

RULES OF THE COLORADO STATE USBC 61ST ANNUAL OPEN HANDICAP TOURNAMENT

Call (719) 547-0944 or e-mail for reservations until February 17, 2012. All reservations must be paid in full by February 24, 2012. Reservations not paid in full by this date are not guaranteed and may be released to accommodate paid entries. **Entries close Midnight April 2, 2012. E-MAIL: Colorado.state.usbc@comcast.net**

1. **DRESS CODE** – ALL BOWLERS must wear a collar or collarless shirt (t-shirts ok) and casual slacks, trousers or jeans. (Women may wear Capri pants provided the length is below the knees). NOT PERMITTED: shirts with no sleeves or offensive language/pictures, wearing of electronic devices, hats, sweats, shorts, skirts, skorts, culottes or zupas (pants with elastic cuffs) 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 for that event with failure to change attire after being warned prior to start of competition.**
2. **MULTIPLE TEAM EVENTS** - Entrants may bowl more than once in the team event, subject to these conditions as long as no more than three (3) players compete on the same team more than once in this tournament, USBC RULE 315b (1). A bowler's first team event will be used to compute 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. Scratch Doubles/Singles are available with entry into handicap doubles/singles. You will bowl only once and your score will count for both handicap and scratch.
4. **ELIGIBILITY** – The 2012 Open 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. Youth Bowlers see USBC Rule #13 of the USBC Rule book.
5. **AVERAGES** – USE HIGHEST 2010-2011 BOOK AVERAGE OF 21 GAMES OR MORE. A bowler without a 2010-2011 average may use their highest 2011-2012 Colorado USBC certified league average of 21 games or more as of January 1, 2012. A bowler that has neither of these, may use their highest 2011-2012 Colorado USBC certified league average of 21 games or more as of the starting date of the tournament (April 21, 2012). If the bowler has none of these three averages, an average of 230 will be assigned with no handicap being offered. BOWLERS USING A JANUARY 1, 2012 OR AN APRIL 21, 2012 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 APPLY.** If your average of 21 games or more as of March 1, 2012 is 10 pins higher than your book average, you will use that average.
7. **PRIZE WINNINGS** - Rule 319d reporting prize winnings of \$600.00 or more is waived.
8. **AVERAGE ADJUSTMENT** – Bowler's tournament average adjustment (USBC Rule 319e) **DOES APPLY.**
9. **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 actual, prize winnings will be based on the submitted average.
10. **HANDICAP** – Shall be based on 90% of 230.
11. **PRIZE RATIO** – Handicap Team, Doubles and Singles prize ratios will be 1 in 7. Handicap All Events prize ratios will be 1 in 15. Scratch Team, Doubles/Singles and All Events prize ratios will be 1 in 10.
12. **HIGH SCRATCH ALL EVENTS** – The winner will receive an entry in the 2013 USBC Masters Tournament. Bowler must be entered in Scratch All Events to win this award.
13. **HIGH SCRATCH GAME AND 800 SERIES OF THE TOURNAMENT** – This bowler (s) will receive a plaque.
14. **AWARDS** – Jackets will be awarded to all handicap and scratch champions of each event.
15. **SCHEDULING** - Lane assignments are made by the Tournament Manager. Additional squads may be added prior to April 21, 2012; 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 24, 2012.
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 ensuring 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** – RULES 329a (1) and 329b (1). Any protest affecting eligibility or Tournament Rules must be confirmed in writing to the Tournament Manager within 72 hours of the infraction or prior to tournament prizes being paid, or whichever occurs first. The decision of the tournament manager is final, unless a written appeal is filed with the LOCAL association or USBC headquarters within 10 days of notification of tournament management's decision.
24. **USBC RULES WILL APPLY IN ALL INSTANCES NOT SPECIFICALLY COVERED BY THESE RULES.**