

RULES FOR THE 2019 CALIFORNIA USBC CHAMPIONSHIPS (www.CalUSBC.com)

The California USBC Championships Tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress. The tournament shall be governed by the following rules and all other USBC rules pertaining to certified competition.

ELIGIBILITY

- All adult members of USBC certified California Associations are eligible to participate.** All entrants must be current members prior to the date of tournament participation. **NO CARDS WILL BE SOLD ON-SITE BY CUSBC.**
- Participants are required to show their current USBC membership card, receipt of online membership purchase or a letter from the local Association Manager at the time of check-in.** Entrants failing to present current membership will receive a **Verification Form** which must be returned to the CUSBC office (preferably by certified mail with a return receipt) no later than ten (10) days following participation in the tournament. Failure to return the verification form within the designated time shall result in the disqualification of the bowler's scores.
- Minors under the age of 18 must have written consent from a parent or guardian in order to participate. Such consent must be on file with the tournament director before participation. Forms available in tournament office.
- PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED:** Handicapped bowlers requiring aids such as crutches, canes, wheelchairs, etc., or who are blind must report this in writing when entry is submitted so that special schedule consideration can be arranged. Similar additional notice must be given if such a handicapped bowler is to be used as a replacement.
- Any person who bowls under an assumed name, under the name of another person scheduled to bowl in the tournament, or who is under suspension from USBC membership shall be disqualified. The individual shall forfeit their entry fee, all prize monies and be subject to suspension from USBC membership.

PARTICIPATION

- The team captain is responsible for the lineup and conduct of the team in tournament play. Team captain must report changes in their mailing address. Prize checks will be mailed to the captain's address listed on the entry.
- Participation in the All-Events division is optional. Team captains and individual bowlers share responsibility for cross reference information if an entrant bowls team event on one entry and doubles and singles on another entry.
- Participants in the Doubles and Singles events must enter both events. All entries must list and **PAY FOR TWO (2) MEMBERS.** Team captains and individual bowlers share responsibility for cross reference information if an entrant bowls team event on one entry and doubles and singles on another entry. **OPEN: Teams may consist of any four (4) adult members (MALE or FEMALE). WOMEN: Teams may consist of any four (4) adult female members. All entries must list and pay for four members.**
- RE-ENTRIES: Team, Doubles and Singles may be bowled more than once as long as at least two members in the line-up are changed for Team event and one member is changed for Doubles and Singles per Rule 22. No partial teams accepted. Re-entries are based on squad availability. Singles may be entered multiple times, but only the highest score will be used for cashing. All-Events may be entered only once with the first appearance in each event counting towards the All-Events score.**
- Competition will consist of three (3) games in each event.
- ENTRY CLOSING DATE: JUNE 30, 2019** at 4pm unless all squads are filled sooner. NO entry will be accepted unless accompanied by full payment. All checks should be made payable to: CUSBC. Write "Adult Championships" respectively in check memo. Any returned checks must be paid in cash or money order prior to competition

plus a \$50 penalty fee. There will be no refunds once your entry has been scheduled, unless CUSBC is notified in writing within 15 days of the schedule notice mailing date that the date and time assigned is not acceptable. Any refund requests made within 15 days of scheduling are 100% – all others are subject to a \$40 processing fee. **The optional scratch division may be entered on-site prior to the start of competition.**

- All advanced reservations must be accompanied by full team fees. **ALL TEAM SPOTS WITHOUT OFFICIAL PAID ENTRIES SUBMITTED BY FEB. 15, 2019 WILL BE RELINQUISHED AND REFUND ISSUED.**
- All scheduling will be under direction of tournament management. We request three dates of preference; however, a request DOES NOT reserve the date. If space is not available on a requested date, the next available time is given. See Rule 11 for refunds. Scheduled dates are not changed except, when possible, in cases of emergency. Teams within 75 miles may not be given preferred times.

DIVISIONS, AVERAGES and REPORTING PRIZE WINNINGS

- This tournament shall be conducted with one class on a handicap basis per division. Handicap shall be computed on the basis of 90% of the difference between the combined averages of the participants and 920 for team, 460 for doubles and 230 for singles.
- ENTERING AVERAGES:**
The bowler is required to submit the previous season's 2017-18 HIGHEST average (Winter & Summer) of:
A) A single USBC league average (min. of 21 games); If none,
B) The highest USBC composite average of all USBC leagues (includes leagues with less than 21 games bowled, converted sport or challenge averages); If none,
C) A current single USBC league average (min. of 21 games; Winter & Summer) as of the tournament date (league sheets for all leagues or bowl.com printout must be provided); If none
D) SCRATCH: 230
ALL BOWLERS MUST SIGN AND VERIFY THEIR AVERAGE ON THE OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM AND MUST SUBMIT A COPY OF THEIR BOWL.COM AVERAGE PRINT OUT WITH ENTRY. IF THE ONLINE REGISTRATION IS USED, ROSTERS SHOWING BOWLER'S AVERAGES AND SIGNATURES MUST BE MAILED OR EMAILED TO THE STATE OFFICE.

16. At the time of bowling, if an entrant's current average of 21 games or more is 10+ PINS higher than the prior season's verified tournament average, the current average must be used under above Rule A and B.

