24/25 season. If the composite average requirement cannot be met, then bowlers will use the highest established average from either the 22/23 or 23/24 season with at least 9 games as reported on **bowling.com**. If none of the above can be established, then a current season 24/25 league average sheet from each/all leagues signed by each leagues secretary and submitted to the GSLBA tournament officials by the first day of the tournament and the highest average with a minimum of 6 games will be used. If none of the above outlined average requirements are met as of March 1, 2026, then an entering average of 220 will be assigned - Sport/challenge league averages will be converted for competition. Rule 201 a, b & c, Rule 319 a (1b) 3 & 4, Rule 319 d & e will apply.
- Average Verification:** It is each bowler’s responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average on the day of the event(s) as printed on the scoresheet. Any averages listed on the score sheets that are higher than defined in the eligibility rule will remain as listed and if not corrected by the completion of the 1st game. Any averages listed that are lower and not correct by the completion 1st game will be corrected and disqualified from the squad being bowled and may result in disqualification from the tournament.
- Professional Bowlers:** For the purpose of participation in the GSLBA Women’s Tournament, PROFESSIONAL BOWLERS are defined as:
 - Any member having applied for membership in ANY professional bowling organization during the calendar year (Jan. 1 – Dec 31, 2025) preceding the event, and up through their dates of their competition in 2024. All professional bowlers of national PBA/PWBA events will be eligible to compete in the GSLBA Women’s Tournament, but they must follow these guidelines:
 - Not more than ONE bowler identified as professionals (see description of professional above) per four-person team, under the age of 60, who has won a PWBA national event (regardless of professional status at the time of the event); or won the USBC Queens; or U.S. Women’s Open from 2003-2025.
 - Not more than ONE bowler identified as a professional (see description of professional above) per doubles team.
 - Each such player shall be eligible to enter SINGLES and ALL-EVENTS
 - Professionals are eligible for daily brackets products. They also are eligible for any age-based products for which they qualify.
- Handicap:** Handicap is 100% of 220.
- Entry Fee:** Entry fee is \$30. per event per bowler. Scratch Optional is \$10 per event per person. All events Handicap & Scratch/Regular & Senior is \$10 per person per event. Scratch optional and All Events may be entered onsite prior to an individuals first event bowled. \$1.00 of tournament expenses from Team, Doubles, and Singles per person will be designated to the Hall of Fame (\$0.50) and BVL (\$0.50). NO refunds (USBC rule 314).
\$35.00 FEE WILL BE ASSESSED FOR ALL RETURNED ITEMS
- Credit Card Service Fee:** Credit or debit cards will be accepted as payment.
- Check-In:** Entrants may be required to check in thirty (30) minutes prior to squad time or 1 hour if need to pay.
- Substitutes:** Substitutes are allowed and must be reported to the tournament manager/official at least 30 minutes prior to the squad start. In case of disability after a game has started a substitute shall be allowed if one is available. If no substitute is available only the actual score of frames bowled shall count. A substitute will not be required or expected to reimburse the original entrant with the entry fee paid and is not expected nor required to give the original entrant any prize money or award the substitute may win.
- Reschedule:** Team, Singles & Doubles – Will be allowed only if room is available on another squad time/or day. The request must be made to the GSLBA tournament office as soon as possible but no later than 30 minutes prior to the assigned squad start. Doubles event only; the doubles partner can request to be rescheduled only if a substitute cannot be found 5 minutes prior to the squad start time and only if there is room to move to another squad time and/or day. NO refunds if the GSLBA or the bowler(s) are unable to reschedule to a later squad time/date.
- Late or Tardy:** Bowlers arriving after the start of any of their scheduled events will receive zeros for frames missed. The option of requesting a reschedule may or may not be granted based on tournament schedule and lane availability (see rule #11).
