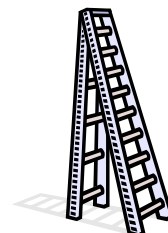


# The Big StepLadder



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**BOWL TO WIN**

Entry Fee Returned  
to Top 40 Qualifying  
Bowlers *not* in  
Top 10

(Based on 135 Entries)

Top 2 scores after last  
squad on Friday lock-in

Top 3 scores after last  
squad on Saturday  
lock-in

## \$2000.00

### Guaranteed

## Singles Handicap Tournament

### May 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, & 20<sup>th</sup>

Vestavia Fun Center  
1429 Montgomery Hwy  
Birmingham, AL 35216  
(205) 979-4420

### Walk-In Tournament

### Entry Fee Only

## \$67

#### Optional Events:

- Brackets-Hcp-Scratch-Male-Female
- Doubles - \$5 per person with singles entry
- Hi Game Hcp-Scratch for the weekend- \$1 per person
- Doubles only \$15 per person
- Opt Scr Singles - \$10; Baby StepLadder-(See Rule 19; taking top 3)
- Lucky Draw Mystery Score JACKPOT

Top 40  
cash and qualify  
for  
Sunday Roll-off

Twenty different  
automatic  
qualifiers for Roll-off



- Fri. 6 PM – High Series
- Fri. 7:30 PM – High Series
- Sat. 9 AM – High Senior
- Sat. 10:30 AM High Series
- Sat. 12 Noon - High Series
- Sat. 1:30 PM -High Female Series
- Sat. 3 PM - High Series
- Sat. 4:30 PM-High Series
- Sat. 6 PM – High Scratch Male
- Sun. 9 AM – High Series
- Sun. 10:30 – High Scratch Male

*Overall for Week-end*

**High Female & Male Senior**  
**High Female and Youth**

**SCRATCH  
STEPLADDER  
TAKING TOP 3  
SCRATCH SINGLE  
SCORES  
(See Rule 19)**

**Youth Eligible to Bowl**  
(See Rule 21 or  
Tournament Official)



#### **USBC White Pattern #2**

**Friday: 6:00-7:30**

**Saturday: 9:00-10:30-12:00-1:30- 3:00- 4:30-6:00**

**Sunday: 9:00-10:30-12:30**

**Top 40 Roll-off - 2:30 TV Style Finals (following roll-off)**



**NEXT EVENT – AMF MARIETTA LANES – JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> – 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**NEED INFO - CONTACT: VLADIMIR HARVEY @ 305-9978**