- Bowlers are responsible for verifying his/her own average, whether submitted by the bowler, the team captain or others. If the submitted average is lower than required and results in a lower classification or more handicap, the bowler's score is disqualified.
- Averages must be received and verified no later than ten (10) days following participation in the tournament. Average corrections can be made up to the end of the bowler's first game of the series or if an extension of time has been granted in writing by the tournament management. .
- It is the bowler's responsibility to report if they have ever been subjected to an adjusted or re-rated average or refused an adjusted or re-rated average prior to bowling in an event. **Any bowler who has been re-rated must use the re-rated average if higher than the official entering average as described in Rule 15.** A bowler must report any re-rate or adjustment made in any tournament. Not doing so will result in disqualification. **USBC Rule 319c will apply.**

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20. REPORTING PRIOR PRIZE WINNINGS (319d)

Within the last 12 month period, anyone who has qualified for a cash and/or merchandise prize in the position standings prize list in a tournament, including all-events, special features, special prizes and donated prizes, must give tournament management the following information prior to participation for possible average adjustment:

- A) The name of each tournament in which they have been paid the following prizes, or if not yet paid, in which they have qualified for the prize:
 - 1) \$300 or more in any event;
 - 2) Total combined prize winnings of \$500 or more in any one tournament;
 - 3) Total combined prize winning of \$1,000 or more in all tournaments within the last 12-months;
- B) The amount of the prize
- C) The actual scores bowled to qualify for the prize
- D) The prize position

Failure to comply with these provisions is cause for forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings.

LINE-UPS, REPLACEMENTS

- 21. Bowlers must check-in at least one hour prior to their scheduled squad with their current USBC membership card.
- 22. Team and doubles lineups shall be listed on the entry form in the order participants will bowl. If a change in a team or doubles lineup is desired, it must be requested at least 72 hours before the time the entrants are scheduled to bowl.
- 23. The California USBC assumes no responsibility to provide replacements. Replacements for original entrants may be made providing the replacement meets eligibility and average requirements and must take the place in the line up of the original entrant. A replacement must bowl under their own name at the time the event is scheduled.
- 24. **Team captains shall be responsible for filing a Replacement Form in the tournament office at least one hour prior to the time the entrant(s) are scheduled to bowl.** If a replacement is not available, those present shall bowl for their all-events.
- 25. An All-Events entry may be transferred to a replacement bowler only if original bowler has paid into All-Events. If the original bowler is not entered in All-Events, the replacement bowler can enter as long as it is paid before their first event.

TARDY PLAYERS, DELAY OF GAME, INTERRUPTED GAME

- 26. Bowlers arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. Missed frames shall be credited with a zero. Frames may not be made-up. Bowlers not present to bowl when it's their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
- 27. If equipment failure on a pair of lanes would delay the progress of the series, a tournament official can authorize the completion of a game and series on another pair of certified lanes. The interrupted game and series must be resumed from the point of interruption. No practice will be allowed after being moved. USBC Rule 321 will be waived.
- 28. A game or frame(s) within a game that is irretrievably lost in the scoring process may be re-bowled with the approval of tournament management.

EQUIPMENT, CONDUCT, DRESS

- 29. Bowling balls may be checked for hardness, weight, and balance at the discretion of a tournament official. Any bowling ball that does not meet USBC specifications will subject the bowler to disqualification of all tournament scores.

- 30. Altering the surface of a bowling ball by the use of abrasives while bowling in USBC competition is prohibited. All bowling balls so altered must be removed from the competition. (See the USBC Equipment Specifications Manual on BOWL.com.) The use of approved cleaning agents listed in the Approved Anytime section of the Approved Cleaners and Polishes list is permissible. If it is determined the bowler had prior knowledge that the actions were in violation of USBC Rule 18, the game(s) in which the violation occurred is subject to forfeiture and the bowler is subject to disqualification, loss of entry fee, and possible USBC suspension.
- 31. Action on the lanes which is considered unsportsmanlike or disruptive will not be tolerated. Improper conduct as determined by the tournament management may result in disqualification.
- 32. This tournament uses one lane courtesy only.
- 33. Pacers are not allowed.

34. All bowlers must wear suitable attire. No sexual or profane advertisements will be allowed on any attire or equipment. NO tank tops, halter tops, sweats, spandex, "cut-off's" or short shorts of any kind allowed. Walking shorts, "skorts" and skirts are permitted. Tournament management shall determine the validity of any complaints.

- 35. Food and drink in the bowlers' area is prohibited. Spectators are not allowed in the bowlers area.

CASH PRIZES, AWARDS

- 36. Cash prizes plus awards shall be awarded for the first place finished scores in handicapped Team, Doubles, Singles and All-Events for each division. An optional scratch division is offered with cash prizes awarded for scratch scores in each event. **THE HANDICAP DIVISION MUST BE ENTERED PRIOR TO OPTIONAL SCRATCH.**
- 37. Designated prize funds will be paid accordingly to each division within 30 days upon completion of the tournament, except when USBC nationals has authorized delay in payment, pending settlement of any claim or protest which effects position standings. Prize ratio is based on the number of paid entries with a ratio of at least one 1:8 for Team, Doubles & Singles events. All-events will be based on the number of paid entries with a ratio of at least 1:10 or major fraction thereof.

APPEAL, PROTEST and VIOLATIONS

- 38. The Tournament Director shall be the authority to interpret USBC rules and state tournament rules, policies and procedures in deciding disputes. If deemed necessary, the Tournament Director shall consult with the Board of Directors of the California USBC.
- 39. An appeal or protest of a decision involving eligibility or playing rules must be filed in writing with the tournament director and the USBC before tournament prizes are paid. The decision of USBC is final and binding on all involved parties. Any violation of tournament rules is cause for disqualification, loss of entry fee, forfeit of all prize monies and possible suspension from USBC membership.
- 40. Protests must be made in writing within 72 hours of the time of bowling to Tournament Manager. USBC Rule 329(a)1 and 329(b)1 will apply.
- 41. **ANY AND ALL RULES NOT COVERED IN THE ABOVE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS RULES.**

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