

76th ANNUAL ARIZONA STATE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Tournament open to all USBC certified bowlers who are members of a chartered association in the State of Arizona.
2. A bowler may bowl two (2) times in the team event, with a maximum of two (2) bowlers from the original team. A bowler can bowl Doubles and Singles one time only. The first scores bowled in team event will be used for all events.
3. Members of any professional bowler's organization shall be limited to (1) member on team of 4, in the team event, and one member in the doubles event.
4. Three (3) games will be bowled in each event. Doubles and Singles will be bowled on the same pair of lanes.
5. Participants must enter both Doubles and Singles events, to compete in either.
6. Averages:
 - a. Entrants shall use their highest 2021 - 2022 Arizona certified league average (winter or summer) minimum 21 games.
 - b. If no 2021 - 2022 book average is available, the bowler will use highest Arizona certified league average 21 games or more as of May 11, 2023. Each bowler must provide a copy of their league standings sheet for verification.
 - c. If neither of the above the bowler will be assigned an average of 230.
 - d. It shall be the responsibility of each bowler to verify his/her own average, whether submitted by the bowler, team captain, or some other person. Failure to use proper average may result in disqualification if submitted average is lower than the actual average.
Corrections may be permitted up to the completion of the first game of a series.
 - e. Bowlers with a Sport/Challenge average, will have their average adjusted, using the USBC Average Adjustment Chart, if the bowler does not have a standard average.
 - f. USBC Rule 319(a) is applicable for this tournament. (10 pin Rule)
 - g. USBC Rule 319 (c) is applicable. (Tournament average last 3 tournaments adjustment.)
 - h. USBC Rules 319(d) and 319(e) will not apply.
7. Handicap will be 90% of the difference between the bowler's average and 230, with no negative handicap.
8. Tournament participants are not allowed to practice on their scheduled lanes within 2 hours of squad time.
9. Championship Trophies will be awarded for the highest scratch score in each event and division. In the event of a tie in any event, or any division, Co-Champions will be declared.
10. Cash Prizes for all of our events Team, Doubles, Singles and All Events both **handicap and optional scratch**, and will be awarded based on Division.
11. Entrants not paying the optional Handicap and/or Scratch All Events fees will not be eligible for cash prizes in these events, but will be eligible for the Championship trophy.

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12. Prize fees will be returned 100% with a minimum ratio of 1:8 In each event, except the optional Scratch and Handicap All Events which will pay 1:12 in either event.
13. Bowlers shall register 30 minutes prior to their scheduled start time. Late bowlers may bowl in accordance with USBC Rule 322.
14. Substitutions can be made in any event and must be in accordance with USBC Rule 324(b), and must complete the entire series in which they are a substitute.
15. No entry fees will be refunded after the tournament has begun. USBC Rule 314
16. No unreasonable delay in the progress of any game will be permitted. USBC Rule 11.
17. All decisions of the on-site tournament manager will be final, unless a protest is filed with tournament management. USBC Rule 329 Protests must be filed in writing within 72 hours.
18. In an effort to keep all squads on time **1 lane courtesy** is requested.
19. Cleaning of the bowling ball surface is limited to a dry cloth towel or rag once certified competition has begun.
20. Tournament/Association management reserves the right to cancel any tournament or squad, due to lack of entries/participation, by the closing date of the tournament, or as deemed necessary. All entries with fees will be returned to the team captain.
21. **Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated, on-site tournament director has final decision for corrective action.**
22. **Any check for entry fees for any AZ State USBC tournament, that is returned for non-payment, will be assessed a service charge of \$25.00.**
23. **DRESS CODE RULE:**

ALLOWED: Participants will wear Polo Shirt, Bowling Jersey, Collared shirt, Hemmed shorts*, skorts*, or jeans (with no holes).
NOTE: Skirt, skorts, and short hemlines must extend beyond bowler's finger tips when standing relaxed and arms are extended downward at the bowler's side.

NOT ALLOWED includes, but is not limited to: t-shirts, caps/hats, tank/halter tops, bare/midriff tube tops, spaghetti tops, cut offs, short shorts, headgear (allowed for medical reasons only), workout attire, leggings of any kind, sweats or spandex. Shirts with inappropriate or vulgar pictures or writing will not be allowed.
24. Electronic Devices are prohibited during competition. Failure to comply, bowler will not be allowed to bowl and cause forfeiture of entry fees. Tournament director or designee's decision as to appropriateness will be final.
25. **Contestants, score monitors, and tournament officials will be the ONLY people allowed in the bowling area.**

Notice: Squads may be cancelled and the teams rescheduled at the discretion of the Tournament Director if an insufficient number of teams are scheduled to bowl that squad.