## Tournament Rules

1. This is a sanctioned tournament governed by STEPLADDER, USBC Rules and Regulations.
2. This tournament will be open to bowlers who are current members of USBC, STEPLADDER. All Membership cards must be presented at registration.
3. Handicap shall be based on 80% of 215 men and 90% of 215 for women. Entrants will use their highest USBC sanctioned league averaged based on a minimum of 21 games or more for the 2010-2011 season. If no average last year, you may use your highest average of the 2011/2012 season 21 games or more as of two Sundays prior to the Sunday of Tournament (Verified). All others will bowl scratch. The ten-pin rule is not in effect. The max entering handicap shall be 54 pins per game for women; for the men, 48 pins per game.
4. It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of his or her average. Failure to use proper average or make corrections up to the completion of the first game shall disqualify score if the submitted average is higher than the actual. Prize-winnings will be based on the higher submitted average. See Rule 319A
5. All bowlers are subject to re-rating in accordance with USBC rule 319. The tournament official reserves the right to re-rate any bowler whose entering average does not reflect the bowlers true capability. See Rule 319E
6. Any participant who has won \$600.00 or more in any event or tournament during the previous 12 months must report actual scores, position, and amount won to Tournament Office prior to bowling.
7. The tournament directors reserve the right to accept or reject any or all entries and decide on all questions and/or disputes. The decisions of the tournament directors shall be final.
8. The tournament directors may add additional squads Friday, Saturday, and/or Sunday.
9. Bowlers holding PBA cards with "exempt" status are ineligible for this tournament. Non-exempt PBA cardholders are allowed to participate in this tournament.
10. All qualifying squads bowlers shall bowl three games moving across six lanes. Bowlers are eligible to bowl more than one squad to qualify.
11. Senior, female, and youth qualifying scores above the cut shall be placed in the general pool first; subsequently the senior automatic qualifier spot will then be determined.
12. **Cash Only, No Checks, and No Tabs.**
13. Non-compliance with any one or more of the aforementioned rules, non-disclosure or misrepresentation to tournament officials constitutes complete and final disqualification for any and all parties for non-complying and non-disclosing.
14. Any challenge made by a participant against the tournament and/or officials that results in any kind of legal action, that participant hereby agrees to pay all reasonable attorney fees incurred should the tournament/official prevail in defense of said challenge.
15. A \$10.00 membership due before a bowler enters his/her first tournament. Visit [thetournamentsource.com](http://thetournamentsource.com) or consult a Stepladder staff member for more details.
16. Entry fee shall be \$67.00 for Singles event. (\$47.00 prize fund and \$20.00 lineage & expense). Prize fund shall be returned 100% to bowlers.
17. Percentage to be paid off- \$2000.00 1<sup>st</sup> place, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 15.76%, 3<sup>rd</sup> place 7.88%, 4<sup>th</sup> place 3.94%, 5<sup>th</sup> place 2.76%, 6<sup>th</sup> place 1.73%, 7-10 place 4.73%, and 11-40 place 31.68%. Percentage will be paid out based on entries if not 135 entries.
18. Doubles will be paid one out of every eight entries.
19. Scratch Singles will be StepLadder format (Baby StepLadder), taking top 3 after last squad on Sunday; 2 vs. 3; the winner vs. 1; The Baby StepLadder will commence after the last squad on Sunday. Baby StepLadder will be paid out based on entries.
20. The lucky draw mystery score jackpot will carry over if no one wins.
21. This tournament is open to youth bowlers providing he/she signs a waiver before they bowl (New Rule 400). All prize money awarded to USBC SMART Scholarship participants will be placed directly into a USBC SMART Scholarship Account.
22. The following youth average adjustment shall occur if a current youth average is 15 pins or higher than his/her book average from the 2010-2011 season. The two averages shall be combined and divided by 2 for the adjusted average. (Note: This is a one-time entering average adjustment for the tournament; all other average adjustments will be made as described in The StepLadder rules.
23. Premature termination of the tournament brought about by war, national emergency or emergency cause relating thereto or there from, fire, natural disaster or any other reason beyond the control of the "The Stepladder" shall cause, to the extent required thereby, all advertised prizes, guaranteed or otherwise, to be prorated in accordance with the number of entrants who have bowled in each of the respective events up to the time of such termination.

### Roll-Off and Stepladder Format

1. The top 40 handicap scores including automatic qualifiers shall bowl three games across six lanes starting Sunday at 2:30 p.m.
2. The top ten handicap scores move on to the next round, the TV Finals.
3. The TV Finals shall commence as follows: The top 4 seeds Lock-in. Seeds 5, 7, & 9 will bowl a one game match, seeds 6, 8, & 10 will bowl a one game match; the two winners will then bowl a one game match. The winner vs. 4<sup>th</sup> seed, the winner vs. 3<sup>rd</sup> seed, the winner vs. 2<sup>nd</sup> seed, and the winner vs. 1<sup>st</sup> seed will become champion.
4. Any ties for the 40<sup>th</sup> place and TV Finals position will have a 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll-off. All other ties for any optional events prize money will be combined and divided equally.
5. Those making the TV Finals will receive the following: handicap reduction for the next tournament  
-1<sup>st</sup> place: 5 pins per game, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: 4 pins per game, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: 3 pins per game, 4<sup>th</sup> place: 2 pins per game and 5<sup>th</sup> place: 1 pin per game
6. Any bowler who does not qualify for two consecutive tournaments will receive a handicap increase of one pin per game for the next tournament he or she enters.

