



DOUBLES/SINGLES EVENT (DOUBLES - \$60 PER TEAM) (SINGLES - \$30 PER PERSON)	USBC ID #	2022-2023 YEARBOOK AVERAGE OR CURRENT HIGH AVERAGE	ALL EVENTS \$5.00 EACH		OPTIONAL SCRATCH DOUBLES EVENT \$24.00 PER TEAM (SEE RULE 11)	OPTIONAL SCRATCH SINGLES EVENT \$12.00 PER PERSON (SEE RULE 11)	OPTIONAL SCRATCH ALL EVENTS \$12.00 PER PERSON (SEE RULE 11)
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1 st Choice: Date-_____ Time-_____			2 nd Choice: Date-_____ Time-_____				
3 rd Choice: Date-_____ Time-_____			NO HALF ENTRIES – MUST BOWL BOTH DOUBLES AND SINGLES				

TOURNAMENT RULES AND INFORMATION

ENTRY DEADLINE – MARCH 8, 2024

1. ENTRANT/PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS: **ALL BOWLERS MUST REPORT TO THE TOURNAMENT OFFICE AT LEAST ONE HOUR PRIOR TO SCHEDULED BOWLING TIME.** BOWLERS MUST HAVE A USBC CARD PURCHASED IN WEST VIRGINIA. THOSE WITHOUT USBC CARDS MUST: A) PROVIDE WRITTEN CONFIRMATION FROM THEIR LOCAL SECRETARY/ASSOCIATION MANAGER, OR B) PAY \$24.00 FOR A CARD TO BE REFUNDED UPON CONFIRMATION OF MEMBERSHIP. NO MORE THAN TWO BOWLERS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF OR HAVE APPLIED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN A PROFESSIONAL BOWLING ORGANIZATION CAN BE ON A 5-PERSON TEAM AND ONLY 1 ON A DOUBLES TEAM. **YOU MUST HAVE A 21 GAME AVERAGE FROM AN ADULT LEAGUE AND MUST BE AT LEAST THE AGE OF 18 AT TIME OF ENTRY.** THIS TOURNAMENT IS USBC CERTIFIED.

2. BOWLING OPPORTUNITIES: A BOWLER MAY COMPETE TWO (2) TIMES IN THE TEAM EVENT OF THIS TOURNAMENT. NOT MORE THAN THREE (3) BOWLERS ON THE SAME TEAM MAY PLACE MORE THAN ONCE IN THE PRIZE LIST FOR POSITION STANDINGS. A BOWLER'S FIRST TEAM AND FIRST DOUBLES/SINGLES EVENT SCORE WILL COUNT FOR ALL-EVENTS. A BOWLER MAY COMPETE TWO (2) TIMES IN THE DOUBLES AND SINGLES EVENTS. THE PENALTY FOR AN INFRACTION OF THIS RULE IS DISQUALIFICATION AND FORFEITURE OF ENTRY FEES AND PRIZE MONEY IN THE EVENT IN WHICH IT OCCURS. ONLY SUBSEQUENT APPEARANCES ARE SUBJECT TO ANY DISQUALIFICATION AND FORFEITURE OF ENTRY FEES AND PRIZE MONEY. ALL BOWLERS ENTERING THE DOUBLES MUST ALSO BOWL IN THE SINGLES EVENTS. ALL BOWLERS ENTERED IN THE TEAM, DOUBLES AND SINGLES EVENTS MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE ALL-EVENTS BY PAYING THE SUM OF FIVE DOLLARS (\$5.00) PER ENTRANT. ANY BOWLER WHO PLACES FIRST IN THE ALL-EVENTS BUT HAS NOT PAID THE ALL-EVENTS FEE IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE ONLY THE NON-CASH CHAMPIONSHIP PRIZE FOR THE ALL-EVENTS. ENTRANT SHALL NOT BE PAID A HANDICAP CASH PRIZE (RULE 306, ITEM D).

3. SUBSTITUTES: SUBSTITUTES WHO MEET ELIGIBILITY STATED IN RULE 1 MUST REPORT TO TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT ONE HOUR PRIOR TO A SCHEDULED SHIFT.

