

NJ STATE TOURNAMENT RULES

RULE 1: All USBC Rules will prevail throughout this tournament.

RULE 2: USBC Membership Cards must be shown at check-in. Individuals who do not produce a current USBC Membership Card will be required to pay an associate membership fee of \$20.00. Those that do not provide proof of membership within 10 days will be issued a current USBC card. Those that do provide proof will receive a refund.

RULE 3: ELIGIBILITY: All bowlers must be members of a New Jersey Affiliated local USBC BA or Merged Association for the 2015/ 2016 season (USBC Rule 300c). **All WBA Bowlers must possess a NJ Association BA Sanction card or purchase one at the Tournament.** Unmarried grade and high school students who have not attained the age of 18 at the time of this tournament must have written consent of a parent or guardian in order to compete. Such written consent must be on a USBC approved form and must be on file with the Tournament Committee at least one week before the bowler is scheduled to compete unless accompanied by a parent or guardian in which case the parental consent form may be filed with the Tournament Director up to the time the bowler is scheduled to bowl (USBC Rule 13). **DRESS CODE:** No sleeveless shirts or shirts with inappropriate verbiage will be allowed (USBC Rule 303). Pacers are not allowed (USBC Rule 323). **NOTE: Any Out-of-State bowler now bowling in a NJ Affiliate Local BA Association this year as well as those eligible to bowl in their own state's tournament must use their highest USBC average as their entering average for this tournament and must have a NJ Local BA Average for at least 21 games as of January 1, 2016. All averages will be verified by the NJ State Tournament Committee (USBC Rule 303) prior to participation.**

RULE 4: PRIZES and HANDICAPS: Prize fees in Team, Singles and Doubles events will be apportioned: 60% for Handicap score prizes and 40% for Actual score prizes. Bowlers will be eligible for one prize (Handicap or Actual) in each event. Should a bowler's score qualify for both a Handicap Score prize and an Actual Score prize, the bowler shall receive the higher dollar amount of the two. A BOWLER PARTICIPATING TWICE IN DOUBLES (with a different partner) MAY CASH TWICE (once with each partner). A bowler may cash **only once** in singles, in either the Handicap or Scratch division, whichever is highest. The handicap shall be on a per game basis and shall be 100% of the difference between the scratch figure and the total of the averages of each event in accordance with the following tables:

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>SCRATCH</u>	<u>MAX HANDICAP</u>
Team	1150	No Maximum Handicap
Doubles	460	No Maximum Handicap
Singles	230	No Maximum Handicap
All Events	Actual Score Only	No Handicap

RULE 5: AVERAGES: All Averages used in this Tournament must have been established in a USBC BA / WBA or YBA (youth and collegiate division) regular season (Winter) league certified through a USBC BA affiliated Association. Composite averages will be waived through-out this Tournament (USBC Rule 319a1b). Each entrant's average shall be used in the following order:

- Highest 2014/ 2015 average in any USBC certified BA / WBA or YBA regular season (Winter) league where entrant **has bowled at least 21 games.**
- If no average as described in "A" above, the bowler shall use their highest certified USBC BA / WBA or YBA regular season (Winter) league average **as of January 1, 2016 based on a minimum of 21 games.**
- If no average as described in "A" or "B" above, the highest certified USBC BA / WBA 2015 Summer league average will be accepted.

NOTE: Averages used under Rule 5B or 5C must be verified by League Secretary in writing before the bowler begins the first game of any event.

- Entrants with none of the above average qualifications must use a 230 scratch BA average (USBC Rule 319b).
- The 10 Pin Rule (USBC Rule 319a-2) is NOT in effect throughout this Tournament.
- Sport League Averages will be adjusted per USBC Rules 202a and 202d.

