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- ELIGIBILITY:** All current season Ohio State USBC members (women only) in good standing are eligible to participate in this tournament. Youth eligibility - see USBC Rule 400.
- FORMAT:** This tournament will be a handicap tournament in the team, doubles, singles and all events. Separate optional ACTUAL team, doubles, singles and all events will also be conducted.
- TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION:** An entrant is permitted to bowl only one time in each event. Entrants bowling doubles are automatically entered in singles and entry fees for both must be paid. Multiple participation in any event is NOT permitted by any tournament participant. Failure to comply will be cause for automatic disqualification from the tournament.
- HANDICAP:** Handicap is based upon 90% of 900 (4-person) in team, 450 doubles, 225 in singles and total handicap from the (3) events.
- AVERAGE REQUIREMENTS:** ALL INDIVIDUALS must enter with their highest USBC certified average for 21 games or more for the 2022-2023 Winter Season.
 - If no USBC certified average for the 2022-2023 Winter Season, individual shall use their highest 2021-2022 USBC Certified Winter Season average (21 games or more).
 - 2023 Summer Season USBC certified league average will be accepted when no 2021-2022 or 2022-2023 Winter league average is available.
 - If the preceding does not apply, individual will use highest USBC certified average at time of bowling (21 games or more) for the current season (2023-2024).
 - If current USBC certified average is used, the average must be VERIFIED in writing by the league secretary or bring most current standing sheet with name and average clearly printed!
 - All USBC certified averages established on Sport or Challenge condition must be adjusted utilizing the corresponding USBC Average Conversion Chart (based on league type) found on bowl.com. The adjusted average must be used if it is the highest average.
 - If bowler has NO USBC certified average - they must enter the tournament using a 225 average (scratch).
- AVERAGE VERIFICATION:** Entrants are responsible for averages submitted. Teams or individuals may be disqualified for submitting incorrect league 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.**
- ALL EVENTS:** The All Events entry fee is \$5.00 for handicap and \$10.00 for actual, per person entered in the tournament prior to the entry deadline. An individual may enter the handicap and/or the actual all events. All events, both actual and handicap are optional. 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.
- AWARDS:** 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.
- PRIZE RATIO:** Handicap at least one (1) out of six (6) entries in team, doubles & singles. All Events Handicap at least one (1) out of ten (10) entries. Actual at least one (1) out of ten (10) entries in team, doubles/singles and all events. Prize fees will be returned 100%.
- PRIZE MONEY:** Prize money will be given for handicap and actual 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.
- EVENT TIES:** 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 championships.
- ALL EVENTS TIES:** 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.
- TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM:** Team captains must list the bowlers on the entry form in the order in which they will bowl.
- Tournament competition starts at the time noted on the entry form (not practice bowling). Dates/Times for tournament competition will be determined by Tournament Manager. Once entry forms have been processed by the Tournament Manager and confirmation sent to team captain - there will be no refund of entry fees (see USBC Rule #314).
- Entries will be scheduled on a "first come-first served" basis.
- ENTRIES CLOSE MIDNIGHT JANUARY 17, 2023.** Entries postmarked the first post office business day after this date will be accepted.
- PAYMENT: ON-LINE REGISTRATION IS PREFERRED.** If sending entry by mail, payment must be in the form of check or money order payable to the Ohio State USBC. A \$30.00 charge will be assessed by the Ohio State USBC for any checks returned unpaid by the bank. No post-dated checks will be accepted for any reason. There are no exceptions
- CHECK-IN & SUBSTITUTES:** Team captains should report to the tournament office one hour prior to the scheduled time of bowling and be prepared to show proof of USBC membership if required. Substitutes are permitted, but the team captain must report such substitute 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 within 1 hour of shift time. If a replacement is needed on each of two doubles teams, the two entrants present may be paired together.
- Neither the Ohio State USBC nor the host association will be responsible for securing substitutes.
- 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.
- TARDY BOWLERS:** 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 may 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.
- Pacers will not be permitted.
- ETIQUETTE:** Disruptive and unsportsmanlike conduct, profane language and obscene gestures will not be tolerated. No externally broadcast or disruptive music is permitted.
- LANE MALFUNCTION:** If there is a lane equipment malfunction during tournament competition which requires teams and/or bowlers to be moved to another pair of working lanes, the team and/or bowlers will start their tournament competition from the point of interruption with **NO PRACTICE/SHADOW BALLS** on the new pair of lanes.
- ONE LANE COURTESY EACH WAY WILL BE FOLLOWED AND ENFORCED FOR THE ENTIRE TOURNAMENT.**
- After the first warning for any rules violation, you will be disqualified from the tournament and no monies refunded.
- PROFESSIONAL PWBA CARD CARRIERS:** All Bowlers who are Professional PWBA Card carriers at time of bowling are limited to two (2) on four (4) Bowler Team and one (1) on a two (2) Bowler team (Doubles). Automatic disqualification for failure to comply!
- DRESS CODE: ENTRANTS ARE REQUESTED TO WEAR BOWLING ATTIRE SUITABLE FOR PARTICIPATION IN A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT.** Examples of prohibited attire include: Tank tops, halter tops, bare midriffs, spaghetti strap tops, racer back shirts, cold shoulder shirts, and sleeveless shirts without a collar. No obscene printing on anything. No tobacco usage of any kind or vaping. Leggings are permitted. Bib overalls, sweatpants, athletic shorts, short shorts, or short skirts are not permitted. The length of these items (shorts, skirts) must go beyond the fingertips when the bowler's arms are at rest along their sides. Bowlers will be required to change if attire is deemed inappropriate by tournament management. Tournament management's decision will be final.
- PUBLICITY:** All participants agree to allow the Ohio State USBC to use their photograph for publicity purposes. In the event the Ohio State USBC arranges for telecasts or broadcasts of the tournament, it would be without cost to participants and participants would not share any revenue derived therefrom.
- General:** USBC Rules will govern all bowling during the tournament. The bowler, by voluntary participation in the Championships, agrees to comply with the final decision of the Tournament Manager. Only tournament officials and bowlers are permitted in the bowling area. **PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED BOWLERS SHOULD NOTIFY OFFICIALS IN ADVANCE IF THEY REQUIRE SPECIAL EQUIPMENT.**

The entrants whose names appear hereon, or their authorized replacements, hereby agree that the Ohio State USBC, its officers and agents shall be liable only to the extent of returning entry fees if and when these entrants shall be prevented from bowling any event in the tournament through delay, unexpected, yet necessary, schedule change, or premature termination of the tournament, which may be brought about by war, national emergency or emergencies or causes relating thereto or resulting therefrom, fires, terrorist threats, strikes, lockouts, pandemics, labor difficulties or other causes beyond the control of the Ohio State USBC.