4. ENTERING AVERAGES: 1) ENTRANTS WILL USE THEIR 2022-2023 HIGHEST USBC LEAGUE AVERAGE OF 21 OR MORE GAMES. HIGHEST AVERAGE IS FROM ANY CERTIFIED USBC LEAGUE, NO MATTER IF THE AVERAGE WAS BOWLED IN WV OR ANOTHER STATE. 2) IF NO AVERAGE FOR THE 2022-2023 SEASON, USE HIGHEST CURRENT SEASON 2023-2024 USBC AVERAGE AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2024 FOR 21 OR MORE GAMES. A COPY OF THE STANDINGS SHEET WITH THE 2023-2024 AVERAGE **MUST** BE PROVIDED. 3) ENTRANTS WITH NONE OF THE ABOVE AVERAGES MUST BOWL SCRATCH. IT IS EACH BOWLER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO VERIFY THE ACCURACY OF HER OWN AVERAGE IN A HANDICAP TOURNAMENT, REGARDLESS OF SOURCE. FAILURE TO USE THE CORRECT AVERAGE WILL DISQUALIFY THE SCORE IF THE SUBMITTED AVERAGE IS LOWER THAN THE CORRECT AVERAGE, THEREBY RESULTING IN MORE HANDICAP. THIS INCLUDES ANY SPORT OR CHALLENGE AVERAGES ALSO. PRIZE WINNINGS WILL BE BASED ON THE SUBMITTED AVERAGE, IF IT IS HIGHER THAN THE CORRECT AVERAGE (RULE 319A, ITEM 3). WHEN PREVIOUS SEASON'S AVERAGE IS USED, AND AS OF THE DATE OF BOWLING, AN ENTRANT HAS A CURRENT AVERAGE FOR 21 OR MORE GAMES THAT IS 10 PINS OR MORE HIGHER, THEN THE PRIOR SEASON'S AVERAGE, THE AVERAGE AS OF THE DATE OF BOWLING MUST BE USED. A COPY OF THE STANDINGS SHEET WITH THE CURRENT AVERAGE OF 10 PINS OR MORE HIGHER **MUST** BE PROVIDED.

5. AVERAGE RERATING: THIS TOURNAMENT ENFORCES USBC RULE 319. THE AVERAGE OF A BOWLER WILL BE ADJUSTED UPWARD BEFORE PARTICIPATION IN ANY EVENT. IF THE ASSIGNED AVERAGE IS NOT ACCEPTED BY THE BOWLER, THE ENTRY FEES SHALL BE REFUNDED.

6. REPORTING OF PREVIOUS TOURNAMENT WINNINGS WILL APPLY (RULE 319D). THE AVERAGE ADJUSTMENT RULE WILL APPLY (RULE 319E). FAILURE TO COMPLY ON EITHER RULE IS CAUSE FOR FORFEITURE OF ENTRY FEES AND PRIZE WINNINGS.

7. HANDICAP PERCENTAGE USED: THE HANDICAP WILL BE BASED ON THE SCRATCH SCORE OF 230 PINS IN SINGLES, 460 PINS IN DOUBLES AND 1,150 IN TEAM. NINETY PERCENT (90%) OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THAT FIGURE AND THE AVERAGE OF THE ENTRANT(S) WILL BE THE HANDICAP.

8. PRIZES: AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE ACTUAL AND HANDICAP WINNERS IN THE TEAM, DOUBLES, SINGLES, AND ALL-EVENTS. PRIZE FEES ARE RETURNED 100% IN CASH AND PRIZES. PRIZES PAID FOR HANDICAP AND OPTIONAL SCRATCH WINNERS ARE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING ENTRY RATIOS: AT LEAST ONE IN TEN (1:10) IN TEAM, DOUBLES AND SINGLES, AND AT LEAST ONE IN FIFTEEN (1:15) IN ALL-EVENTS. A PERCENTAGE OF THE CASH PRIZE FUND WILL BE PAID FOR SCORES IN THE ACTUAL DIVISION BASED ON THE PERCENTAGE OF ENTRANTS WITH AVERAGES OF 205 OR HIGHER. TEAM OR INDIVIDUAL ENTRANTS WILL CASH ONLY ONCE (EITHER HANDICAP OR SCRATCH), RECEIVING THE GREATER CASH PRIZE IN THE EVENT.

