

Rules of the Colorado State USBC Senior Open Tournament

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CALL (719) 547-0944 FOR EARLY RESERVATIONS UNTIL SEPTEMBER 18, 2010. ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE PAID BY SEPTEMBER 25, 2010. RESERVATIONS NOT PAID BY SEPTEMBER 25, 2010 ARE NOT GUARANTEED.

ENTRIES CLOSE MIDNIGHT OCTOBER 2, 2010. Entries must be postmarked no later than October 4, 2010 in order to be accepted.

THIS IS A SENIORS TOURNAMENT FOR ALL COLORADO STATE USBC BOWLERS 55 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER

1. **DRESS CODE** – ALL BOWLERS must wear bowling, sleeved t-shirt or sport shirt. ALL BOWLERS must wear slacks, casual trousers or jeans. NO shorts, cutoffs, skirts, skorts, culottes, tank tops, muscle shirts or head gear. **PENALTY** – Disqualification and forfeiture of all entry fees and prizes.
2. **BOWL ONCE IN EACH EVENT** - (team, doubles and singles) **PENALTY** - Disqualification and forfeiture of all entry fees and prizes. BOWLERS ENTERING DOUBLES OR SINGLES MUST ENTER BOTH EVENTS. Doubles will be bowled first.
3. **ELIGIBILITY** - The 2010 State Senior Tournament is open to all USBC Members of any Association Chartered with the United States Bowling Congress within the State of Colorado. All participants must be 55 years of age or older as of the date of bowling their first event in the tournament. All participants must present a current USBC Membership card at check in time. Non USBC Members who reside in the State of Colorado may qualify by paying a fee of \$20.00 or \$21.00 for a membership card. Any USBC Member who identifies themselves as a "Professional" may participate in this tournament, limiting the number of individuals defined as professional bowlers to one on a four person team and one on a doubles team.
4. **AVERAGES** - USE HIGHEST 2009-2010 BOOK AVERAGE of 21 games or more. If no 2009-2010 book average, bowler may use 2010 certified summer average of 21 games or more. If bowler has neither of the previous averages, the bowler may use HIGHEST CURRENT CERTIFIED league average of 21 games or more as of the time of bowling their first event. If the bowler has none of these three averages, an average of 230 will be assigned with no handicap offered. BOWLERS REQUIRED TO USE 2010 SUMMER AVERAGES MUST HAVE THIS AVERAGE VERIFIED BY THE LOCAL ASSOCIATION AND ATTACHED TO THE ENTRY FORM. BOWLERS REQUIRED TO USE CURRENT AVERAGES MUST HAVE AVERAGE VERIFIED BY THE LEAGUE SECRETARY AND VERIFICATION DELIVERED AT CHECK IN TIME WHEN BOWLER BOWLS. NO OUT OF STATE AVERAGES WILL BE ACCEPTED.
5. **USBC RULE 319a-2 is waived (10 pin rule).**
6. **REPORTING PRIOR PRIZE WINNINGS of \$600.00 or more IN THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS (USBC RULE 319 d) DOES APPLY**
7. **AVERAGE ADJUSTMENT – Bowler's tournament average adjustment (USBC RULE 319 e) DOES APPLY TO THIS TOURNAMENT.**
8. **VERIFICATION OF AVERAGES** - It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of his/her average, whether submitted by the bowler, the Team Captain or others. Failure to use the proper average or make the correction prior to the end of the first game of a series shall disqualify the score if the submitted average is lower than the actual average. If the submitted average is higher than required, prize winnings will be based on the submitted average.
9. **HANDICAP** shall be based on 90% of 230.
10. **PRIZE RATIOS** - Handicap team, doubles and singles prize ratio will be 1 in 7, scratch and handicap all events prize ratio will be 1 in 15.
11. **TROPHIES AND CHEVRONS** will be awarded to the handicap Champions in each division of the tournament: team, doubles, singles and all events and to the scratch all events Champions. Handicap and scratch all events championships may be won by the same individual.
12. **ALL EVENTS CLASSES WILL BE ASSIGNED BY AGE GROUP.** Super Senior: 75 and up, Class A: 70 to 74, Class B: 65 to 69, Class C: 60 to 64, Class D: 55 to 59. The Colorado State USBC will pay each winner's entry fee and award \$250.00 for expenses for the National Seniors Championship in 2011. The money for these entries will come from the tournament expenses. If the winner does not go, the entry fee and expense fee will be awarded to the 2nd place finisher. If the 2nd place finisher does not go, then no one in that class will win these fees.
13. **SCHEDULING** - Lane assignments are made by the Tournament Manager. DOUBLES AND SINGLES SCHEDULED 3 SETS PER PAIR OF LANES. Additional squads may be added if entries warrant; however, no additional squads may be added after October 4, 2010. If it becomes necessary to reschedule bowlers in any event, it will be done at the discretion of the Tournament Manager. In the case of a machine failure and it becomes impossible to complete the event within the scheduled time, the event will be rescheduled and bowling will resume at the point where bowling was discontinued.
14. **REFUNDS** - USBC Rule 314. All entry fees must be paid in full and accompany the entry form. After scheduled dates have been assigned by the Tournament Director, entry fees will not be refunded. Persons submitting entries and failing to receive written confirmation should contact the Tournament Manager at (719) 547-0944.
15. **TEAM CAPTAINS** are the team representative and will serve in all matters pertaining to individual behavior and compliance with Tournament and USBC Rules. The Team Captain will be responsible to the Tournament Manager for the conduct of their team members throughout the times they are on the lanes in competition.
16. **SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS** - Any team whose members have not provided Social Security Numbers for IRS purposes may have their prize checks delayed until all Social Security Numbers are collected.
17. **REPLACEMENTS** - Authorized by the Team Captain. Replacements must occupy the same position in the line up as the original entrant. Bowlers will bowl in the order as listed on the original entry form. Once a replacement has been added to the roster and the replacement bowler has delivered the first ball in competition, the replacement bowler must be allowed to complete the series in team competition and if substituting in the doubles and singles events, the replacement bowler must complete both of these events.
18. **PACERS ARE NOT ALLOWED.**
19. **CHECK IN TIMES** - All bowlers should check in at least 30 minutes prior to squad times. Squads may start early if all bowlers have checked in.
20. **TARDY BOWLERS** - All squads will start on time barring unforeseen difficulties. Tardy bowlers will start in the frame being bowled when they are READY for tournament play, with NO SCORE for frames missed. Teams refusing to start at the scheduled time due to the lack of players will forfeit the right to bowl and all entry fees paid.
21. **LOST SCORES** - SCOREKEEPERS - USBC RULE 327 a, USBC RULE 327c
22. **SCORE SHEETS** - After a score sheet has been signed by the contestant or Team Captain, it cannot be changed except in the case of an obvious error in scoring or calculation. Bowlers are cautioned to sign score sheets only after insuring the scores and calculations are correct. Duplicate recap sheets are available for the bowlers. Tele-scores or computer printouts will be the Official score sheet. These will be on file for 72 hours.
23. **PROTESTS** - Any protest affecting eligibility or tournament rules must be confirmed in writing to the Tournament Manager, with a copy to the United States Bowling Congress, before the prize checks have been mailed.
24. **PRACTICE BOWLING** – Ten minutes of practice will be allowed before team and doubles competition. When tournament lanes are not in use, bowlers may use them for "warm up" purposes at the discretion of the center management, except that all lanes used in tournament play must be cleared 20 minutes prior to squad time.
25. **USBC RULES WILL APPLY IN ALL INSTANCES NOT SPECIFICALLY COVERED BY THE ABOVE RULES.**

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