

1. ELIGIBILITY

All bowlers must be ADULT members of a MN State USBC Association.

Eligible non-members within the jurisdiction of the MN State USBC Association may participate in this tournament by purchasing a USBC Associate Membership (\$18.00) prior to competition.

Failure to have membership shall result in disqualification and forfeiture of all prize winnings.

2. AVERAGES

Highest Standard or Adjusted Sport/Challenge League Average Shall Be Used If Bowling ONLY That Type of League

All certified averages will be used as per the following:

A. BOWLERS MUST REPORT ANYTIME BEING RE-RATED FOR ANY TOURNAMENT.

B Highest 2015 - 16 average, minimum of 21 games.

C Highest current league average as of the **BOWLER'S FIRST Date of Competition**, minimum of 21 games.

D All others will use a 230 scratch average.

If due to an injury; a bowler has established a current season's average by using the opposite hand that was used to establish the previous season's average, the current season's average may be used if the procedures outlined in USBC Rule 4E are adhered to.

Rule 319D & Rule 319E will be in effect for all bowlers.

CURRENT AVERAGE 10 PIN RULE IS IN EFFECT!

When the previous season's average is used and an entrant has an average as of the **BOWLER'S FIRST Date of Competition**, for 21 games or more, that is 10 pins or more higher than the previous season's average, the average as of that date must be used.

Bowlers are responsible for verifying their own average, whether submitted by the bowler, captain or others. If the submitted average is lower than required and results in a lower classification or more handicap, the bowlers score is disqualified. If the submitted average is higher than required, prize winnings will be based on the submitted average.

Average corrections can be made up to the end of the first game of a series. Or, if an extension has been granted in writing by a tournament management before the end of the first game of a series, the correction can be made within 48 hours after the end of the series.

3. ENTRY FEES

**Handicap Team, Doubles & Singles
\$25.00 per Person per Event**

Prize Fee - \$12.50; Lineage - \$10.00; Expense Fee - \$2.50

Handicap All Events \$5.00

**Optional Scratch Events - Team, Doubles, Singles, AE
\$5.00 per Person per Event**

Optional Handicap Senior - \$5.00 per Person

4. PAYBACK RATIOS

All prize money will be returned 100% as per follows:

Handicap Team, Doubles, Singles – 1 for 4

Handicap All Events – 1 for 10

Optional Scratch & Senior Events – 1 for 5

5. DIVISIONS / SCRATCH / HANDICAP

DIVISION 1

Team Event – Team Average **945 & Over**

Doubles Event – Team Average **378 & Over**

Singles & All Events – Individual Average **189 & Over**

DIVISION 2

Team Event – Team Average **944 & Under**

Doubles Event – Team Average **377 & Under**

Singles & All Events – Individual Average **188 & Under**

SCRATCH / HANDICAP

**Team 1150, Doubles 460, Singles & All Events 230
90% Handicap – No Limit**

6. PARTICIPATION

Team Event – Bowlers may participate TWICE with a change of at least TWO players.

Bowler's first score in the Team Event shall be used for their All Events.

Singles & Doubles – Bowl only ONCE.

Bowlers must bowl in both Singles and Doubles.

Doubles will be bowled first followed by the Singles.

ALL THREE GAMES IN BOTH EVENTS WILL BE BOWLED ON THE SAME PAIR OF LANES.

7. SUBSTITUTIONS

Lineups as submitted on entry blank must be adhered to, unless notification is received 48 hours prior to competition. A substitute must bowl in the position vacated. Scores bowled through the efforts of more than one person will not qualify for any special individual awards.

Bowlers failing to appear at scheduled times and are unable to be rescheduled will forfeit their entry fees.

8. OPTIONAL EVENTS

A. HANDICAP ALL EVENTS

The \$5.00 entry fee must be paid prior to an entrant's FIRST participation in the tournament.

B. SCRATCH EVENTS

The \$5.00 per person per event entry fee must be paid prior to an entrant's FIRST participation in the tournament. Payoffs will be based on ACTUAL scores.

Doubles entries remain with Entry # & Pair # regardless of substitutions.

C. OPTIONAL SENIOR (Age 55 & Over)

The \$5.00 entry fee must be paid prior to an entrant's FIRST participation in the **Team Event**.

Payoff will be based on FIRST Team Event Score with Handicap

D. BRACKETS

Individual Handicap Brackets in each of the Events.

9. AWARDS

Actual and Handicap Champions in each event in each division (Team, Doubles, Singles, All Events, Team All Events, Beyer & Hengen) will receive Awards and Complimentary Dinners at the Banquet of Champions for each participant and a guest.

The High Actual All Events (in any division) will receive a paid entry into the USBC Masters Tournament.

The Team All Events Award is given to the five players on a team roster having the highest combined Actual All Events total in each Division.

10. OTHER ITEMS

Any tournament game or frame(s) irretrievably lost due to the malfunction of an automatic scorer may be re-bowled, upon approval of tournament management.

Violation of any USBC or tournament rules will result in forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings.

NO ENTRY FEES WILL BE REFUNDED AFTER RECEIPT.

The MN State USBC Association will be responsible for refund of entry fees only in the event the tournament is prematurely terminated due to causes beyond its control. Prizes will be pro-rated based on the number of participants that have bowled as of that date.