

# RULES – ADULT ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT

1. All members of the \_\_\_\_\_  
USBC Association are eligible to enter.

**NOTE:** This applies to a non-merged association championship tournament. In a merged association, indicating which members are eligible will depend on whether it is the open, women's, or youth championship tournament.

All members of the association, regardless if they live within the jurisdiction of the association or not, can participate in the association championship tournament. Under the new USBC guidelines an individual does not have to live within the jurisdictional boundaries to purchase associate membership.

2. An entrant may participate in the team, doubles and singles events (designate number of times).

When more than one time participation is permitted, the following provisions of Rule 315 apply unless tournament rules provide otherwise:

- a. *Five-player team event* – Not more than three players on one team can place more than once in the prize list for position standings.
- b. *Three- and four-player team event* – Not more than two players on one team can place more than once in the prize list for position standings.
- c. *Doubles event* – In no case shall the same two players on a doubles team be permitted to place more than once in the prize list for position standings.
- d. *Singles event* – In no case shall the same individual be permitted to place more than once in the prize list for position standings.

- e. When multiple participations are allowed, the bowler's first appearance in each event counts toward the all-events total, which includes the total of his/her team, doubles and singles scores.

3. Substitutes are allowed when replacement is necessary. Tournament management must be advised of substitutions at least one hour before the scheduled bowling time, if possible. In case of an emergency after a game has started, a substitute, if available, is allowed in the team and doubles events only. The combined scores are to count in either of these events. If no substitute is available, only the actual score of the frames bowled shall count.

4. Entrants must use their highest USBC league average regardless of whether bowled as a regular member or substitute. (Only averages established in leagues in the \_\_\_\_\_ USBC Association will be accepted.)

Averages will be accepted in the following order:

- a. Highest previous regular season average for at least 21 games. (Book average is accepted as official).
- b. If "a" does not apply, highest current average for at least 21 games, as of \_\_\_\_\_ (date).
- c. If "a" or "b" do not apply, highest summer league average for at least 21 games, as of the end of the previous summer season.
- d. If "a", "b" or "c" do not apply, highest current average for at least 12 games, as of \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

- e. If none of the above apply, entrant must use the scratch figure of \_\_\_\_\_.

**NOTE:** Please keep in mind a member who competes in certified leagues in other associations must enter with their highest league average unless the tournament rules state only averages established in leagues under its jurisdiction are to be used.

5. Entry fee is \$\_\_\_\_\_ per bowler per event (teams, doubles and singles).  
Bowling fee \$\_\_\_\_\_ per event  
Prize fund \$\_\_\_\_\_ per event  
Expense fund \$\_\_\_\_\_ per event  
\$\_\_\_\_\_ Total  
All events \$\_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

Payment of entry fee must accompany entry application to be accepted.

6. Entry Closing Date – (Options)  
a. When an advance closing date is used:

Entries open \_\_\_\_\_ (date) and close \_\_\_\_\_ (date). All entries postmarked the first post office business day following the entry closing date will be accepted.

- b. If prior to last squad closing is used:

Entries open \_\_\_\_\_ (date) and the last squad will bowl \_\_\_\_\_ (date) at \_\_\_\_\_ (time).

Entries close \_\_\_\_\_ p.m. (30 minutes/one hour prior to the time the last squad is scheduled to start).

- c. Another option that could be used: Reserve entries close \_\_\_\_\_ (date) and walk in entries will be accepted (30 min.) prior to the squad time, provided openings are available.

7. After entries are received, and the dates assigned by tournament management are not refused by the team or individual entrant prior to preparation of the schedule, the entry fee cannot be refunded. Entry fees should be paid by check or money order. Make checks payable to the \_\_\_\_\_ USBC Association.

8. All prize money is returned 100 percent in the event collected. At least one prize for each 10 entries in team, doubles and singles and at least one prize for each 20 entries in all events.

9. The tournament is “USBC Certified.”

10. The tournament starts \_\_\_\_\_ and ends \_\_\_\_\_.

11. Tournament is \_\_\_\_\_ (handicap, classified, scratch). Handicap is \_\_\_\_\_ (percent) of the difference between \_\_\_\_\_ (scratch figure). (**NOTE:** Handicap of 100 percent is recommended.)