- Schedule:** Entries will be processed in the order received and availability. The schedule will not be changed except for an emergency (see rule #11). Lane assignments and times will be completed by the tournament committee.
- Line-Up:** The line-up will be set as submitted on the entry form for each event.
- Lane Conditioning:** Lane conditioning will be done before each squad. Tournament oil pattern will be determined by GSLBA.
- Awards:** 100% of all prize monies will be returned. Prize checks will be issued within Thirty (30) days after the close of the tournament. Prize checks will be mailed or hand delivered to the individual participant.
- Prize Ratio:** Ratio will be based on tournament participation and may be adjusted at the Tournament Director’s discretion based on the total number of entries. In the event of first place ties, co-champions will be declared and prize money will be divided. In the event of last place ties, extra money will be added.
- Protest:** Any protest affecting eligibility or general playing rules must be confirmed **in writing** to the tournament manager within 72 hours of tournament close. Errors in scoring must be reported at the time the error is entered. Unexpected situations will be handled by the tournament management.
- DRESS CODE:** *GSLBA requests that all bowlers wear acceptable attire when participating in the tournament. Slacks or walking shorts to the knee are preferred. Participants must wear a shirt with sleeves, preferably a collared shirt. Unacceptable attire includes but is not limited to: Tank tops; halter tops; bare midriffs; spaghetti strap tops; bib overalls; jeans that are not clean or in poor condition; attire with inappropriate questionable, or offensive language or graphics. Tournament management will have full discretion and reserves the right to refuse participation to anyone deemed inappropriately attired without recourse. Tournament management decisions will be final.*
- Conduct:** Participants and observers shall conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times during the tournament. Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated on the lanes or inside the tournament venue. Individuals are subject to ejection for engaging in improper tactics or conduct including, but not limited to, physical or verbal abuse toward other persons. Tournament officials have the right to disqualify any participants and observers who’s conduct is derogatory or detrimental to the best interests of the tournament. Please be ready to bowl when it is your turn, observing one-lane courtesy. No unreasonable delay in the progress of any game is permitted (USBC Rule 11)
- Liability:** The entrants whose names appear thereon or their authorized replacements hereby agree that the Great Salt Lake Bowling Association (GSLBA), its officers or agents shall be liable only to the extent of returning entry fee, if and when these entrants shall be prevented from bowling any event in the tournament through delay, unexpected yet necessary schedule change or premature termination of the tournament, which may be brought about by war, national emergency or emergencies of cause relating thereto or resulting there from, fire, strikes, lockouts, labor difficulties or other causes beyond its control.
- Entry Submission Dates:** Online Entry close Midnight **May 1, 2026** or once squads are full, whichever occurs first. Paper entry will close on and must be postmarked by March 19, 2025, as long as squads have not closed before this date and does not have guaranteed for entry into tournament. To guarantee spot entry must be submitted online.

Event	Entry Fee	Lineage Due	Prize Fund Amount	To Cover Expenses
Team	\$120.00	\$42.00	\$50.00	\$28.00
Doubles	\$60.00	\$21.00	\$25.00	\$14.00
Singles	\$30.00	\$10.50	\$12.50	\$7.00
Scratch Team Optional	\$40.00	None	\$32.00	\$8.00
Scratch Doubles Optional	\$20.00	None	\$16.00	\$4.00
Scratch Singles Optional	\$ 10.00	None	\$8.00	\$2.00
All Events Handicap Regular & Senior Optional	\$ 10.00	None	\$8.00	\$2.00
All Events Scratch Regular & Senior Optional	\$ 10.00	None	\$8.00	\$2.00

This tournament shall be conducted in accordance with the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) rules and regulations in addition to rules adopted by the Great Salt Lake USBC Bowling Association (GSLBA). The GSLBA has the authority to make decisions regarding anything not covered by these rules.

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WALK-INS ARE ALLOWED AS SQUAD SIZE AND LANE AVAILABILITY PERMITS – WALK-IN’S MUST REGISTER 1½ HOURS PRIOR TO START OF ANY SQUAD TIME.