

# TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

## **Eligibility and Multiple entries**

1. All Entries to this tournament must be made in accordance with United States Bowling Congress Rules.
2. Any member of the Rhode Island USBC Bowling Association may enter and participate. Any resident of Rhode Island or person who bowls in Rhode Island who is not a member of the USBC may become affiliated by payment of an unattached membership fee of \$21.00. Non-members living outside the jurisdiction of this association but are members of another association may enter by paying an unattached membership fee of \$8.00.
3. There will be separate entries into the Doubles and singles Events. Doubles/Singles will be considered separate events. Multiple entries are accepted.
4. Multiple participation in Team, Doubles/Singles events shall be in accordance with USBC Rule 315.
  - a. Four person team event: Not more than two players on the same team can place more than once in the prize list for position standings.
  - b. Two person team event: In no case shall the same two-person team be permitted to place more than once in the prize list for position standings.
  - c. Individual event: If you reenter the singles event you may cash once with your highest score..
  - d. When a bowler competes more than once, only his or her first appearance in each event shall count towards his or her All-Events score
5. A bowler may cash in only Handicapped or Scratch, whichever pays higher for their finish. Both divisions will pay Scratch payouts first.
6. If you bowl in All-Events, you must pay before your first squad of bowling, be it Teams, Singles or Doubles, in order to qualify.
7. Team Captains shall report one-half hour before squad bowls. All lanes will be assigned.

## **Entering Average, Handicap, Re-Rates**

8. The tournament shall be conducted on an individual handicap basis with 90% of the difference between a bowler's average and 230.
9. Bowlers shall use their highest of last year's book average or current average of 21 games or more if 10 pins higher than book. All others shall bowl scratch if they don't have a current sanctioned book average. If you have less than 21 games in a league, but have 21 games combined between multiple leagues, a composite average may be used.
10. All contestants should be prepared to establish proof of membership and also proof of average.
11. It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of his or her average, whether originally submitted by the bowler, his or her team captain or others. Failure to use the proper average or to make a correction prior to completion of first game shall disqualify score if submitted average is lower than actual average of prize winning shall be based on the submitted average if it is higher.
12. All Sport or Challenge averages MUST be re-rated by using the USBC provided Sport/Challenge rerate charts. You will receive a re-rate if you ONLY have a Sport or Challenge average and no House shot average from the previous year, or do not have 21 games on a House shot this season.

## **Substitutes, Pacers, Tardy Players & Captain's Responsibilities**

13. Team Captains may substitute a bowler for one originally entered in accordance with USBC Rule 304. Replacements in Doubles/Singles events shall be in accordance with Rule 304.
14. No pacers permitted. Only those entered or qualified substitutes may bowl.
15. Tardy players will start in frame being bowled with zero being given for the missed frames.
16. To certify scores, each Team Captain shall sign game report upon completion of event.

## **Prize Fund, Refunds**

17. It will not be required to report prize winnings from other tournaments.
18. Prize money will be distributed according to division entries.
19. All prizes will be returned 100% on a ratio of 1:6 in each Teams, Singles and Doubles events. All-Events ratio is 1:10. All prizes are split between Handicapped and Scratch at a 50-50 ratio, per division.
20. In the event of ties for first place within a division, Co-champions will be declared. Prize money shall be equally divided among all positions tied.
21. No entry money will be refunded if it is discovered that a team or individual has not complied with all rules and eligibility requirements of the USBC and this tournament. Bad checks will cause the team to be disqualified. The person issuing the check will be held responsible for the check and subjected to possible suspension according to USBC rules. A cost of bank fees PLUS a \$20.00 association fee and costs of collection will be added for processing by the association.
22. Cash awards will be mailed within 30 days after the completion of the tournament.

## **Protests & Appeals**

23. In case of protests or inquiry, contact the tournament director, who has supreme power and is authorized to decide upon matters pertaining to the operation of this tournament when not inconsistent with tournament rules or provision of the USBC rules (USBC Rule 303). Protests must be reported in writing prior to the awarding of prize money or games will stand as bowled.

### **Dress Code**

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Allowed:

- a. Mock Collars
- b. Collared Shirts
- c. Jeans
- d. Shorts
- e. Skirts
- f. Khakis

Not Allowed:

- a. Hats
- b. Jogging pants
- c. T-shirts
- d. Tank tops or muscle shirts

### **Entry Fee Breakdown**

25. Entry fees will breakdown as follows:

- a. Prize Fund - \$20.00 (\$10 Scratch, \$10 Handicap), Lineage - \$6.75, Fees - \$2.75, Tournament Director - \$0.50 per entry.
- b. All-Events – \$10 Prize fund divided \$5 Scratch, \$5 Handicapped per division.

### **All Other Rules**

26. All other rules not covered in these will be covered by USBC 2018-2019 Rulebook.

**MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO:  
“Rhode Island Bowling Association”**