

## TOURNAMENT RULES FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

1. This tournament will be open to all members of any local USBC chartered association in the state of Missouri and will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the United States Bowling Congress. Non-members who reside in the jurisdiction of these associations who are not members of another state association can become eligible by the purchase of a USBC membership card. A USBC member who is a non-resident of Missouri may participate in the tournament by paying the local association dues in the association where the tournament is being hosted. Only one such member can be on any team roster, and such bowler must be on a team roster in order to be eligible for doubles event.
2. Teams must be made up of two men and two women. Doubles must be made up of one man and one woman.
3. Multiple participation will be allowed by changing at least two bowlers on a team, at least one bowler in doubles.
4. OPTIONAL HANDICAP ALL-EVENTS. Entrants will use their series total in team event plus doubles event including handicap to determine all-events score. Multiple entrants must use their first team and first doubles event scores for all events.
5. OPTIONAL SCRATCH TEAM, DOUBLES AND ALL-EVENTS. **You must enter handicap division before you may enter scratch division in any event.** Entire team must pay scratch fee (\$20) to be entered in scratch team event. Doubles partners must pay scratch fee (\$10) to be entered in scratch doubles event.
6. No team may include more than one member of any professional bowler's organization, men or women.
7. Handicap is 90% of 220 scratch on an individual basis.
8. Averages established in a USBC certified league will be used in the following order:
  - a. Previous season's highest (standard or adjusted sport) in any association area. (This includes those established in USBC youth competition.)
  - b. If no average from previous season, use the highest current season average at time of participation, based on 21 games. (MUST BRING an INDIVIDUAL BOWLER RECORD, CURRENT LEAGUE SHEET, or provide the ability to check standings and averages on the internet AT THE TIME OF BOWLING.)
  - c. If neither of these applies, bowler will bowl scratch at 220.
9. USBC Rule 319a3., will apply. All bowlers are responsible for verifying their own average, whether submitted by the bowler, the team captain or others. If submitted average is lower than required and results in more handicap, the bowler's score is subject to disqualification. If submitted average is higher than required, prize winnings will be based on the submitted average. USBC Rule 319a2, 10 pins over average rule will not apply to this tournament. USBC Rule 319c, the average of a bowler may be adjusted upward before the entrant bowls. If the assigned average is not accepted by the bowler, the entry fee shall be refunded.
10. Each entrant should be familiar with USBC Rule 319. Rule 319d will be waived.
11. Prize Fee will be returned 100%. Prize Ratio: 1 for 6 or better.
12. Substitutions must be made no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of a squad. All substitutions must be accompanied by verification of average.
13. Tournament Director has the right to reassign lanes during the tournament because of equipment malfunctions, etc. All decisions of the Tournament Director are final unless appealed. Refer to USBC Rule 329.
14. Late entries allowed subject to availability of lanes up to one hour before squad. Money order or cash only! **\$5 per person late fee will be assessed for entries postmarked after October 30, 2015.**

The entrants whose names appear hereon, or their authorized replacements, hereby agree that the Missouri State USBC Association, its officers and agents, shall be liable only to the extent of returning entry fees and when these entrants shall be prevented from bowling in 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 or causes relating to or resulting from, fires, strikes, lockout, labor difficulties, or other causes beyond the control of the Missouri State USBC Association.

**Confirmation will be mailed to the team captain confirming date and time of bowling.**

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