



# **TOURNAMENT RULES**

*All bowlers are subject to current local government COVID-19 policies. Health precautions, such as a temperature check, may be done prior to entry into the bowling center. Should a competitor exhibit any symptoms of COVID-19, including, but not limited to, a temperature above 100.4°, the bowler will be excluded from participation. Anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of the first official day of competition must inform tournament management. If the participant is unaware of the test results, they may not compete until a negative result has been received. All Bowling center policies as procedures must be followed or bowler may be removed from the center with NO REFUND given.*

- 1. Participants in this tournament must be members in good standing of the Chicagoland USBC and have a current season membership card or electronic copy which should be shown. Non-members living within the jurisdiction of the Chicagoland USBC who are NOT members of another association may enter by paying an unattached membership fee for which USBC will issue an unattached membership card. Entrants eligible for another association's championship tournament are eligible to bowl provided they have at least 21 games at the time of participation in a league under the jurisdiction of the Chicagoland USBC.**
  
- 2. Average for handicapping shall be based on the highest league average or adjusted Challenge/Sport League average for 21 games or more in the following order:**
  - A. Previous Winter or Summer season.**
  - B. If Part A does not apply, use average from either of the two prior Winter or Summer seasons or Current season.**
  - C. Current season average of 10 pins or more higher than previous season's average.**
  - D. If none of the above applies, the entrant must bowl scratch.**
  
- 3. USBC RULE 319 WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED**
  - A. Tournament management reserves the right to rerate.**
  - B. If a Bowler has ever been rerated in any tournament, they must declare that rerated average per USBC Rule 319c for possible average adjustment.**
  - C. Failure to submit the correct average and correction prior to completing the first game bowled in the tournament, will disqualify the score if the submitted average results in the bowler receiving more handicap than entitled to. If the submitted average is higher than the correct average, the handicap and prize winnings will be based on the submitted average. Affidavits must be returned by the date specified or the bowler will compete without the benefit of handicap.**



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- D. Any bowler who fails to report a prize indicated below for the previous 12 months, shall forfeit tournament entry fees and prize winnings. Bowlers who have qualified for a prize of \$300.00 or more in any event in a tournament, \$500 or more in multiple events in a tournament or \$1000 total within the previous 12 month period must report – Actual Score – Position and Amount Won to the Tournament Manager prior to bowling the first game in the tournament for a possible average adjustment. (USBC Rule 319d)**
- 4. Handicap will be based on 90% of 225**
  - 5. Multiple entries will be permitted in Team Event Only**
    - A. In the team event, no more than two (2) bowlers on the same team may re-enter as a new team.**
    - B. When a bowler competes more than once in the team event, their first appearance shall count towards their all events score.**
    - C. Bowlers may place only once with the same team but may place again as stated in Part 5.A. above.**
    - D. Substitutes are allowed provided they qualify under Rule 1.**
  - 6. If a duly scheduled entrant is unable to bowl, the captain shall have the right to substitute a bowler. A substitute, in any event must take the place in the lineup of the bowler they are replacing. Lineup as submitted will not be changed. Bowlers are not permitted to rearrange partners.**
  - 7. Team Captains at Team center and individual entrants at Doubles & Singles center should report to the tournament office at least thirty (30) minutes before they are scheduled to bowl, and at least one (1) hour before if a substitution is to be made. Membership cards or electronic copies should be shown.**
  - 8. The All Events optional prize fee must accompany the entry form. The fee may be paid only by those entering all three events – team, singles and doubles. Paid All Events are not transferable unless the substitute replaced the original bowler in all three events and the transfer is made by the tournament office prior to the time of the participation in any event.**
  - 9. One Hundred Percent (100%) of Prize Fees shall revert to the Prize Fund. The handicap prize ratio will be 1 in 8 entrants 1:8. No entry money will be refunded.**
  - 10. The Team, Doubles and Singles entries with the highest Scratch total pins will be declared Tournament Champions. The All Events bowler with the highest scratch nine (9) game total pins will be declared All Events Champion and will be offered an entry into the following season's USBC Queen's.**



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11. Trophies will be given to scratch and handicap winners in Team, Doubles and Singles, and optional All Events. In case of a tie for first place, in handicap scores, first and second place prize money will be equally divided.
12. In case of disability after a game has started, a qualified substitute will be permitted if available and the combined score shall count. This applies in the team and doubles events only.
13. In case of a tie for first place scratch, in any event, the teams or individuals shall play off the tie. The date and time shall be set by the Tournament Committee. Three (3) games shall be bowled to determine the Championship.
14. Doubles & Singles must be bowled during the same squad with the Doubles event being bowled first.
15. Any player or team arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled.
16. Card playing will not be allowed. Women may wear slacks, jeans without rips or tears, capris, skirts or skorts. Length of skirt, or skorts must be below the bowler's fingertips when she is standing, and her arms are hanging down at her side. No exceptions. Tank tops, halter tops, bare midriffs, spaghetti strap tops, hats (medical reason only) are prohibited.
17. Errors in scoring must be reported to the tournament within 24 hours. The Tournament Manager shall have the power to hear and act on all protests arising from or under the rules of the tournament. The Tournament Manager shall decide any questions not covered by these tournament rules.
18. To help the pace of bowling, the bowler must be on deck when it is their turn. If there is an unreasonable delay, the tournament manager will assign a zero for that frame unless there is sufficient reason not to. Individuals on lanes that have open spots must wait until the last bowler on their lane has bowled before bowling on the next lane.



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