

RULES 2016

1. This tournament has two divisions, USBC Open Division and USBC Women Division. Each participant must be a current USBC member. The USBC Playing Rules will govern this tournament. All bowlers must have paid their certifications fee for the 2016-2017 seasons, prior to bowling. Associate membership and participation fee may be paid at the tournament site, before bowling if not a USBC member.
2. Rules and regulations of the USBC will govern this tournament.
 - (a) Foreign Substances – The use of such substances as talcum powder, pumice, resin, etc., on shoes, or the use of soft rubber soles and heels that rub off and in any manner alter the normal conditions of the approach, is strictly prohibited.
 - (b) Bowling Ball-altering Surface – Altering the surface of the bowling ball by the use of abrasives while bowling in certified competition is prohibited. (Rule 18)
3. The prize ratio for Team, Doubles and Singles will be one (1) prize for every ten (10) entries. The prize ratio for All Events will be one (1) prize for every Twenty (20) entries. All jackets and prize money will be awarded within thirty (30) days after the conclusion of the tournament.
- *4. **With a minimum average of 115 for the USBC Women's Division and a minimum average of 140 for the USBC Open Division, handicap for Team, Doubles, Singles and All Events will be 75% of 220 per Team Unit (1100 Team average, 440 Doubles team average, 220 Singles Bowler average). Each bowler will use his/her highest yearbook average of the past two (2) seasons, 2014-2015 or 2015-2016 with a minimum of twenty-one (21) games. If no yearbook average is published, verification from your local association will be required. When bowlers do not have a winter season average for the past two years, 2014-2015 or 2015-2016 averages established in a certified summer league, which started after March 15th 2016 shall be accepted. If summer average is used, please send final league sheet of twenty-one (21) games or more with entry. No USBC YOUTH average will be accepted. Ten Pin Rule does not apply in this tournament. **NO CURRENT AVERAGE WILL BE USED IN THIS TOURNAMENT. SPORT BOWLING LEAGUES: Any person who has an average in a USBC designated Sports Bowling League must submit his/her adjusted Sport Bowling league average utilizing the USBC Average Adjustment Scale. A Sport Bowling Average may be used if no book average for 2014-2015 or 2015-2016 is available. NOTE: Only one (1) Professional bowler per Team or Doubles will be allowed****
5. Rule 319 (a) (b) (c) (d) and (e) will be strictly enforced. Failure to comply shall cause forfeiture of all entry fees, scores and prize money if his/her average is higher than the one submitted on the entry form.
- *6. It is the responsibility of each bowler to use the correct average, whether submitted by the bowler, his/her team captain or others. If the submitted average is lower than required and results in a lower classification or more handicap, the bowler's score is disqualified. If the submitted average is higher than required, prize winnings will be based on the average originally submitted.
- *7. A bowler who has qualified for a prize of **\$600.00 OR MORE IN ANY EVENT IN A TOURNAMENT WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS MUST REPORT IN WRITING HIS/HER ACTUAL SCORE, POSITION AND AMOUNT WON TO THE TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT AT THE TIME OF ENTRY FOR POSSIBLE RERATING. THAT ALSO INCLUDES PRIZE MONIES NOT YET PAID IN THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD.** It is the bowler's responsibility to report if he/she has ever been subjected to an adjusted or rerate average or refused an adjusted or re-rate average prior to bowling in an event. Failure to comply with this provision shall be cause to forfeit tournament entry fee and prize winnings.
8. All errors must be corrected by the tournament management within 24 hours after the event was bowled. All protests must be made in writing prior to the time that the prize monies are paid. In the event of a mechanical failure, it is hereby agreed that the bowlers affected shall be moved to the next available pair of lanes. Bowlers will be allowed five (5) minutes practice in Team and Singles, and no practice will be allowed in the Doubles.
9. Jacket will be awarded to the Team, Doubles, Singles and All Events Champions. If a bowler has the highest score in All Events and has not paid the entry fee of \$3.00 Handicap and \$10.00 Scratch, he/she will be eligible for a jacket only. To be eligible for the cash prize in All Events an entry fee of \$3.00 for Handicap and/or \$10.00 for Scratch must be paid prior to the **closing date of the tournament, September 30, 2016.** Substitutes must pay their All Events prior to bowling any event. In case of a tie, the money will be equally divided. In case of a tie for jackets, duplicate jacket will be awarded.
10. Early reservations may be made by writing or calling the tournament office. However, **entry closing date and time is midnight Wednesday, September 30, 2016.** If all fees have not been post marked on or before entry closing date, **September 30, 2016, the reservations will be declared void and will be used to accommodate first request received.** The prize fund will be returned 100% in each event. **NO ENTRY FEE WILL BE RETURNED AFTER SEPTEMBER 30, 2016.**
11. All substitutions schedule must be made with the tournament management one (1) hour prior to bowling each event. There will be NO CHANGES MADE TO THE LINE UP. **EMERGENCY SUBSTITUTIONS MAY BE MADE FIVE (5) MINUTE PRIOR TO THE START OF THE SQUAD.** Individuals must bowl both Singles and Doubles or neither. Once a squad is started, no make-up frames will be allowed by tardy players. Zero score will be given for all frames missed. Employees of Andy B's & Broken Arrow Lanes will be eligible to participate in the tournament. Entry blanks must be completed showing all necessary information.
12. Premature termination of the tournament brought about by war, national emergency or emergency causes relating thereto or therefrom, fires, strikes, lockouts, labor difficulties or other reasons beyond the control of the management of this tournament shall cause the foregoing prize schedules to be pro-rated in accordance with the number of entrants who have bowled in each of the respective events up to the time of termination.
13. The tournament management reserves the right to reject any entry and cancel this event with the return of entry fee.
14. An estimated prize list will be posted along with the certification certificate.
15. Bowlers may **ENTER THE TEAM EVENT TWICE**, providing not more than three members of the original team bowls on the second entry. When multiple participation is permitted, the bowler's first appearance in each event shall count toward their "All Events" total, unless otherwise provided in the tournament rules (Rule 317). No Bowler will be permitted to enter more than once in the Singles and Doubles events.
16. **ANY SQUAD LEADER THAT BRINGS 10 OR MORE TEAMS WILL RECEIVE DINNER FOR TWO AT A LOCAL TULSA RESTAURANT.**
17. **PLEASE NOTE: If you pay your All Events in the Open Division, you must bowl all three (3) events in Open Division. If you pay your All Events in the Women's Division, you must bowl all three (3) events in the Women's Division.**
18. **New for 2016 - Dress code will be no hats or clothing with profanity or objectionable art work. In the event that a participant or guest is not in compliance with the Dress Code, a tournament official will ask the participant or guest to remove the item or otherwise comply with the Dress Code. If the participant or guest refuses to comply with the Dress Code, a tournament official will ask the participant or guest to leave the location.**