

TOURNAMENT RULES

1. **Only members of the Nation's Capital Area USBC Association (NCAUSBCA) are eligible to bowl in the tournament. Non-members living within the jurisdiction of this association who are not members of another association may enter by paying an affiliate membership fee of \$21.00. Payment of co-association fees for membership will *not* be accepted at the tournament sites.**
2. **Bowlers entered in the Singles event must also enter the Doubles event and vice versa.**
3. Bowlers must present USBC 2009-2010 membership cards and confirm lineup ***as shown on entry form*** at the lanes at least 30 minutes prior to scheduled time. Team or bowlers failing to appear on the lanes prepared to bowl at the scheduled time shall forfeit their entry unless sufficient reason is given to warrant postponement.
4. The Team Captain or his/her legal representative has the privilege of substituting other bowlers for those originally entered.
5. In the Doubles event, the names of both entrants must be given. Entries with the word "PARTNER" will not be accepted.
6. **The Doubles event will be bowled immediately following the Singles event.**
7. The schedule will show the lane number on which teams will start. All entrants will bowl 3 games on one pair of lanes in each event, unless mechanical failures dictate otherwise.
8. No entry money will be refunded if it is discovered that a team or individual has failed to comply with all rules of the United States Bowling Congress and all rules and requirements of this tournament.
9. **Handicap will be 90% of the difference between the bowler's highest NCAUSBCA 2008-2009 yearbook average and a scratch figure of 1,150 for Teams; 460 for Doubles; 230 for Singles; or 2,070 for All Events. All handicaps will be calculated on a 3-game basis. It shall be the responsibility of each bowler to verify his/her average. Failure to use proper average shall disqualify scores bowled if submitted average is lower than actual average. Prize winnings will be based on submitted average if it is higher than the actual average. Average corrections must be made prior to the completion of the first game. USBC RULE 319a (2) WILL NOT APPLY.**
10. If a bowler does not have a previous season's NCAUSBCA yearbook average, the bowler may use the highest current NCAUSBCA-certified average (of 21 or more games) as of the closing date for entries of the tournament (March 30, 2010); otherwise, the bowler must enter with an average of 230. If using current average, a league sheet showing average as of March 30, 2010 must be presented to Tournament Officials at check-in. **If bowler does not have an NCAUSBCA 2008-2009 yearbook or current (2009-2010) average and competed in a 2009 summer league in this jurisdiction, that average, of at least 21 games, may be used provided it is documented at the NCAUSBCA office. USBC RULES 319c, 319d, and 319e WILL APPLY.**
11. The prize ratio for each event will be one prize for each six entries. ***PRIZE MONEY WILL BE RETURNED 100%.***
12. In the event of ties for first place (Team, Doubles, or Singles), the tied contestants will bowl 3 games in accordance with the rules of the tournament at such time and place as decided by the Tournament Chairman. Total pins, including handicap, for the 3 games will determine the winner. In the event of a tie for first place in the All Events, USBC Rule 326a will apply.
13. **Entrants must report any previous tournament prize winnings in the last year of \$600.00 or more (USBC Rule 319d). If entrant has won \$600.00 or more, he/she must submit *all* tournament scores (USBC Rule 319e) with official entry form.**
14. **PARTICIPATION RULE**
 - a. **Bowlers may enter doubles and singles 2 times as long as partners change. Bowlers may only cash once in singles. Bowlers may enter the team event 3 times, as long as 2 members of the team change. First score in each event will count towards All Events total.**
 - b. A maximum of two professional members are allowed to bowl on a team. Membership must be so indicate on the entry form.
 - c. Only one professional member allowed per doubles team.
15. All Events are not transferable unless substitute is replacing a bowler in all three events and it is so stated in writing before bowling any event as a substitute.
16. Scores lost due to malfunction of automatic scorers shall be re-bowled.
17. USBC Rule 330 will apply. (A bowler must use the same hand to deliver the bowling ball throughout the tournament).
18. USBC Rule 329, a protest or appeal involving eligibility or playing rules must be filed with Tournament Management, NCAUSBCA, or USBC no later than 10 days after the completion of the tournament. The protest or appeal must be in writing and the grounds for the protest or appeal briefly stated.
19. ***A \$20.00 ADMINISTRATIVE FEE, PLUS BANK CHARGES, WILL BE LEVIED ON ANY RETURNED CHECKS.***

SCRATCH EVENTS

Bowlers must compete in regular tournament to enter scratch events. Scores from handicap event will be used to determine winners of the scratch events.

SEND ALL ENTRIES AND INQUIRIES TO:

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