

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE USBC TOURNAMENT RULES

- All entries and competition in this tournament must be in accordance with the rules and regulations of the United State Bowling Congress and the PA USBC.
- Each entrant must be a member of a USBC Association served by the PA State USBC.
- Appropriate USBC membership must be verified prior to bowling.** Participants not in possession of a PA State USBC card must purchase a valid membership prior to competing, or will be subject to disqualification.
- Bowlers may enter multiple times in team, doubles and singles. No more than three players on the same team can place more than once in the prize list for position standings, no player may cash more than once in doubles with the same partner. A bowler may cash only once in singles. In all cases a bowler's first score (including substitutions) in each event shall count toward all-events.
- Bowlers competing in minor events must enter both singles and doubles.
- Bowlers age 60 and over are eligible to enter a Senior Side Event, utilizing their (3) game team score (scratch and handicap). Entry fee shall be \$10.00 (\$8.00 prize fund—\$2.00 expenses) with a prize ratio of 1 out of 5.
- No more than two participants on a team may be members of a professional bowling organization on or after January 1, 2021 and through the date of participation. Likewise, no more than one participant of this fashion may compete on a doubles team.
- ENTRY FEES IN FULL MUST ACCOMPANY EACH ENTRY FILED. ADVANCE RESERVATIONS WILL BE HELD ONLY UNTIL FEBRUARY 1. \*\*\* Entry closing date shall be one hour prior to the final squad. Walk-in entries shall be permitted \*\*\* receipt of entry fees by Tournament Management will govern assignment of dates and squad times.**
- AVERAGES:** Entrants shall use their highest USBC previous season's winter league average, 21 games or more. If no winter league average, entrant may use highest summer league average, 21 games or more. If no previous season winter or summer league average, entrant shall use their current highest USBC league average as of March 1st of 21 games or more. An entrant without a 21 game average as of March 1st shall use their current highest USBC league average for 12 games or more as of April 1st. **ALL OTHERS BOWL SCRATCH(220). If, at the time of bowling, entrant's current average is 10 or more pins higher than the entering average, the higher average must be used (USBC rule 319A-2).**
- It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average in this tournament, whether originally submitted by the bowler, team captain or others. Failure to use the proper average or make a correction prior to the completion of the first game of a series shall disqualify score. USBC rule 319A-3 & 319A-4 applies to all entrants.
- HANDICAPS** for each event shall be 100% of the difference between entering average and 660 singles, 1320 doubles, and 3300 team scratch scores. Handicaps will be computed on three game series.
- Prize winnings for previous 12 months must be reported if they are \$600.00 or more in any event. USBC Rule 319C, & 319D applies to all entrants regardless
- Five person teams and double teams shall bowl in order as submitted on original entry application. Substitution shall be made at least 1 hour prior to the time scheduled to bowl, the deadline for reporting to the office by the team captain. Five person teams have the privilege of bowling paired up with another specified team provided entry applications for both are submitted together with a request to be paired together.
- SUBSTITUTES** Substitute must bowl in same position as original bowler. Failure of sub and team captain to sign substitute affidavit shall void any prize winning disputes.
- A Reimbursable Entry, to be paid at conclusion of tournament, (for four events—Team, Doubles, Singles and All-events) will be given to a sponsor of eight teams or more who: (1) Schedules the teams on one squad or the same weekend (2) Enters the team members in Team, Doubles, and Singles.
- Bowlers from the local and designated adjoining local associations will be scheduled Friday nights and/or Saturday mornings and Sunday the last two squads except in emergencies.
- No practice on any scheduled tournament lanes for that day.
- Tournament Management shall schedule tournament lanes for each event of this tournament.
- PRIZE FEES** shall be paid \$100% in cash prizes. Only those entrants who pay the \$10.00 entry fee, qualify for participation in the All-Events prize fund but all entrants bowling in the three events, qualify for the All-Events Championship Award. Teams and individuals shall be eligible for only one prize in each event, that being the highest prize.
- PRIZE RATIO** shall be 1 prize for each five entries in regular events and one prize for each eight entries in all events. **MINIMUM PRIZE** in any event shall be no less than the prize fee for that event. Allocation of the prize list in each event will be 75% to handicap and 25% to scratch.
- Awards of same type and quality plus Championship Chevrons will be awarded to scratch and handicap champions in each event.
- Trophies of same type and quality will be awarded to the sponsors of both scratch and handicap team winners.
- In the event of a tie for first place in any event co-champions shall be declared.
- All decisions of the tournament manager / on-site tournament Manager are final unless an appeal is made in accordance with USBC rule 329.
- Improper conduct during the course of your competition shall be cause for disqualification of score in that event.
- DRESS CODE:** All participants must adhere to the following dress and behavioral codes: dress slacks, casual trousers, jeans and knee length shorts; bowling shirts, sport, dress sweat and tee-shirts with sleeves **DRESS NOT PERMITTED** Bicycle (spandex) shorts, short shorts, sweat pants, tee-shirts with profanity, or inappropriate graphics, shirts or blouses without sleeves and tank tops. **BEHAVIORIAL**—if bowler appears intoxicated, uses loud or inappropriate language, or conduct which delays the competition the tournament director will have the right to disqualify and or remove the bowler from the center while tournament is in progress.
- Individual overpayments of \$5.00 or less will not be refunded.
- Failure to comply with above rules shall result in Disqualification of scores.

### COVID-19

The PA USBC Open tournament will follow all COVID-19 guidelines in affect at time of competition.

### PARENTAL CONSENT RULE

Unmarried, grade and high school students under the age of 18 must have written consent of a parent or guardian before participating in this tournament. Such consent must be on file at least one week before participation, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. In which case the consent form may be filed prior to bowling.

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