

## TOURNAMENT RULES – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- All participants in the Ohio USBC WBA Championship Tournament must be female members in good standing of the Ohio USBC WBA. Grade and high school students who have not attained the age of 18 must furnish written consent signed by the parent or guardian. The consent shall be on a USBC approved form and shall be on file with the tournament manager at least one week before the bowler is eligible for tournament competition unless the student is accompanied by her parent or guardian in which case the parental consent form may be filed up to the time the student starts to bowl.
- This tournament will be a handicap tournament in the team, doubles, singles and all events. Separate actual all events will also be conducted. Handicap is 90% of 675 scratch (three (3) game series).
- An entrant must use her highest average established in a USBC (open, women or youth) certified league of a local association in Ohio, regardless of whether bowled as a league member or a substitute. All sport league averages will be adjusted to standard average for tournament competition when no other verifiable average is available.
  - Entrants in the Ohio USBC WBA Championship Tournament shall use their highest final USBC certified league average as of the end of the previous winter season, provided they have bowled 21 games or more. Association book average will be accepted.
  - If no previous winter season average, an entrant shall use her highest current certified league average of at least 12 games at the time of bowling.
  - If no qualifying average under (a) or (b), bowler must use highest final USBC certified league average as of the end of the previous summer season, provided she has bowled 21 games or more.
  - An entrant who has no average meeting the tournament requirements must enter the tournament with a scratch average of 225.
- All events, both actual and handicap are optional. The entry fee is \$2.00 for handicap and \$5.00 for actual, per person entered in the tournament prior to the entry deadline. An individual may enter either the handicap and/or the actual all events. Paid all events may be transferred with the written approval of the team captain and the transfer is made by the tournament manager or her assistants prior to any participation in the tournament by either of the involved persons. If an individual who has not paid the optional all events fee bowls the actual/handicap high all events score, she shall be declared the all events champion and be presented the award but will receive no prize money. The 1<sup>st</sup> score rolled in each event will be used for all events handicap and actual.
- The actual championship awards will be presented for the highest actual scores in the team, doubles, singles and all events. The handicap championship awards will be presented for the highest scores in the handicap team, doubles, singles and all events. If a team or individual wins both the handicap and actual awards, it/she will receive only the actual award. The handicap award will be presented to the team/individual in second place.
- In case of a tie for championship in the handicap or actual division of team, doubles or singles, co-champions will be declared and duplicate awards will be given. Position prize money will be combined and divided equally between/among the teams or individuals who tied for the championship.
- In case of a tie for an all events championship, co-champions will be declared and duplicate awards will be given. Position prize money will be combined and divided equally between/among the individuals who tied.
- An entrant is permitted to bowl as many times as she wants in team (must change at least two members), doubles (must change partners) and singles. Singles can only cash once.
- Prize money will be given for handicap scores in team, doubles and singles. Prize money in the all events, where the combined scores of all three events will count, will be given in the handicap and actual divisions for persons paying the optional all events fee.
- Entrants are responsible for correct averages being submitted. Teams or individuals may be disqualified for submitting incorrect averages or violation of any of the tournament rules by the team or any members of the team. AVERAGES ARE SUBJECT TO VERIFICATION BY THE LOCAL ASSOCIATION MANAGER. NOTE: RULE 319a 2 (10 pin rule) DOES NOT APPLY.
- ENTRIES CLOSE MIDNIGHT DECEMBER 1, 2009. Entries postmarked the first post office business day after this date will be accepted.
- Team captains must list the bowlers on the entry form in the order in which they will bowl.
- The total entry fee must accompany the entry form. Entry fees shall not be refunded except when the Ohio USBC WBA notifies an entrant of dates and times assigned and a refusal has been received by the Ohio USBC WBA WITHIN 15 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE NOTICE. There will be absolutely no changes made in the schedule except in cases of extreme emergency.
- Requests to cross lanes will be made by mutual consent of both teams and will be granted whenever possible. The space on the entry form provided for such requests must be completed by both captains and these two entry forms must be sent in the same envelope.
- Preferred dates will be granted when possible. When lanes are filled on requested dates the nearest open date will be given. Additional weekends and squads will be opened only when stated dates and times are filled.
- Entries will be scheduled on a “first come-first served” basis.
- Team captains must report to the tournament office one hour before the scheduled time of bowling. USBC membership cards for each member must be presented by the team captains when reporting. Substitutes are permitted, but the team captain must report such substitution and her average to the tournament office one hour before the scheduled time of bowling. Substitutes in team, doubles and singles must bowl in the position vacated by the original entrant. No rearrangement of line-up will be permitted. If a replacement is needed on each of two doubles teams, the two entrants present may be paired together.
- Neither the Ohio USBC WBA nor the local host association is responsible for securing substitutes. They will not look for subs one hour prior to squad time.
- In case of injury, disability or emergency, after a game has started in team or doubles, a substitute will be permitted if one is available.
- A substitute will not be required to reimburse the entry fee paid nor shall the substitute be expected to give the original entrant any prize money or award she may win.
- A bowler who misses one frame or more by not being present and ready to bowl when it is her turn shall not be credited with any pins for frames missed.** An entrant arriving late will be permitted to bowl, and shall begin play with her scores to count beginning with the frame then being bowled. If an entrant is late for the doubles event, the entrant present shall bowl her singles first. If her partner has not arrived by the time the singles event is finished and a substitute cannot be found, she will be permitted to bowl her games in the doubles event so that she can qualify for the all events.
- Any protest or appeal affecting eligibility or playing rules must be confirmed in writing to the Tournament Manager, or USBC, before the tournament prize payments are made. When a tournament game or series is protested, the bowlers involved will not be permitted to rebowl. The board of directors of the Ohio USBC WBA shall have power to hear and act on all protests arising from or under construction of the rules of the Ohio USBC WBA championship tournament.
- Remittance must be in the form of a check, credit card or money order payable to the Ohio USBC WBA. A \$30.00 charge will be made by the Ohio USBC WBA for any checks returned by the bank unpaid.
- Pacers will not be permitted.
- Profane language and obscene gestures will not be tolerated.** After the 1<sup>st</sup> warning, you will be escorted from the center and no monies refunded.
- No outside brackets or jackpots are to be conducted while participating in the Ohio USBC WBA Championship Tournament.

**ENTRANTS ARE REQUESTED TO WEAR SUITABLE BOWLING ATTIRE. PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED BOWLERS SHOULD NOTIFY OFFICIALS IN ADVANCE IF THEY REQUIRE SPECIAL EQUIPMENT.**