12. First place ties in any event will be rolled off within \_\_\_\_ days. Three games will be played in deciding all ties. The team or individual scoring the greatest number of pins in playing off such tie shall be entitled to the first prize, trophies and emblems. (If tournament scores are based on handicap, playoff scores must also include handicap.) The team or individual scoring the next greatest number of pins in playing off such ties is entitled to the second prize. Date of playoff is set by the tournament manager and the expense of bowling is paid by the association.

When ties for other than first place occur, the prize money is combined and divided equally among the tied position winners.

OPTION: \_\_\_\_\_ The association may declare co-champions if there is a tie for first place in any event, with first and second place prize money divided equally and duplicate trophies and emblems awarded.

13. Tournament management will decide any question not covered by these tournament rules. Tournament management has the power to hear and act on all protests concerning the tournament. Their decision is final unless an appeal is made in accordance with Rule 329.

14. "All events" cash prizes and awards of the association are awarded on a scratch or a handicap basis. (Options)

15. USBC championship emblems are awarded to the (handicap) or (scratch) champions in each event. Trophies are awarded to the (handicap and/or scratch) winners.

16. It is each bowler's responsibility to determine the submitted average is correct. (Rule 319-3)

Failure to use the proper average disqualifies score if submitted average is lower than actual, thereby resulting in lower classification or more handicap, or base prize winnings on submitted average if it is higher.

17. USBC Rule 319d applies. Bowlers who have qualified for a prize of \$600 or more in any event in a tournament in the previous twelve (12) months must report actual score, position and the amount won. Prize winnings from certified and uncertified tournaments, including those using a modified format of American Tenpins (e.g. 9 Pin, No-Tap), must be used in application of this rule.

**NOTE:** Rule 319d is an optional rule. However, Rule 319d automatically applies UNLESS the tournament has a rule which states that bowlers need not report this information regarding tournament winnings.

18. Rule 319e (unless tournament rules state otherwise) is applicable to all participants. A bowler SHALL ADJUST SUCH ENTERING AVERAGE, AND SHALL SUBMIT THE ADJUSTED AVERAGE TO THE TOURNAMENT MANAGER, if during the 12 month period immediately preceding the date and time of bowling, the bowler's accumulated average for all, but not less than 21 tournament

games, exceeds such entering average by 15 or more pins. In that case, the accumulated average must be used for handicapping or classification purposes.

Bowlers required to submit an adjusted average will make the adjustment in keeping with the direction of Rule 319e unless tournament rules provide that such adjustments are made after bowling.

19. Entries are scheduled according to requests, if possible, and in the order received. The schedule will not be changed by tournament management except for emergency. Lanes are assigned by tournament management for each event. Each event is bowled on a pair of lanes.

20. Any player or team arriving after the game has started is allowed to bowl and the score(s) will count beginning in the frame then being bowled. NO SCORES ARE GIVEN FOR FRAMES MISSED.

21. When players are scheduled alone on a pair of lanes, they must bowl as though they were actually contested. The players complete one frame on one lane before the lead-off player commences the next frame on the adjoining lane.

22. Any protest affecting eligibility or playing rules must be confirmed in writing to tournament management before the tournament prize payments are made. Errors in scoring must be reported to tournament management within 24 hours.

23. A tournament entrant cannot rebowl a game or frame(s) within a game except as authorized by tournament management when the scores are irretrievably lost in the scoring process.

24. Official scorers are furnished by the association.

25. No food or beverages are allowed in the playing area, except for medical reasons.

26. The Board of Directors of the \_\_\_\_\_  
USBC Association decides any question not  
covered by these tournament rules. The board has  
the power to hear and act on all protests  
concerning the tournament in accordance with  
Rule 329.

USBC recommends the association print on the entry  
form the following:

“The entrants whose names appear hereon or their  
authorized replacements hereby agree the  
\_\_\_\_\_ USBC Association,  
its officers and agents shall be liable only to the  
extent of returning entry fees if and when these  
entrants shall be prevented from bowling any event in  
the tournament through premature termination of the  
tournament, which may be brought about by war,  
national emergency or emergencies or causes relating  
thereto or resulting there from, fires, strikes, lockouts,  
labor difficulties or other causes beyond the control  
of the \_\_\_\_\_ USBC  
Association.”