

Tournament Rules

- 1) Entries will be open to member of WESTSOUND USBC.
- 2) The tournament shall consist of Team (four persons), Doubles, Singles and All-Events. Three consecutive games shall be bowled in each event, and total pins with handicap will decide the winner. When a bowler competes in more than one event, the first score bowled in each event shall count toward the All-Events score. To qualify for All-Events, you must bowl Team, Doubles and Singles. All-Events fee must be paid prior to your first event
- 3) **AVERAGE REQUIREMENTS – Please read carefully!** The average to be used will be determined in the following order:
 - a) Highest average as of the end of the previous winter season for at least 21 games
 - b) Women's All Events
 - c) If no previous winter season average, the highest current average as of January 1, based on 21 or more games.
 - d) If no previous winter season average, the highest previous summer season average based on 21 or more games.
 - e) If average is from a SPORT league, the average will be converted to standard league average using the USBC Sport Average adjustment scale (USBC rule 202).
 - f) A bowler who does not have an acceptable average (21 games or more) under the above rules will enter with a scratch average of 210.
 - g) **USBC RULE 319 does apply in this tournament (10 pin higher rule).**
 - h) It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average, whether originally submitted by the bowler, team captain or others. Failure to use the proper average or make a correction prior to the completion of the first game of the series shall disqualify the score if the submitted average is lower than the actual average or base prize winnings on submitted average if it is higher. **USBC Rule 319-a-3.**
 - i) **Re-rating, USBC Rule 319c.** A bowler who qualified for a prize of \$1000 or more in cash or merchandise in any event in a tournament within the previous 12 month period, **must** report their actual score, position and amount won to the tournament management at the time of entry in a handicap and classified tournament for **possible re-rating**. Such re-rating **must** be done prior to bowling. If the entrant refuses the re-rate, entry fees will be refunded. Entrants have the right to appeal any re-rate to the USBC within 15 days of the date of bowling or prior to payment of prizes, whichever comes first.
- 4) A bowler may participate in the Team events as many times as they want by changing at least two bowlers. Not more than two bowlers on the same team can place more than once in the prize list for position standing. A bowler's first Team event will be used for their All-Events total. An entrant may participate in the Doubles event more than once by changing one person. Singles may be bowled more than once, but can cash only once. A bowler's first Double and Singles score will be used for their All-Events total.
- 5) **Substitutes** are allowed when a replacement is necessary. The Tournament Manager shall be advised of substitutes **at least 45 minutes prior to the scheduled bowling time**. Substitutes will not be allowed to bowl once a squad has started. A substitute shall **not** be required to reimburse the original entrant for entry fee, nor shall the substitute be expected to give the original entrant any prize money or trophy she/he may have won, unless other arrangements have been made.
- 6) No reservation is guaranteed unless accompanied by completed **paid** entry form. Entry date/time shall be scheduled according to request, if possible, and in the order received. The schedule shall not be changed by the Tournament Manager except in an emergency. Each event will be bowled on a pair of adjoining lanes.
- 7) **The line-up shall be the same as shown on the entry forms.** Substitutes **must** bowl in the same position as the bowler they are replacing.
- 8) Any player or team arriving after the game has started will be allowed to bowl and the scores will count beginning in the frame bowled.
- 9) If a partner has not arrived by the time the Doubles Event begins, the bowler present will be permitted to bowl his/her Doubles Event to qualify for All-Events.
- 10) In the Team Event, upon the arrival of the **entire** team, the **CAPTAIN ONLY** checks in the team at least **forty-five (45) minutes prior to the scheduled squad time with all USBC cards**. All bowlers in the Doubles and Singles Events must check in at least forty-five (45) minutes prior to squad time.
- 11) In accordance with USBC Rule 329, in USBC adult tournaments, written protests must be filed within 72 hours of the infraction or prior to the payment of tournament prizes, whichever comes first. Errors in scoring must be reported to the tournament manager within 24 hours. The WESTSOUND USBC Board of Directors shall have the power to decide any questions or protests arising from the rules of the WESTSOUND USBC tournaments.
- 12) In case of ties for first place, co-champions will be declared with the prize money added together and divided equally with duplicate awards and emblems.
- 13) Prize money paid into each event shall be returned to the winners in that event only. Prizes will be paid for handicap scores, with at least one prize for each five entries or major fraction thereof for Team, Doubles and Singles. All-Events will be at least one prize for each ten entries or major fractions thereof. **THE PRIZE FUND WILL BE RETURNED 100%.** Rule 319d is waived (reporting prior prize winnings).
- 14) Awards will be presented to the winners. In the event that one bowler wins multiple events, one award shall be given denoting all events won.
- 15) **ALL TOURNAMENT PRIZE CHECKS MUST BE CASHED WITHIN 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF ISSUE.** Checks will not be honored after this period. All money from un-cashed prize checks will be returned to the tournament fund.
- 16) No spectators or children are permitted in the bowling area: only bowlers, scorekeepers and tournament officials are allowed. **NO PICTURES** are to be taken by flash or other external light.
- 17) No practice bowling on scheduled lanes will be allowed 1 hour prior to squad time.
- 18) Tournament frames/games cannot be re-bowled, except as authorized by the Tournament Manager, when scores are irretrievably lost from an automatic scoring device. USBC Rule 329
- 19) Altering the surface of a bowler's ball by the use of abrasives in this tournament is prohibited and the bowler will be disqualified. USBC Rule 18 applies.
- 20) Changing hands is prohibited in this tournament. USBC Rule 328 applies.
- 21) Each team captain is responsible for his/her team in all matters pertaining to behavior, eligibility, line-up and compliance with all tournament rules.
- 22) For any checks returned by banks, credit unions, etc., \$50.00 will be charged and the bowler will be subject to tournament disqualification and USBC suspension.
- 23) All rules and regulations not covered herein, will be governed by USBC.
- 24) Squad times can only be reserved by submitting a completed entry form along with paid entry fees.
- 25) Make checks out to: WESTSOUND USBC Association.
- 26) Completed entries may be mailed to WESTSOUND USBC Tournament/Association Manager: WESTSOUND USBC, P.O. Box 1411, Port Orchard, WA 98366 or by leaving your completed entry form and entry fees in a sealed envelope addressed to WESTSOUND USBC Tournament/Association Manager at the All Star Lanes or Hi Joy Bowl front desk.
- 27) Questions should be directed to the Tournament Manager: 360 430 1354.