

## CALIFORNIA USBC ASSOCIATION (CUSBC) STATE SINGLES TOURNAMENT RULES

1. This tournament is open to all **CA USBC members** in good standing with **2024-25 USBC membership**. \*Youth that are members of a current California USBC league are eligible to participate with signed prize waivers. **THE MINIMUM AVERAGE FOR YOUTH IS 140. NO CARDS SOLD ON SITE.**
2. **DATES:** October 26-27, 2024. **Entry closing date:** October 27, 2024 or when squads are full.
3. The tournament will be held at **4th STREET BOWL**, 1441 N 4th St, San Jose, CA 95112, (408) 453-5555.
4. **FORMAT:** Five game singles bowled on the same pair of lanes.
5. **DIVISIONS:** Two divisions: Open & Women. Only female members may enter the women's division. All others can enter the open division. If there are less than 10 entries in a division, the division will be cancelled. Those entries will either be refunded or moved into the remaining division. An optional scratch division is available and can be entered at check-in. The handicap division must be entered prior to entering the optional scratch division.
6. Handicap: 90% of 220.
7. **Bowlers must check in at least ONE HOUR prior to scheduled squad time** with **VALID IDENTIFICATION**. Proof of USBC membership and average verification required for walk-ins. **If unable to provide BOWL.com average verification at check-in, the bowler will enter at 220 for brackets and side pots.**
8. Bowlers can enter multiple times, but may cash only once in the top 10. **Walk-ins and re-entries allowed based on squad availability, but must sign up no less than 1/2 hour prior to the start of the squad. On-site re-entry fee is \$65.**
9. **The entering average shall be determined from:**
  - a. Highest **2023-24** USBC certified book average (minimum of 21 games/15 games for youth). If none,
  - b. Highest **2024-25** USBC certified **CURRENT** league average (minimum 21 games/15 games for youth) as of tournament date provide league sheet if necessary). If none,
  - c. Highest **2023-24** USBC certified composite average (minimum of 21 games/15 games for youth). If none,
  - d. Enter with 220 average

**SUBMIT AVERAGE VERIFICATION FROM BOWL.COM WITH EACH ENTRY.** Bowlers are responsible for verifying their own average. If a "sport/challenge" average is the bowler's only verifiable average, it must be marked with "SP/CH" and will be adjusted per the USBC sport chart. Rules 319a2 and 319d will be waived. **Rule 319c will be applied for current averages that are 20+ pins higher than last year's book.** If the assigned average is not accepted by the bowler, the entry fee shall be refunded. Bowlers on the USBC re-rate list must report the re-adjusted average or be subject to disqualification.
10. **ONLY A DRY TOWEL FOR CLEANING MAY BE USED DURING COMPETITION. ELIMINATION OF BALANCE HOLES:** Bowlers may have up to five holes for gripping purposes and all must be used on every delivery. If only fingers are used, the thumb hole must be plugged and an "X" marked for the palm position. Any bowling ball that does not meet USBC specifications will subject the bowler to disqualification of all tournament scores. We reserve the option to do random spot checks and we may be reported to check equipment by another bowler. **Visit BOWL.com to download the Non-conforming Bowling Ball List.** See Rule 10 Acknowledgement box on the front entry. **Visit CALUSBC.com for rule details.**
11. **ENTRY FEE:** \$65 per person (lineage \$25.00 + prize fund \$30 + expenses \$10). **After 10/12/24, the entry fee is \$80 per person –** Additional fees will go to prize money. Make checks or money orders payable to CUSBC. Write "STATE SINGLES" in memo. Zelle and Paypal payments acceptable (info@calusbc.com). Credit card payments are not acceptable for optional scratch payment. Any returned payments must be paid in cash or money order on-site plus a \$35 penalty fee. **When possible, please submit only ONE CHECK or PAYMENT when submitting multiple entries in one envelope.**
12. All prize/scholarship money will be returned 100%. Prize/Scholarship ratio at least 1:8 per division and will be based on highest total pins plus handicap. In the event of first place ties, co-champions will be declared and prize money will be combined and divided equally. **YOUTH MUST SUBMIT SIGNED USBC SCHOLARSHIP WAIVER PRIOR TO THE START OF COMPETITION.** Scholarships will be held with the USBC SMART program under account #10717, (800) 514-2695 x3343.
13. Bowlers arriving late shall begin play with the frame they start on arrival. 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.
14. **DRESS CODE:** Dress appropriately for a championship tournament. No sexual or profane advertisements will be allowed on any attire or equipment. All shirts must have sleeves. NO halter tops, "cut-off's", holes in clothing or short shorts of any kind allowed. Tournament management shall determine the validity of any complaints.
15. No refunds after the closing date. Tournament management must approve any/all exceptions.
16. This tournament is certified by USBC. The Tournament Director shall be the authority to interpret USBC and tournament rules, policies and procedures in deciding disputes. If necessary, the tournament director shall consult with the CUSBC board of directors.
17. 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.