



# ***TOURNAMENT RULES***

- 1. This is a 9-pin no-tap tournament. Format: 3 games on one pair of lanes. A strike counts as a strike. Nine pins on the first ball counts a strike. Eight pins or less, bowl for a spare.**
- 2. Participants in this tournament must be members in good standing of the USBC and must present a current season membership card or an electronic copy. Non-members may enter by paying either an unattached membership fee for which USBC will issue an unattached membership card or a participation fee of \$5.00 which will allow them to bowl in this tournament.**
- 3. This is a scratch tournament based on divisions according to the bowler's average.**
  - Division 1 – Adults with 160 average and below**
  - Division 2 – Adults with a 161–190 average**
  - Division 3 – Adults with a 191 average and above**
  - Division 4 – Youth U12 (Bowlers whose birthday is 7/31/2013 or later)**
  - Division 5 – Youth U15 (Bowlers whose birthdays is 7/31/2011 or earlier)**
- 4. Average will be based on 2022/23 season, unless current season's 21-game (or more) average is 10 pins higher. If the bowler has no 2022/23 average, a current average of 21 games or more for the 2023/24 season, or a 2021/22 may be used. Bowlers with no 2021/22, 2022/23 or 2023/24 average of 21 games or more will be placed in Division 3.**
- 5. Multiple entries will be allowed but an individual may only cash only once.**
- 6. Individual entrants should report to the tournament office at least thirty (30) minutes before they are scheduled to bowl.**
- 7. Awards will be given based on a 1 in 8 ratio.**
- 8. Any player arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled.**
- 9. Errors in scoring must be reported to the tournament within 24 hours. The Tournament Committee shall have the power to hear and act on all protests arising from or under the rules of the tournament. The Tournament Committee shall decide any questions not covered by these tournament rules.**



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10. To improve the pace of bowling, the bowler must be in the bowler's area when it is their turn. If there is an unreasonable delay, the tournament manager will assign a zero for that frame unless there is sufficient reason not to.
11. Card playing/gambling will not be allowed.
12. Alcohol cannot be consumed in the bowler's area. Consumption of alcohol will only be allowed in the bar area due to the participation of youth in this tournament.
13. YOUTH BOWLERS – Any Prize Money won will be deposited into the bowler's SMART FUND Account.
14. The Tournament Committee shall decide any questions not covered by the tournament rules.
15. Only personal headphones will be allowed as long as they are set at a reasonable sound level.
16. Dress Code: Entrants are expected to wear suitable attire. Use good judgment when selecting the appropriate attire. Examples of acceptable attire include:
  - Collared Shirts and Mock-Turtle Necks
  - Bowling Jersey
  - Dress slacks, skirts and jeans in good condition
  - Shorts, skirts, and skorts with finished bottom (no frayed hemlines) that extend to the knee when worn at the waistExamples of prohibited attire include but are not limited to:
  - Head gear (except for medical reasons only)
  - T-Shirts, tank tops, halter tops, bare midriffs, spaghetti strap tops, etc.
  - Jeans that are not neat, clean or in good condition (no torn jeans)
  - Attire depicting alcohol, tobacco or gambling, an illegal substance or inappropriate language/gestures may not be worn in accordance with Rule 301b.Bowlers will be required to change attire or be disqualified from participation if it is deemed inappropriate by tournament management or designee. Tournament management or designee decision will be final.



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