

# PENNSYLVANIA STATE USBC TOURNAMENT RULES

## 1. ELIGIBILITY

- This tournament is certified by the USBC and governed by the rules and regulations of USBC and the PA State USBC.
- Each entrant must be an adult member of the USBC and of a local Association served by the PA State USBC.
- Appropriate USBC membership must be verified prior to bowling. Participants not in possession of a current USBC membership card must purchase an associate membership prior to competing or will be subject to disqualification.
- No more than two participants on a team may be members of a professional bowling organization on or after January 1, and through the date of participation. Likewise, no more than one participant of this fashion may compete on a doubles team.

## 2. EVENTS

- Tournament will consist of a five (5) person team, minor events (doubles and singles) and All Events. Each Event is conducted in both Handicap and Scratch Divisions. Bowler is entered into both divisions automatically. Bowlers competing in the minor events must bowl both doubles and singles.
- No Bowl Senior Singles - Bowlers age 60 and older as of the opening date of the tournament are eligible to enter a No Bowl Senior Singles Event, utilizing their three (3) game team score (scratch and handicap).

## 3. HANDICAP

- HANDICAP for each event shall be 100% of the difference between entering average and 690 scratch for Singles, 1380 scratch for Doubles, and 3450 scratch for Team. Handicaps will be computed on three game series.

## 4. AVERAGES

- Entrants shall use their highest USBC previous season's winter league average, 21 games or more. If no winter league average, entrant shall use highest previous 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 (230).
- 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 their score. USBC rule 319A-3 & 319A-4 applies to all entrants.
- USBC Rule 319C Average Adjustments, & 319D Reporting of Prior Prize Winnings applies to all entrants and must be reported.

## 5. ENTRY FEES AND ENTRY

- 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. Entry fees shall be made payable to the Pennsylvania State USBC. A \$35 service will be charged for all returned checks.
- Entry fees shall not be refunded except when PA State USBC Open Tournament Director notifies an entrant of dates and times assigned and a refusal has been received by PA State USBC Open Tournament Director within 15 days of the date of notice. No change will be made in the entrant's scheduled date and time except in case of emergency and must be approved by the Tournament Director.
- 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
- Individual overpayments of \$5.00 or less will not be refunded.
- Order of bowling shall be as designated on the entry form. Bowlers should register at one hour prior to their squad time.

## 6. MULTIPLE ENTRY

- 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 bowlers first score (including substitutions) in each event shall count toward all-events.
- Multiple participation is allowed; however, bowlers may only bowl with one team, or one doubles set per squad.

## 7. SUBSTITUTIONS

- Substitute(s) are permitted provided they meet the eligibility requirements. A substitute shall take the place in the lineup of the original entrant.
  - A substitute will not be required to reimburse the original entrant with the entry fee paid nor shall the substitute be expected to give the original entrant any prize money or awards they may have won
  - The captain shall notify the Tournament Director, or his assistant(s) of all substitutions, at least one (1) hour before the scheduled time of bowling

## 8. PRIZES AND AWARDS

- 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 will be awarded to scratch and handicap champions in each event.
- In the event of a tie for first place in any event co-champions shall be declared. Prize monies shall be combined and divided equally.

## 9. CONDUCT & DRESS CODE

- CONDUCT — 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.
- DRESS CODE — Entrants are required to wear suitable attire. All shirts and blouses must cover the shoulders. Attire that is not suitable — bare midriffs, workout attire, short shorts, short skirts/skorts any clothing with offensive language/images.

## 10. OTHER

- No practice on any scheduled tournament lanes for that day.
- Tournament Management shall schedule tournament lanes for each event of this tournament.
- 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.
- Entrants in the PA State USBC Open Championship Tournament do so at their own risk of personal injury. The PA State USBC shall not be liable for loss to personal property or personal injury received by a participant during travel to and from the annual PA State USBC Open Championship Tournament.
- All decisions of the tournament manager / on-site tournament Manager are final unless an appeal is made in accordance with USBC Rule 329.
- Failure to comply with above rules shall result in disqualification of scores.

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