

TOURNAMENT RULES

- 1.) Entrant will use Highest USBC certified league average winter league only – (summer leagues, collegiate averages and string pins not accepted) based on 21 or more games in a 2023-24 or 2022-23 certified league is to be used. **All averages established on a Sport or Challenge condition must be adjusted utilizing the USBC Sport/Challenge Average Adjustment Scale found on Bowl.com. THE ADJUSTED AVERAGE MUST BE USED IF IT IS THE HIGHEST AVERAGE.** If a bowler has no average for the last two years use bowler's highest 21 or more game average for the current season at date of bowling. If bowler has no present average or previous average must bowl at 230 scratch. **There is no 10-pin rule for this tournament.** Any erroring listing an average may cause scores to be disqualify and the bowlers subject to suspension. **Participants must reside in the State of Ohio or bowl in an USBC Certified League in Ohio. Tournament staff reserves the right to reject any entry USBS rule 303b Item # 5 and to adjust any bowler's average (prior to bowling).**
- 2.) All bowler must be 18 or over to participate in this event.
- 3.) Tournament handicap based on 80% of 1150 Team – 460 Doubles – 230 Singles.
- 4.) **In the event of mechanical failure or other restrictions, it is hereby agreed that the contestants affected shall be moved to the next available pair of lanes. If no there are no available lanes the contestants may reschedule if there are opening on another date or move their entry to next year tournament.**
- 5.) **A handicap game and series will be capped at maximum scratch score. USBC Rule 327d.**
- 6.) No Entry Fees will be refunded in accordance with USBC Rule 314.
- 7.) All prize money collected in an event or division of an event must be returned to the participants in that event or division of that event, except where replacements or correction of averages require a change of classification. In that case, prizes will be distributed to reflect the actual number of participants in the event or division of the event. USBC Rule 308.
- 8.) **SLOW PLAY – TEAM EVENT WILL HAVE 3 HOURS AND 30 MINUTES TO COMPLETE THEIR TEAM EVENT. DOUBLE AND SINGLES WILL HAVE 3 HOURS AND 50 MINUTES TO COMPLETE THEIR DOUBLES AND SINGLES.**
THE FOLLOWING WOULD BE IN EFFECT FOR ALL TOURNAMENT EVENTS
 - 1.) Practice's ball will start 10 minutes before the scheduled start time of events.
 - 2.) Teams would need to complete 3 games in 3 hours and 30 minutes at the end of the time limit the lanes will be shut off with all reminding frames will receive zero (0) for frames not bowled.
 - 3.) Doubles and Singles would need to complete 6 games in 3 hours and 50 minutes at the end of the time limit the lanes will be shut off with all reminding frames will receive zero (0) for frames not bowled.
 - 4.) Lane breaks down that would last more then 10 minutes the following will occur.
 - A.) The teams or bowlers will be move to break down pair.
 - B.) There will be no practice balls.
 - C.) The bowler will pick up where they stop due to lane break down.
 - D.) The teams or bowlers will be granted an additional 10 minutes to complete their event.

PROFESSIONAL BOWLER ELIGIBILITY

Bowler who are identified as professional or who apply for membership in any professional organization during the calendar year proceeding the tournament and up through their dates of competition shall be ELIGIBLE to bowl in this tournament as follows:

- a.) Not more the TWO such players in a five player TEAM line-up.
- b.) Not more than ONE such player in a two player DOUBLES line-up.
- c.) Each such player shall be eligible to enter SINGLES and ALL EVENTS.

Note: IT IS THE INDIVIDUAL BOWLERS' RESPONSIBILITY TO VERIFY THEIR ELIGIBILITY. The penalty for failure to comply with these eligibility requirements is disqualification.

In case of fire, flood, war, tornado, strikes or national energy crisis: prize money will be prorated according to the number of entries which have bowled.

BOWLERS MUST PRESENT USBC MEMBERSHIP CARDS. Eligible non USBC members may qualify by paying \$15.00 association dues plus the dues know to be charged by the state and local association the bowler is joining or \$5.00 participating fee. Upon receipt of this, USBC will issue the individual membership card USBC Rule 300c.

Each entrant is allowed to bowl only once in each event. A replacement may be made in all three events providing the replacement is made before original entrant or his/her replacement has bowled.

A bowler who has qualified for a combined prize money won in excess of \$1000.00 in all tournament competed in within 12 months must report ACTUAL SCORE, POSITION & AMOUNT per USBC rule 319d.

NOTE: ALL BOWLERS regardless of average must comply with provisions of rule 319d. ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE CAUTIONED TO BE AWARE OF THE RERATING REQUIREMENT OF THE USBC RULE 319E. It is the bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average whether submitted by the bowler, team captain or other. Failure to use proper average shall disqualify score if submitted average is lower than actual average resulting in more handicap. See rule 319a for entire wording. All items not covered by these rules will be referred to USBC rules.

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