

## **Tournament Rules**

THE FOLLOWING RULES, PLUS USBC RULES, WILL GOVERN THIS TOURNAMENT. This tournament is for USBC members in good standing, who hold a 2024-2025 membership card. **Anyone who does not have a current card must purchase an affiliate card for \$25.00 or current membership fee, whichever is greater.**

1. (a) Average used will be bowler's highest 2023-2024 winter season average as reported in USBC's website, the local association yearbook, or from the local association manager's records based on a minimum of 21 games. (b) Those without a 2023-2024 average may use their 2024-2025 highest verified winter season average of 21 games or more as of May 30, 2025. All others must bowl scratch. (c) **No summer, college or USBC Youth averages will be considered.** (d) Sport to Standard Average (Rule 202d) is in effect. Bowlers with a higher sport book average than their highest regular non-sport book average will use their sport book average unadjusted as their entering average. If a bowler has only a sport average, it will be adjusted according to USBC playing rules. (e) USBC Rule 319a (10-Pin Rule) is in effect for this tournament. (f) **USBC Rule 319d (Reporting Prior Prize Winners More Than \$600.00) will apply.**
2. Averages will be verified on the USBC website using each bowler's USBC number. If a bowler holds a card from multiple associations, each card number must be listed. Average corrections provided by association secretaries/managers can be made up to the end of the first game bowled in the tournament. It is the bowler's responsibility to verify averages listed on the recap sheet. Failure to use proper averages or make corrections shall disqualify score if submitted average is not correct.
3. Handicap will be based on 90% of 230. Prize Ratio: 1-10; All Events: 1-20. The prize money will be returned 100%.
4. **Prize money for scratch bowlers will be an optional division by a \$10.00 fee per bowler per event, plus \$5.00 for all events. All scratch money will be returned 100%. Ratio 1-10.**
5. A. **Team Events for Men & Mixed**  
Two divisions: 4 men, and mixed four-some (at least one member of the opposite sex, or four women) are available. You may re-enter Team Event as many times as desired if lanes are available. No more than 2 players on the same team can place more than once in the prize list for position standings. First Team Event bowled counts on All-Events.  
**You must bowl one combined singles/doubles event before re-entry in a single-only or doubles-only event.**  
  
B. **Singles Events for Men & Women**  
Bowlers may re-enter Singles Event five (5) more times but can only place once on the prize list. You must bowl one Doubles Event before re-entry. The first Singles Event counts on All-Events.  
  
C. **Doubles Events for Men, Women & Mixed**  
Bowlers may re-enter Doubles Event five (5) more times but can only place once with the same partner on the prize list. You must bowl one Singles Event before re-entry. First Doubles Event counts on All-Events. **No entry will be accepted without an entry fee. No team or individual is entitled to a refund after the entry fee is received and date assigned is received and dates assigned. INCOMPLETE ENTRIES WILL BE RETURNED. Entries close August 24, 2025 1:00 pm. Entry forms must be received no later than 30 minutes prior to the shift beginning.**
6. A right-handed bowler with an established right-hand average must bowl right-handed. Similarly, a left-handed bowler with a left-hand average must bowl left-handed. A bowler with right- and left-handed averages must use his/her highest average.
7. Out-of-town bowlers will be given a time preference based on receipt of entry. Extra dates and times will be used, if necessary, but no squads will be added after the final squad date and time.
8. Substitutions are permitted. For a substitute to be eligible for All-Events, the sub must replace the original entrant in all three events and must be made by tournament officials prior to participation in any event. All substitutes must have verified averages when checking into the tournament office. Check into the tournament office 45 minutes early for substitutes.
9. Automatic scores will be official. Bowlers should verify their scores as the game progresses. All score corrections must be made by a tournament official. Any error must be reported within that time frame. In case of scores lost through computer malfunction, re-bowling will be permitted.
10. In case of a tie for First Place in any event, co-champions will be declared. When a tie occurs, the prize money will be combined and divided equally among the tied positions.
11. No current card holder of any professional bowling organization will be allowed to bowl.
12. Employees of the house will be allowed to bowl in the tournament and shall be eligible for all prizes. No more than one (1) house employee to a set of Doubles, and two (2) house employees per team.
13. The tournament manager or committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all entries and will decide all questions or disputes arising in the tournament. Their decision will be final, subject to appeal to USBC.