## **IMPORTANT TOURNAMENT RULES**

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 of the USBC who reside in the jurisdiction of these associations who are not members of another state association can become eligible by the purchase of a full USBC membership (online purchase through bowl.com is encouraged). A USBC member who resides in the jurisdiction of these associations but IS a member of another state association can become eligible by paying the appropriate state and local dues for the association hosting this event at the time of entry. A USBC member who is a non-resident of Missouri and a non-member of a Missouri local association may participate in the tournament by paying the appropriate local and state dues for the association hosting the event at the time of entry, but only one such bowler may be on a team roster, and such bowler must be on a team roster in order to be eligible for doubles and singles events.

a. Bowlers may bowl twice in each actual event in the tournament. Teams may cash twice by changing two players. Bowlers may cash twice in Doubles by changing one player. Bowlers may cash twice in Singles. All-Events is a virtual event, and a bowler's first series in each actual event will count towards any All-Events entry.

b. Not more than two PBA/PWBA players on a five man team and not more than one such player in a doubles pair.

- 2. All entry fees must accompany this entry blank. Entry fee is \$30 per bowler per event. Bowlers must enter both doubles and singles. You must enter handicap division before entering scratch division in any event except All Events division. Those bowlers wishing to participate in handicap All Events must pay \$5 additional. Those bowlers wishing to participate in scratch All Events must pay \$20 additional. **Optional scratch** divisions: \$10 per event per bowler. Team entire team must enter scratch division \$50. Doubles both bowlers must enter scratch division \$20. Note: You may enter scratch Singles without enter-ing scratch Doubles or vice versa.
- 3. LATE ENTRY: Allowed subject to availability of lanes up to one day before squad. Late fee of \$5 per person will be assessed for entries postmarked on or after February 14, 2025.
- 4. Acceptable forms of payment for entry fees for this tournament include credit card, certified check, money order, or sponsor's check. Credit Card and Cash is acceptable on-site.
- Entry blanks must be filled out in detail. Doubles, Singles and All Events entries must be entered on same blank and some reference made if paired with another team. MOUSBC does not supply bowlers.
- No refunds of entry fees can be made after schedule is accepted. Schedule will be considered accepted unless refused within ten days of postmarked confirmation.
- 7. All entrants will be handicapped 80 percent of the difference between their highest certified league average and 230 for singles, 460 for doubles and 1150 for team. All averages must be established in a USBC certified league and will be used in the following order:
  - a. Previous season's highest (standard or adjusted sport/challenge) for 21 games or more in any association area. (This includes those established in USBC youth competition.)
  - b. If no previous season average, the entrant's highest current average for at least 21 games as of January 1, 2025. (Must supply INDIVIDUAL BOWLER RECORD OR LEAGUE SHEET WITH JAN. 1 AVERAGE.)
  - c. If neither of the above, 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.)
  - d. If none of these apply, bowler will bowl scratch at 230.
- Each entrant should be familiar with USBC Rule 319 Averages. It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of the reported average on the entry form, whether originally submitted by the bowler, the team captain or others. Rules 319a2 (10 pin rule) will be waived. Rule 319d will be STRICTLY enforced.

- 9. No bowler can substitute in the singles event only. Transfer of All Events fees must be made before either bowler has bowled in any event.
- 10. In the event of mechanical failure, it is hereby agreed bowlers affected shall be moved to the next available lanes in the center at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- 11. All bowlers must check in 30 minutes before squad time. Substitutions must be made one hour before squad time. Squads can be started ahead of schedule if all bowlers are present.
- 12. Team line-up as entered on entry blank will not be changed. No re-arranging of line-up for team or doubles will be permitted.
- 13. Team captains only, may request changes in their team's schedule. The Tournament Director shall have the power to make any changes in the schedule, both lanes and time. Substitutions must be made on a bowler to bowler basis with no change in the order of line-up in team or doubles events. All financial arrangements will be the responsibility of the substitute and the original entrant. Prize winnings will be issued to the actual bowler in each event.
- 14. Original score sheet is official and any obvious errors are subject to change and correction by the Tournament Director. The prize list and standings will be held subject to change until 48 hours after the last squad of the tournament has bowled. Any appeal from the Tournament Director's decisions or changes must be made to the Tournament Committee with all the data.
- 15. Teams or individuals failing to appear at their scheduled time to bowl may start in their regular turn, coinciding with the rest of the squad at the discretion of the Tournament Director. Those who do not show, forfeit their place and entry fees. Any player or team arriving late shall begin play with the score counting beginning with the frame then being bowled.
- 16. Any entrant appearing at his scheduled time of bowling who appears to be under the influence of intoxicating liquors or drugs, or any entrant who willfully delays the normal progress of the game, or any entrant whose conduct on the lanes is considered objectionable, shall be removed immediately from the lanes and tournament, whether a qualified substitute is available or not. Shorts are permitted. Collar shirts are preferred. Any attire with objectionable material or advertisement is not allowed. No cutoff jeans or shorts with holes are allowed. Tank tops are not allowed.
- 17. Violation of USBC or tournament rules will result in disqualification. Decisions of the Tournament Director will be final. Appeals will be directed to the MOUSBC Tournament Committee. USBC Rules Department will be final authority.
- 18. A tournament game or frame(s) within a game irretrievably lost in the scoring process may be re-bowled at a time set by the Tournament Committee.

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