

## CITY TOURNAMENT RULES

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**1. ELIGIBILITY:** All adult members of the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) are eligible to enter. Non-members of the Kingsport USBC Association (KUSBCA), who are members of another association, may become eligible to enter by paying a local association fee of \$8 prior to November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Each entrant must meet one of the following requirements:

- a.) Be an active KUSBCA league bowler (12 or more games bowled during the 2024-2025 season).
- b.) Have a 2023-24 winter or summer average of at least 21 games.

**2. AVERAGE AND HANDICAP:** The entering average to be used will be determined as follows in the order shown:

- a.) Highest sanctioned KUSBCA average for the 2023-2024 winter season (21 games or more).
- b.) Highest sanctioned KUSBCA 2024 summer season average (21 games or more).
- c.) If a bowler does not have a KUSBCA 2023-2024 winter or summer average (21 games or more), the highest sanctioned KUSBCA league average (12 games or more) as of November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 shall be used.
- d.) Handicap is based on 90% of the difference between the entering average and 220. Bowlers are responsible that their submitted average is accurate. Failure to use the correct average shall disqualify score if submitted average is lower than the correct average thereby resulting in a lower classification or more handicap. Prize winnings shall be based on the submitted average if it is higher than the correct average. Corrections in averages may be permitted up to the completion of the first game of the first series. USBC Rule 319d, and Rule 319e. does **not** apply. **USBC Rule 319a.2 is in effect as follows:** When the previous season's (winter or summer) average is used, and as of 11:59 PM, Thursday, November 7, 2024, an entrant has a current average for 21 or more games that is 10 pins or more higher than the prior season's average, the current average must be used. Failure to follow this rule will result in disqualification from the tournament (all events). **Rule 319a.2 is not in effect for the Women's Tournament.**

**3. PARTICIPATION/RE-ENTRY:** The Friday Nights will be team event only. When Bowling singles and doubles you must bowl both the first entry. Re-entries in either singles or doubles will be allowed following the first entry (without bowling both events.) **(All Events) may only be entered once.** Entry for all squads will be permitted on lane available basis in the order which they are received. All Entry must be paid in Hdcp. First; afterwards scratch and senior events are optional.

*If there is only one entry for any event following the entry deadline for the first squad, then that event will be cancelled and refunded. Those effected will be given opportunity to enter any event in the 2024-2025 KUSBCA tournament at that given time.*

**Team Event:** All team events shall consist of (4) four person teams. No more than (3) three players on the same team may bowl and cash more than once. No more than (2) two PBA members are allowed per team. Prize ratio will be 1:5

**Singles Event:** Singles consist of one player and will be bowled first. Doubles and singles will be bowled on the same pair of lanes. Prize Ratio will be 1:5

**Doubles Event:** Doubles event shall consist of (2) two persons doubles. You may not cash more than once with the same doubles partner. Only one doubles partner can be a PBA member. Prize ratio will be 1:5

**All Events:** An individual's singles, doubles, and team score of (9) nine games total, plus handicap, shall determine the all events winner. The first participation in each event will count towards **All Events** Hdcp. and scratch scores. It is the bowler's responsibility to insure he or she is entered in each event. Prize ratio will be 1:10.

**Optional Scratch Events:** An additional Scratch Event will be offered separate from the Handicap prize fund. Open Teams, singles, and Doubles scratch events can only be entered if you entered the corresponding handicap

portion of the tournaments. Re-entries in the Scratch events may be accepted only if re-entered the corresponding handicap portion of the Tournament. All rules in Open Team, Singles and Doubles will apply in the scratch portion of the tournament. All prize fees returned 100%.

**Senior Event:** Only those bowlers who pay the fee and is minimum of 50 years of age prior to bowling the first event will be allowed to enter senior events.

**Super Senior Event:** Only those bowlers who pay the fee and is minimum of 60 years of age prior to bowling the first event will be allowed to enter super senior events.

**4. ENTRY FEE:** Handicap: \$25 per bowler per event (\$13.00 prize fund; \$10.00 lineage; \$2.00 Supplies & KUSBCA) and \$6 for All Events. Scratch: \$10 per bowler per event. Senior: \$10 (prize fund \$9.50 and \$5.50 for All Events). No entry will be accepted without the entry fee and an entry form. No bowler shall be entitled to a refund after the squad practice has begun. Entry fees may be paid by cash or check (made payable to the KUSBCA). Bowlers are responsible for any checks returned for insufficient funds which will include the exact fees (if any) imposed on the KUSBCA, the possible of forfeiture of any winnings, and / or any other disciplinary action that the USBC may impose. **Entries for the tournament close 30 minutes prior to each squad.**

**5. PRIZES:** Prizes shall be paid on a handicap and optional scratch totals in Team, singles, doubles, and All Events. Prizes shall be paid for Senior Singles and All Events. The Tournament Champions shall be the individuals having the highest handicap scores in each event. In case of a tie for first place in any event, Co-Champions shall be declared. Ties in any event prizes will be combined and equally divided and duplicate awards given in these situations. USBC chevrons or equivalent will be awarded to the champion in each event. All prize fees shall be returned 100%. Awards are limited to the highest award per event (No multiple individual, team, or double event winners). The Tournament **IS NOT** responsible for errors listed in the entry form. Awards and payout will be presented at Warpath Lanes no sooner than on December 11, 2024.

**6. General Rules:** Three (3) consecutive games shall be bowled on a pair of lanes in each event. Doubles and Singles will be bowled on the same pair of lanes. Substitutions should be reported at Tournament check in before the start of scoring. There are no average restrictions in the open events. Seniors (ages 50 & up) may bowl Singles and Doubles at separate times but must indicate this on the Entry Form. Bowlers must arrive at the bowling center 30 minutes prior to their scheduled squad time so that the tournament may proceed on time. Bowlers or teams arriving late will be allowed to bowl beginning in the frame being bowled. No make-ups will be allowed. A zero score will be given for frames not bowled. Practice games will not be permitted on the tournament lanes after dressed for competition. Bowlers participating in the tournament must be dressed in a presentable manner (no tank tops or bandannas will be allowed). Scoring errors must be reported to the Tournament Director within 24 hours after the squad is completed. A one-lane courtesy will be observed during every event of the tournament.

**7. APPEAL OR PROTEST:** A protest or appeal must be filed in writing with the Tournament Director in accordance with USBC rule 329.

**The decision of the Tournament Management shall be final unless an appeal is made in accordance with USBC Rule 329.**

**Tournament Committee: Chair Mike Collier, Michael Johns, Dennis Lane and Jim Postell.**



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