

## Tournament Rules

1. All entrants must be sanctioned in the 2015-2016 season with the Southern Nevada USBC Association. Non-members living within the jurisdiction of this association who are not members of another association may enter by paying an unattached membership fee consisting of the current dues for USBC, State and local associations. Those belonging to another association must pay the local and state fees.
2. Bowlers may bowl as many times as they wish, but may cash **only one time** with each partner.
3. Tournament shall be a handicap Mixed Doubles (1 Man and 1 Woman) with a separate Optional Scratch Mixed Doubles Event. Bowlers will each bowl 4 games on one pair of lanes.
4. **HANDICAP** - will be 90% of 225.
5. Prize Ratio for Handicap will be at least 1 in 5. Prize Ratio for Scratch will be at least 1 in 6. Prize fee will be returned 100%.  
Winners for both scratch and handicap will be awarded individual plaques, to be presented at a time determined by the Tournament Director.  
Entry Fee is \$50 per team (\$25 per person).
  - Lineage ..... \$20.00
  - Prize Fund..... ..\$30.00
6. **AVERAGE REQUIREMENTS** as follows:
  - a. Highest 2014-2015 Winter book average with at least 21 games.
  - b. Highest 2014-2015 Summer average with at least 21 games.
  - c. Highest 2013-2014 Winter book average with at least 21 games.
  - d. Highest 2013-2014 Summer average with at least 21 games.
  - e. Highest current average with at least 21 games bowled prior to bowling in tournament. A copy of the league standings will be required.
  - f. All others must use 225 (Scratch).
7. No Sport or Tough shot averages will be allowed.
8. Rule 14 will apply - No member of USBC shall participate or be involved in the operation of a scheme or arrangement requiring a supplemental fee of any type or character for the purpose of having any part or all of a player's score in USBC league or tournament play qualify for a prize where competing entrants bowl in different bowling centers. Please see bowl.com for more information on exceptions
9. **RULE 319a** will apply to all USBC Members (*Ten Pin rule and average verification – Rules 319a-2 and 319a-3*).  
Bowlers are responsible for verifying their own average whether submitted by the bowler or others. All bowlers with an average in another Association for the previous season shall furnish verification from their previous Association Manager in writing before closing date of this tournament. Failure to follow this rule may result in disqualification from the tournament.
10. **RULE 319d** will apply (*Reporting Prior Prize Winnings*) - A handicap or classified tournament may require a bowler to report any previous tournament prize winnings as a condition for entry. In a handicap or classified tournament that does not have such a rule, anyone who has qualified\* for a cash and/or merchandise prize of \$600 or more in the position standings prize list in any event in a tournament, including all-events, special features, special prizes and donated prizes, within the last 12-month period, must give tournament management the following information prior to participation for possible average adjustment:
  - a. The name of each tournament in which they have been paid such a prize, or if not yet paid, in which they have qualified for the prize.
  - b. The amount of the prize.
  - c. The actual score bowled to qualify for the prize.
  - d. The prize position.

***Failure to comply with these provisions is cause for a forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings.***
11. **RULE 319c and 319e** will apply to all USBC members (*Average adjustment / re-ratings appeal*).  
In Accordance with **Rule 319c**, the average of a bowler may be adjusted upward before participation in any event. If the assigned average is not accepted by the bowler, the entry fee(s) shall be refunded. **Rule 319e**, a bowler shall adjust his/her entering average if, during a 12 month period immediately preceding the time and date of bowling, the bowler's accumulated average for all, but not less than 21 tournament games, exceeds the average to be used for entry by 15 or more pins. In that case, the accumulated average must be used for handicapping or classification purposes.
12. Any rules not covered shall be governed by USBC Sanctioned Tournament Rules. Decisions of the Tournament Director will be final unless an appeal is made in accordance with USBC **Rule 329**.
13. All Entries will close 1/2 hour prior to the scheduled start time of squad. Incomplete entries will not be accepted.
14. Lanes shall be conditioned before each squad. The tournament will be bowled on the **USBC White #3** lane dressing pattern.
15. All entries must be paid prior to bowling. There will be no refunds.
16. **DRESS CODE** – participants must wear a shirt and trousers, jeans or dress shorts. Traditional collared shirts, mock collared shirts and collarless bowling jerseys and non-offensive t-shirts are all permitted. During participation, bowlers are **NOT PERMITTED** to wear sweats, zupas (pants with elastic cuffs) or any athletic style shorts. Women – shorts and or skirts are allowed and must be of fingertip length at a minimum. All clothing must be neat, clean and in good condition. Dress code will be enforced by the tournament staff and they will make any judgment calls related to attire based on any special circumstances or medical exemptions.

**THE DECISION OF TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR SHALL BE FINAL EXCEPT WHERE AN APPEAL IS MADE TO USBC HEADQUARTERS WITHIN 10 DAYS OF NOTIFICATION OF THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS DECISION. SEE RULE 329 FOR APPEAL PROCEDURE.**