9. DRESS CODE: BOWLERS SHOULD LOOK PRESENTABLE. NO CUT OFFS, SLEEVELESS TOPS, SHORT SHORTS. ANY BOWLER APPEARING TO BOWL IN VIOLATION OF THIS DRESS CODE WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO BOWL AND THERE WILL BE NO REFUND OF ANY ENTRY FEES. ANY BOWLER WHO VIOLATES THIS RULE DURING TOURNAMENT PLAY WILL BE DISQUALIFIED AND FORFEIT ALL ENTRY FEES AND PRIZES.

10. OTHER: TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT WILL SCHEDULE LANE ASSIGNMENTS FOR EACH EVENT. IN THE MINOR EVENTS, DOUBLES WILL BE BOWLED FIRST, FOLLOWED BY SINGLES. **THE TOURNAMENT MANAGER WILL ALLOW TEAMS TO BE PAIRED IF REQUESTED AND ENTRIES ARE SUBMITTED TOGETHER.** ENTRIES SHALL BE MAILED WITH A MONEY ORDER OR BANK CHECK FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT. ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MIDNIGHT **MARCH 8, 2024**. TWO (2) TEAMS WILL BE ON EACH PAIR OF LANES, AND A MINIMUM OF TWO (2) SETS AND A MAXIMUM OF FOUR (4) SETS OF DOUBLES WILL BE ON EACH PAIR OF LANES. LANES WILL NOT BE SKIPPED BETWEEN TOURNAMENT BOWLERS. ALL DECISIONS OF THE TOURNAMENT MANAGER ARE FINAL UNLESS AN APPEAL IS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH USBC RULE 329.

11. OPTIONAL EVENTS: THE ENTRY FEE FOR THE OPTIONAL SCRATCH DIVISION EVENTS IS \$60.00 PER TEAM, \$24.00 PER DOUBLES, \$12.00 PER SINGLES AND \$12.00 PER BOWLER FOR ALL EVENTS. EACH PERSON ON A TEAM OR DOUBLES TEAM MUST ENTER THE EVENT TO CASH, AND MUST BOWL ON THE SAME TEAM OR ON THE SAME DOUBLES TEAM. PRIZE FEES ARE RETURNED 100% IN CASH. NOTE: A BOWLER MAY NOT JUST ENTER THE OPTIONAL DIVISION EVENTS. ONLY BOWLERS WHO ENTER THE OPTIONAL DIVISION EVENTS CAN CASH IN THESE EVENTS. NOTE: YOU MUST ENTER THE OPTIONAL TEAM, DOUBLES AND SINGLES EVENTS TO ENTER THE OPTIONAL ALL EVENTS.

12. LATE ENTRIES: LATE ENTRIES MAY BE TAKEN UP TO **MARCH 14, 2024** PRIOR TO THE START OF THE TOURNAMENT. THERE WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL **\$25.00** CHARGE FOR APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED AFTER MARCH 8, 2024. **NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER POSTMARK DATE OF MARCH 14, 2024!!! NO EXCEPTIONS!!!** IF ENTRY IS POSTMARKED AFTER MARCH 14, 2024, IT WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU. THERE WILL BE NO GUARANTEE OF REQUESTED DATES AND TIMES FOR LATE ENTRIES.

13. TOURNAMENT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND WILL FOLLOW ALL LOCAL, COUNTY, STATE AND NATIONAL GUIDELINES AS NECESSARY. THE OFFICERS AND AGENTS OF WV STATE USBC SHALL BE LIABLE ONLY TO THE EXTENT OF RETURNING ENTRY FEES, IF AND WHEN THE ENTRANTS SHALL BE PREVENTED FROM BOWLING ANY EVENT IN THE TOURNAMENT THROUGH DELAY, UNEXPECTED YET NECESSARY CHANGES IN SCHEDULE, OR PREMATURE TERMINATION OF THE TOURNAMENT.

14. WV STATE USBC AND/OR CENTER MANAGEMENT/OWNER RESERVES ALL RIGHTS TO STOP ANY ACTIONS THAT VIOLATE ANY USBC OR HOUSE RULE NOT LISTED IN THE PRINTED RULES. THIS INCLUDES ANY ACTION THAT MAY DAMAGE THE CENTER'S EQUIPMENT OR LANES. THEY ALSO HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK A BOWLER TO LEAVE THE CENTER IF THE ACTIONS ARE NOT STOPPED. IF THE BOWLER IS ASKED TO LEAVE THE CENTER, THE DECISION IS FINAL, AND THE BOWLER WILL NOT BE ISSUED A REFUND