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\text { 83rd Annual } \\
\text { Augusta USBC BA Open } \\
\text { Championship Handicap Tournament } \\
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Held at Bowlero Augusta 3067 Washington Rd Augusta, Ga 706-860-1667

|  | Team | Doubles | Singles | A/l Events (Optional) |
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| Lineage | $\$ 15.00$ | $\$ 15.00$ | $\$ 15.00$ | Scratch: $\$ 5.00$ |
| Prize Fund | $\$ 17.00$ | $\$ 17.00$ | $\$ 17.00$ | Handicap: $\$ 5.00$ |
| Expenses | $\$ 3.00$ | $\$ 3.00$ | $\$ 3.00$ | Senior Singles Division |
| Total Per Event | $\$ 35.00$ | $\$ 35.00$ | $\$ 35.00$ | Age 50 \& up $\$ 10.00$ |



TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR
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Prize Money will be added by Augusta USBC (Prorated by event based on number of entries.

Mail Entry Forms To:
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MULTIPLE ENTRIES ALLOWED (RULE 6) SENIOR SINGLES EVENT (\$10.00)


ALL PRIZE FEES RETURNED 100\% * HANDICAP BASED ON 90\% OF 230 (RULE 7)


NOTICE: Entries received without sufficient funds will be withheld from scheduling until funds are received.

## TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Eligibility: USBC and AUSBC Rules will govern this tournament. Competition is restricted to members of the Augusta USBC Bowling Association who have bowled at least 21 games in a certified league within the AUSBC jurisdiction. There may be no more than two professional bowlers per team, or more than one professional bowler per doubles.
2. Closing Date: Entries must be postmarked no later than February 25th, 2024.
3. Fees and Prizes: Entry fee will be $\$ 35.00$ per event (For Team, Doubles and Singles: $\$ 15.00$ lineage, $\$ 17.00$ Prize Fund, and $\$ 3.00$ Expense Fee). Optional All Events Handicap and All Events Scratch will be $\$ 5.00$ each, with the entire fee as Prize Fund. Prize ratio shall be at least one (1) for every eight (8) entries per event, including All Events. Senior Handicap Singles Division, age 50 \& up, (\$10.00). THERE WILL BE A \$35.00 SERVICE CHARGE ON ALL RETURNED CHECKS. After an entry has been received and dates have been assigned by the Tournament management, fees will not be refunded.
4. Entering Averages: Bowlers are responsible for verifying their own averages. If the submitted average is lower than the actual average and results in a higher handicap, the bowler will be disqualified, whether submitted by the bowler, the team captain or someone else. If the submitted average is higher than the actual average, prize winnings will be based on the submitted average. Bowlers must use their highest of the following: A) 2022-2023 Augusta USBC Yearbook average (in accordance with USBC Rule 319A1) OR B) their current certified league average of 21 games or more as of December 31,2023. USBC Rule 319 will apply, in its entirety.
5. Re-rating: USBC Rule 319c, Average Adjustment \& Re-rating and 319d, Reporting of Winnings and Scores will apply to this tournament. USBC Rule 319a2, the Ten Pin Rule, WILL apply to this tournament.
6. Multiple Participation (USBC Rule 315, Multiple Participation): Participation will be limited to two times per event. The first appearance in each event shall count towards the All Events total. If a player participates in Doubles or Singles more than once, the player must enter the other event. In order to place more than once in the prize list, the following criteria must be met for each event:
a. Four player Team Event - At least two new players are required in the lineup.
b. Doubles Event - At least one new player is required in the lineup.
c. Singles Event - The same individual may not place more than once
7. Handicap: Handicap shall be based on $90 \%$ of the difference between the entering average and 230. Handicap will be applied on an individual basis on each 3 games.
8. Scheduling: Preference in dates and times will be given in order of receipt of entry. Singles and Doubles Events will be bowled with Singles first. Bowlers and Team Captains are responsible for any scheduling conflicts.
9. Lost Scores: Any lost scores shall be governed by USBC Rule 327c.
10. Check-in: Check-in should be completed 30 minutes prior to shift time. Introductions and/or instructions will start 10 minutes prior to shift time. Practice will start on time, providing lanes are available.

## TOURNAMENT RULES (continued)

11. Tardy Players: Any player or team arriving late shall begin play with the score to count from the frame being bowled. A score of " 0 " will be given for all frames missed. Any player or team attempting to delay the start of a game shall be given a score of " 0 " for the frames under delay.
12. Protests: Any protests or appeal involving eligibility or playing rules must be filed with the tournament management, the local association or USBC before tournament prizes are paid. Protests/Appeals must be submitted in writing.
13. Errors: Errors in scoring must be corrected by a tournament official immediately upon discovery.
14. Line-up and Substitutions: No changes in team line-up will be allowed though substitutions are permitted. Substitutions must be submitted prior to the scheduled bowling time.
15. Entry approval: The tournament Director reserves the right to accept or reject any and all entries and will decide all questions or disputes arising within the tournament and his/her decision will be final unless a written appeal is filed with ABA or USBC headquarters in accordance with USBC Rule 329.
16. Special Awards: USBC championship chevrons will be awarded for both Handicap and Scratch champions in each event.
17. Tournament Management reserves the right to refuse entry to those who do not meet the membership requirements and will decide all questions and disputes arising in the tournament. Their decisions will be final, subject to appeal to USBC.
18. Cell Phones/Pagers and other electronic devices: Cell phones, pagers, and other electronic devices must be turned off or be in silent or vibrate mode during the tournament.
19. Senior Singles Division Option: This option is $\$ 10.00$ per individual to enter. The division will be for Seniors 50 \& up. The age cutoff will be December 31, 2023. Funds collected in this event will be returned $100 \%$ as prize money on at least 1 for every 8 entries. Entry in this option must be included with your entry form.
20. Dress Code: Men and Women participants must wear a shirt with a butterfly type collar and sleeves, acceptable mock collar, and casual slacks, trousers, jeans, pedal pushers, culottes, shorts, skirts, and skorts of acceptable length. The following are not allowed: tank tops, shortshorts. All decisions regarding proper attire will remain with the tournament director.

NOTE: Premature termination of the tournament brought on by war, national emergency, or other emergency causes related thereto or therefrom fire, strike, lockouts, labor difficulties or other reasons beyond the control of the management shall cause the foregoing prize schedule to be prorated in accordance with the number of entrants having bowled in each respective event - up to and including termination.