RULE 6: ALL EVENTS: The All Events shall be conducted in three (3) classes based on an actual score basis only. The classes shall be as follows:

CLASS A: AVERAGE OF 215 AND HIGHER CLASS B: AVERAGE OF 190 TO 214 CLASS C: AVERAGE OF 189 AND LOWER

Entrant's average as defined by Rule 5 above shall determine the class they must bowl in. Participation in the All-Events is optional. The entry fee is \$6.00. If a non-paying participant wins any division of the All-Events, they shall receive the Championship Award and the official title but no cash prize (USBC Rule 306d). If a bowler competes more than once in any event, the first series in each event shall count toward the All-Events score (USBC Rule 315). The entrant who bowls the highest All-Events 9 game total, regardless of class, will be eligible to represent the New Jersey State Bowling Association in the 2017 United States Bowling Congress Masters Tournament. If the winner is unable to attend, no runner-up or Alternate is eligible. Funds will revert back to Expenses.

RULE 7: SUBSTITUTES: Substitutes may be used when necessary provided that he / she meets all rules of eligibility (see rule 3 above). No substitutes will be accepted for All-Events participation after the original entrant has begun any event (USBC Rule 306c). If a substitute is assuming the All-Events of another bowler, they must report the proposed transfer to the Tournament Director prior to bowling. Forms will be available and must be signed by the substitute bowler prior to beginning the FIRST scheduled event. The substitute must compete in the All-Events class determined by his / her entering average. Only one (1) substitute will be allowed in a Doubles Event.

RULE 8: ENTRY LIMIT: A bowler may bowl in the Team Event as often as desired. In order for a team to cash twice, they must change at least two (2) bowlers. A bowler may compete twice in the Singles and Doubles events. Re-entrants must bowl both Singles and Doubles (USBC Rule 315). Re-entrants in the Doubles event must enter with a different partner. The Singles Event will be bowled first. Cashing is limited as described in Rule 4 above. A professional bowler living within the jurisdiction of the NJ State USBC Association is eligible to participate in this tournament as follows: A maximum of 2 Touring Professional Bowlers will be allowed to participate on a Team entry and only 1 Touring Professional Bowler on a Doubles entry, providing they are certified members through a local NJ State USBC BA or merged Association..

RULE 9: CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS: In the Team, Singles and Doubles Events, the entry that bowls the highest actual total shall be the Actual Champion of that event, and the entry that bowls the highest Handicap total shall be the Handicap Champion of that Event. Each Champion shall be recognized with State Tournament and USBC Championship Awards. If one entry wins both Actual and Handicap Titles only one set of Championship Awards will be given to the entry but the value of the awards will be increased proportionately.

RULE 10: BOWLERS RESPONSIBILITY: It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average in the Tournament (USBC Rule 319a3). Failure to use the correct average or to make a correction prior to the First Game in each event shall disqualify the bowler if a submitted average is lower than the correct average. When a submitted average is higher than the correct average, and is not corrected prior to completion of the first game in any event, prize winnings will be based upon the submitted average for that event. USBC Rule 319d (reporting of prize winnings) will NOT apply to this tournament. The Average Rerating Rule (USBC Rule 319c) applies throughout the Tournament. This rule allows the Tournament Director to adjust a bowler's entering average. The bowler or bowlers affected have the right to appeal the rerating (USBC Rule 319c). Failure to comply with any of the above provisions of Rule 10 shall be cause for the bowler to forfeit all entry fees and prize winnings. Please observe the **ONE LANE Courtesy Rule.**

RULE 11: Premature termination of this Tournament brought about by war, national emergency, or emergency causes related thereto and there from - Fire, strikes, lockouts, labor difficulties or other reasons beyond the control of the New Jersey State USBC Bowling Association, shall cause the forgoing prize schedule to be pro-rated in accordance with the number of entrants who have bowled in each of the respective events up to the time of termination.

RULE 12: Automatic scoring keeping systems are used. Tournament Management has the discretionary authority to determine if any irretrievable game and / or frame (s) should be re-bowled (USBC Rule 327c).

RULE 13: After entries have been received and the team does not refuse the date and time assigned by the Tournament Director prior to the preparation of schedule, no fees shall be refunded (USBC Rule 314).

RULE 14: Tournament squads may be extended if applications so warrant.

RULE 15: Tournament Management reserves all rights to make interpretations of these rules as necessary (USBC Rule 303).

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