

IMPORTANT TOURNAMENT RULES

1. All participants in this tournament shall be members of a local USBC chartered association in the state of Missouri, bowling in a certified Missouri league or have a 12 game average in a certified Missouri league as of date of participation in the tournament.
2. All entry fees must accompany this entry blank. Entry fee is \$20 per bowler per event. Bowlers may bowl only once in each event in this tournament. Bowlers must enter both doubles and singles. You must enter handicap division before entering scratch division in any event except All Events division. Those bowlers wishing to participate in handicap All Events must pay \$5 additional. Those bowlers wishing to participate in scratch All Events must pay \$5 additional.
Optional scratch divisions: \$10 per event per bowler. Team - entire team must enter scratch division - \$50. Doubles - both bowlers must enter scratch division - \$20. Note: You may enter scratch Singles without entering scratch Doubles or vice versa.
3. A check for entry fees, returned because of "insufficient funds" or any other reason, will be returned to sender along with entry blank. An entry thus cancelled can only be re-entered by sending certified check or money order for entry fees plus bank service charges.
4. Entry blanks must be filled out in detail. Doubles, Singles and All Events entries must be entered on same blank and some reference made if paired with another team. Team Captain's signature is required.
5. No refunds of entry fees can be made after schedule is accepted. Schedule will be considered accepted unless refused within ten days of postmarked confirmation.
6. All entrants will be handicapped 75 percent of the difference between their highest certified league average and 220 for singles, 440 for doubles, and 1100 for team (with a minimum average of 140). Report and use only averages from certified leagues. Use highest average of 21 games or more from the previous season. If no previous season average, use 2008 summer league average of 21 games or more. For those who do not qualify, use highest average of 21 games or more as of January 10, 2009.
7. It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of the reported average on the entry form, whether originally submitted by the bowler, the team captain or others. Failure to use proper average or make corrections up to the completion of the first game of a series shall disqualify score if submitted average is lower than actual average thereby resulting in a lower classification or more handicap. If submitted average is higher, prize winnings will be based on submitted average. The ten pin rule - rule 319a2 is in effect for this tournament. If your average is 10 pins higher than your book average as of January 10, 2009, you must use the new average.
8. No bowler can substitute in the singles event only. Transfer of "All Events" fees must be made before either bowler has bowled in any event.
9. In the event of mechanical failure, it is hereby agreed that bowlers affected shall be moved to the next available lanes in the center at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
10. All bowlers must check in 30 minutes before squad time. Substitutes must be made one hour before squad time. Squads can be started ahead of schedule if all bowlers are present.
11. Team line-up as entered on entry blank will not be changed. No re-arranging of line-up for team or doubles will be permitted.
12. Team captains only, may request changes in their team's schedule. The Tournament Director shall have the power to make any changes in the schedule, both lanes and time. Substitutions must be made on a bowler to bowler basis with no change in the order of line-up in team or doubles events.
13. Original score sheet is official and any obvious errors are subject to change and correction by the Tournament Director. The prize list and standings will be held subject to change until 48 hours after the last squad of the tournament has bowled. Any appeal from the Tournament Director's decisions or changes must be made to the Rules Committee in person with all data.
14. Teams or individuals failing to appear at their scheduled time to bowl may start in their regular turn, coinciding with the rest of the squad, at the discretion of the Tournament Director. Those who do not show, forfeit their place and entry fees. Any player or team arriving late shall begin play with the score counting beginning with the frame then being bowled.
15. Any entrant appearing at his scheduled time of bowling who appears to be under the influence of intoxicating liquors or drugs, or any entrant who willfully delays the normal progress of the game, or any entrant whose conduct on the lanes is considered objectionable, shall be removed immediately from the lanes and tournament, whether a qualified substitute is available or not. Shorts are permitted. Collar shirts are preferred. Any attire with objectionable material or advertisement is not allowed. No cutoff jeans or shorts with holes are allowed. Tank tops are not allowed.
16. Each entrant should be familiar with USBC Rule 319. You must submit your adjusted average in accordance with the formula of Rule 310a3. Rule 319d will be waived.
17. Violation of USBC or tournament rules will result in disqualification.
18. A tournament game or frame(s) within a game irretrievably lost in the scoring process may be re-bowled at a time set by the Tournament Committee.