

RULES OF THE COLORADO STATE USBC 59TH ANNUAL OPEN HANDICAP TOURNAMENT

Call (719) 547-0944 for reservations until February 20, 2010. All reservations must be paid in full by February 27, 2010. Reservations not paid in full by this date are not guaranteed and may be given to waiting paid entries. **Entries close Midnight March 19, 2010. Entries must be postmarked no later than March 20, 2010 to be accepted.** E-MAIL: Colorado.state.usbc@comcast.net

1. **DRESS CODE** – ALL BOWLERS must wear a collar or collarless shirt and casual slacks, trousers or jeans. Women may wear Capri pants provided the length is below the knees. NOT PERMITTED: Shorts, sweat pants, work-out attire, cutoffs, skirts, skorts, culottes or zupas (pants with elastic cuffs), tank tops, muscle shirts, bare midriffs, and shirts with offensive language/pictures or hats while bowling. All clothing must be neat, clean and in good condition. Final decisions as to attire will be left up to tournament management. **PENALTY**– Disqualification and forfeiture of all entry fees and prizes.
2. **MULTIPLE TEAM EVENTS** - Entrants may bowl more than once in the team event, subject to these conditions: a. No more than three (3) players may compete on the same team more than once in this tournament, USBC RULE 315 b. 1. A bowler participating more than once in the team event **MUST** count his/her first team score for All-Events.
3. **DOUBLES AND SINGLES ONLY BOWL ONCE IN EACH EVENT**– **PENALTY** – Disqualification and forfeiture of all entry fees and prizes. Bowlers entering doubles and singles **MUST** enter both events. Doubles will be bowled first.
4. **ELIGIBILITY** – The 2010 State 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 present a current USBC Membership card at check-in time. Eligible non-USBC Members may qualify by paying a \$21.00 fee for an affiliate membership. Any USBC Member who identifies themselves as a "Professional" may participate in this tournament, limiting the number of individuals defined as professional bowlers to two on a five person team and one on a doubles team. Junior Bowlers see USBC Rule #13 of the USBC Rule book.
5. **AVERAGES** – USE HIGHEST 2008-2009 BOOK AVERAGE OF 21 GAMES OR MORE. If no 2008-2009 average, bowler may use his/her highest 2009 certified summer average of 21 games or more. If bowler has neither of these, they may use their highest 2008-2009 certified league average of 21 games or more as of the starting date of the tournament (April 10, 2010). If the bowler has none of these three averages, an average of 230 will be assigned with no handicap being offered. **BOWLERS REQUIRED TO USE 2009 SUMMER AVERAGES** must have the average verified by the Local Association Manager and attached to the entry form. **BOWLERS REQUIRED TO USE APRIL 10, 2010 AVERAGE** must have the average verified by the league secretary, with verification presented at the time of bowling the first event. **NO OUT OF STATE AVERAGES ACCEPTED.**
6. **USBC RULE 319a, PARAGRAPH 2 (10 PIN RULE) DOES NOT APPLY.**
7. **AVERAGE ADJUSTMENT** – Bowler's tournament average adjustment (USBC Rule 319e) **DOES APPLY.**
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 ratios will be 1 in 7. Handicap All Events prize ratios will be 1 in 15. Scratch Team and Scratch All Events prize ratios will be 1 in 10.
11. **HIGH HANDICAP 3 GAME SERIES OF THE TOURNAMENT** – This bowler will be named The Colorado State Bowler and receive a jacket and a plaque.
12. **HIGH SCRATCH ALL EVENTS** – The winner will receive an entry in the 2011 USBC Masters Tournament. Bowler must be entered in Scratch All Events to win this award.
13. **HIGH SCRATCH GAME OF THE TOURNAMENT** – This bowler will receive a plaque.
14. **AWARDS**–Will be awarded to the Handicap event champions. Jackets will be awarded to the Scratch event champions. The same team/individual may win both the Handicap and Scratch awards.
15. **SCHEDULING** - Lane assignments are made by the Tournament Manager. Additional squads may be added prior to April 10, 2010; however, no additional squads may be added after that date.
16. **REFUNDS** – USBC Rule 314. After an entry has been received, and the dates assigned by tournament management are not refused before preparation of the schedule, the entry fee cannot be refunded after March 27, 2010.
17. **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 his/her team members throughout the times they are on the lanes in competition.
18. **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.
19. **REPLACEMENTS** – Authorized by the Team Captain or his authorized representative. 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, unless a request for change is made at least one (1) day prior to squad time. Once a replacement has been added to the roster, and the replacement has delivered the first ball in competition, the replacement bowler must be allowed to complete the series in Team and if substituting in Doubles and Singles the replacement must complete both of the events.
20. **CHECK IN TIMES** – All Bowlers are requested to be present and check in at least 45 minutes before their scheduled squad times. Squads may start early if all bowlers are checked in.
21. **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 lack of bowlers will forfeit the right to bowl and all entry fees paid.
22. **SIGNING OF RECAPS** – After a score sheet has been signed by the contestant or Team Captain, it cannot be changed except in the case of obvious errors in scoring or calculation. Bowlers are cautioned to sign 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 after the close of the tournament.
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, within fifteen (15) days of the occurrence or before prize checks have been mailed.
24. **USBC RULES WILL APPLY IN ALL INSTANCES NOT SPECIFICALLY COVERED BY THESE RULES.**