

Southern Nevada USBC Championships

Q: I don't have enough bowlers to make up a team. Is there a way to find other bowlers who might be interested in joining a team?

A: Yes there is! Start by going to the Association home page and locate "Bowler/Sub Request Form" link at the bottom of the tournament announcement located in the upper left hand corner of the page. Select this link and tell us what you need. When a sub is available or someone is needed for a team or doubles, another link will appear just below "Bowler/Sub Request Form". If you use this and are no longer available, please let us know by sending an email to our office sonvbowl@lvcoxmail.com.

If you encounter any problems with the above, just call the office and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Q: I am a little confused by the different parts of the entry form referring to costs. Can you clear this up for me?

A: I sure hope so! Let's look at a number of possible scenarios:

Probably the most important thing is to realize that each event costs each bowler \$25.

1. If you are entering a team that will bowl Team, Doubles and Singles, the cost is \$75 per bowler.
2. If your team is only bowling the team event, the cost is \$25 per bowler. In other words the doubles/Singles is not mandatory.
3. The doubles/singles events must be bowled together (all 6 games will be bowled during the same squad). You cannot bowl just doubles or singles so the cost is \$50 per bowler.

Q: Can you explain the multiple participation Rule?

A: Absolutely! It isn't very confusing if you are only entering a single division but it could be when you decide to bowl in two separate divisions. Let's take them on one at a time:

1. One Division (Men, Open or Women)
 - a. Team Event: While you may bowl as many times as you want with the same team, you must change two members if you want to cash more than once. In other words, if you use the same bowlers or you retain 3 of the 4 then you can only cash one time. So, what does this really mean? Let's say you do not change two of the bowlers and the team bowls twice in the same division and their score places them in second and fourth in their division. Only the second place would count for prize winnings. They would receive nothing for the fourth place finish.
 - b. Doubles/Singles: The limitations for this event is identical to the team event. You may only cash once with the same partner. There is one difference in that you may cash more than once in Singles but not in consecutive positions. For example, if your single scores have you in the 12th and 14th positions, you will cash in both but if you are 12th and 13th, you will only cash in the 12th position. You will still cash for the 13th position but at a lower spot, e.g., 14th.
2. Two Divisions (Men & Open or Women & Open)

All of the rules noted for one division apply to a second division. But, here's where the difference begins. Think of each division as a separate tournament. The same four-person team can enter two divisions (Open and Men's **or** Open and Women's) and cash separately in each one of them. But, since they are separate divisions, the team must pay for each event in each division. Let's look at a simple example. I have a team that will bowl Team, Doubles and Singles in the Open and in the Men's Divisions. The cost for each division would be \$75 per bowler or \$300 for the entire team. That would make the total cost for both divisions \$600 or \$150 per bowler.

Q: Can you explain All-Events?

A: There are two All-Events categories. One scratch (\$25 per bowler) and one handicap (\$15 per bowler). You could choose either one or both (\$40 per bowler). If we were to assume you were a 150 average bowler, it is highly likely that you would only consider the handicap All-Events and if your average was 225, I would expect that you would only enter the scratch All-Events. However, if, for example, you were in the 180 to 210 range you could choose to enter either one or both. You may enter only once in each division for All-Events. So if you are entering the Men's and the Open divisions, you may enter All-Events in each one.

1. In order to qualify for payouts in All-Events, a bowler must bowl the team, doubles and singles events (9 games). For those who bowl multiple times only the first score in each category counts toward the All-Events. If, for example, you are bowling one team and two doubles/singles events, the team score and the first doubles/singles scores bowled will count toward your All-Events score.
2. You must ensure that your All-Events have been paid for before you throw your first ball in the tournament. If not, then you will not be eligible for any prizes in this category.

Q: How often will the lanes be oiled?

A: The lanes will be dressed before each squad. Here are a few other facts about the lane condition:

1. The lane condition for this tournament is the USBC White Pattern #3. While all three USBC patterns (Red, White and Blue) are "house" shots, they provide a variable range of difficulty. While the Red typifies the "typical house shot," the White pattern is considered to be a step up in challenge level for the average player.
2. The USBC White pattern is designed to be the medium scoring pattern of the three for a typical USBC member. The White pattern is blended more evenly while still showing a crown of oil from inside to out and gradual taper from the foul line to the end of the oil pattern.
3. The USBC White #3 is a 39' pattern. To learn a little more about the various patterns, select the file labeled Oil Pattern Information under the Bowler Resources section on the left side of the home page. There are way too many variables to adequately cover them in this document. For example, the conditions will vary depending the type conditioner and the lane machine in use as well as how well the machine is maintained.

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