

## Rules and Regulations

1. The tournament shall be run in strict compliance with rules set forth by the United States Bowling Congress in conjunction with the AMVETS State Bowling Committee
2. The tournament shall be run on a 100% handicap basis, with all prizes being paid in the handicap division only. Optional All Events will be paid in both scratch and handicap divisions, bowlers may elect to enter one or both divisions; prize fund will be based on entries received.
3. Team prize checks will be made payable to the team captain, doubles prize checks will be made out to each partner for one-half the prize amount, singles and all event prize checks will be made out to the winning bowlers. All checks will be mailed to the team captain or to the bowlers' local post if not a part of any team.
4. A sponsor trophy will be awarded to the first-place team handicap winners. No individual trophies will be awarded. (Prize ratio 1 in 10)
5. This shall be a USBC moral sanction tournament. USBC sanctions are not required, however, those individuals not sanctioned may purchase an unattached USBC Standard membership card at the registration office for a cost of \$20.00-\$37.00 depending on association.
6. Entry average shall be the highest average, 21 games or more for the 2023-2024 season in league play or the highest average of 21 games or more in 2023-2024 if it is ten pins higher by January 1, 2024. All averages used must be sanctioned league averages. All bowlers with no average for 2023-2024 season, or current average of 21 games or more can go back(S) five years if they have an average in any of these years. Male bowlers with no average in the last 5 years will enter with a 200 average, female bowlers with no average will enter with a 175 average. Each entry shall receive a handicap of 80% of 210 scratch. The Tournament Manager can re-rate averages at any time.
7. NO FEES SHALL BE REFUNDED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE OF MARCH 8, 2025.
8. A team captain MUST be designated on each entry blank with his/her address, e-mail, and phone number; and he/she will be responsible for all information and tournament schedules passed on to their team members. They shall be responsible for the team being notified and ready to bowl in the scheduled events. Make sure you fill in the information COMPLETELY and LEGIBLY.
9. Check-in time shall be (30) minutes prior to the scheduled time to bowl. If changes are to be made, please check in 1 hour before the scheduled time to bowl. TEAM CAPTAINS ONLY shall check in the entire team, when all team members are present for the team event. For doubles and singles, each bowler shall check in and must present MEMBERSHIP CARD AND USBC CARDS.
10. If you have an individual change, you MUST present their current membership and USBC cards.
11. The host post will attempt to have bowlers available if extra bowlers are needed. This is not a guarantee.
12. LATE bowlers will receive a 0 (zero) score for each frame they miss up to the 5th frame. If the bowler has not arrived by the start of the 5th frame, the bowler will receive a 0 (zero) score for that game and may begin bowling at the start of the next game.
13. The tournament manager shall post before the opening of the tournament, a copy of the official prize list in the establishment where the tournament event will be conducted, providing the prize list is approved by the committee.
14. The entire "PRIZE FEE" will be returned to participants in the event for which the entry was made, on a ratio listed on the application.
15. Not more than (4) four players can compete together more than once in the (5) five-person team. At least one team member must change to re-enter the team event. When a bowler is a member of more than one (5) person team in the tournament, his/her first score shall count in the all-events scoring.
16. Bowlers may participate in more than one doubles event, but not with the same partner. Additionally, his/her first doubles score will count for all events scoring.
17. A bowler may participate in more than one singles event, however, his/her first singles score shall count for all events scoring.
18. USBC Rule 319-E will apply.
19. USBC Rule 319-A-3 will apply.
20. USBC Rule 319-0 will apply.
21. Claims of error must be made within 24 hours after bowling. Corrections of scores can only be made by the Tournament Manager.
22. A team must pay for all spots on entries submitted. If you need a bowler to make up a team or doubles you must pay for that spot. All spots must be paid for or entry will be returned.
23. Any team is permitted to have up to (2) two guest members on the team. For doubles events, (1) one guest/social member is permitted. Guest/social members are permitted singles events and can compete in optional all events. Please see your local post for guest/social membership applications.
24. Juniors must bowl by established averages.
25. A min- of one bowler must be changed to reenter the team event (for each session).
26. Tournament asst. director may be filled by member from either Aux, Sons member.
27. Tournament committee are allowed to look for lane sponsors.