TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Entry is open to all bowlers who are current members of an USBC Association in the state of Texas and are 50 years of age or over at the time of participation.

2. Tournament will consist of team and singles events. **Lanes will be oiled one time each day before the first squad**. Teams will consist of four (4) members and must have at least one man and one woman on each team. Singles event will have two (2) divisions – Men and Women. Handicaps will be 90% from the following scratch figures: Team – 880; Singles – 220. Team event may be bowled three (3) times, but only two (2) members may bowl together on a second or third team. The handicapped score from a bowler's first team event will be counted for the all events score. **SINGLES MAY BE BOWLED MULTIPLE TIMES. ONLY YOUR FIRST BOWLED SINGLES SCORE COUNTS TOWARD YOUR ALL-EVENTS SCORE. YOU MAY CASH ON MULTIPLE SINGLES ENTRIES.**

3. All events will have two (2) divisions – Men and Women

The **OPTIONAL** fee for All Events in each classification will be $5.00 and 100% of the total fees will revert to the All-Events prize fund in each division. Only those bowlers paying the optional all events fees will be eligible for prize money in All Events competition, however, the bowler who has the greatest handicap score for his/her two events will be the champion in each all events division.

4. Entering Average Rules:
   a) Bowlers who are members of the Greater Austin Area USBC Association will use their highest GAAUSBCA certified league average of at least 21 games as listed in the 2025-2026 GAAUSBCA average book. All other entrants will use their highest certified league average of at least 21 games as listed on www.bowl.com for the 2025-2026 season.
   b) If a bowler does not have a 2025-2026 fall/winter league average, the bowler will use his/her highest average of at least 21 games in a 2026 summer league.
   c) If a bowler does not have a 2025-2026 fall/winter league average or a 2026 summer league, then a current average of at least 9 games in a certified 2026-2027 fall/winter league as of October 22, 2026. **Verification of average as of October 22,2026 signed by the appropriate league secretary will be submitted at the time of participation.**
   d) Bowlers without an average as outlined in rules above will bowl scratch (220).

5. **USBC Rule 319a 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 shall apply. USBC Rule 319c and 319a-2 (10 pin rule) shall apply. It is the bowler's responsibility to verify their current league average(s) as of October 12, 2025. If your current league average is 10-pins or more above your Entering Average, you must report your current average PRIOR to bowling. If you fail to report your current average, any and all tournament prizes (TEAM and/or SINGLES) will be forfeited.**

6. 100% of prize fees will be returned to participants in prizes. Prize ratio will be at least one prize for each five (5) entries.

7. In the event of first place ties, co-champions will be declared, and prize money will be combined and divided equally. Ties for second to last place will also be combined and divided equally.

8. Averages of bowlers placing in prize money will be verified before distribution of the prize fund. Tournament management reserves the right to adjust handicaps upward or downward in the event verification reveals incorrectly submitted averages. It will be the **Team Captain's responsibility** to complete the entry form and indicate each bowler's date of birth (Rule 3) and average (Rule 4a, b or c). If bowling singles event only, it will be the **individual entrant's responsibility** to complete the entry form correctly. All bowlers shall be present thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled time to bowl. **All prize money will be distributed within 30 days after the close of the tournament**.

9. A starting substitute must bowl all three (3) games in that event.

10. Pacers will not be allowed.

11. Bowlers will not use any slide aids (talcum powder, etc.) in the bowling area or directly behind the bowling area.

12. Tournament games cannot be re-bowled, except as authorized by the tournament manager when scores are irretrievably lost in an automatic scoring device.

13. The tournament manager will have the authority to decide any matters pertaining to the operation of the tournament not covered by the above rules.