

TOURNAMENT RULES - 2012

1. **ALL ENTRANTS** of this tournament must be current members of the Greater Sacramento Area USBC Association.
2. **HANDICAP** in Divisions 2 & 3 will be based on 90% of 240.
3. **ENTRANTS MAY BOWL THREE (3) TIMES IN TEAM EVENT ONLY** with not more than (2) of the same players on one team. May cash multiple times.
4. **ENTRANTS MAY BOWL ONE TIME ONLY IN DOUBLES AND SINGLES.** Entrants bowling doubles must also enter singles event and vice versa.
5. **ALL EVENTS SCORE** shall be taken from the first team event rolled. An individual must be entered in team, doubles and singles and pay the \$5.00 All Events fee to be eligible for the All Events prize fund.
6. **INCOMPLETE TEAM.** If for some reason there should not be a complete team to bowl, the members present shall be allowed to bowl for their All Events score only.
7. **BOWLER TOURNAMENT ENTERING AVERAGES** will be the highest book average from 2010-11 league season or 1 January 2012 whichever is highest– based on minimum of 21 games. If none of the above, entrant will use 240 average.
8. **THE TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT** reserves the right to re-rate a bowler prior to participating in the tournament. If the entrant refuses the re-rate, entry fees will be returned. Entrants have the right to appeal any re-rate to USBC within 15 days of the date of bowling or prior to the payment of prizes whichever comes first. (Rules 319.a., 319.b., and 319.c. will be in effect. Rule 319.d. is waived.
9. **SQUAD RESERVATIONS** will be accepted only when accompanied by **FULL** entry fees. **NO FAX ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
10. **WITHDRAWING FROM THE TOURNAMENT.** Any team member withdrawing shall forfeit all claims to entry fees and said fees will revert to the prize fund.
11. **TEAM CAPTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES.** Check in and report substitutes 45 minutes prior to squad time. If the average of a substitute changes the classification of team or doubles entry, the entry will be reclassified.
12. **SUBSTITUTES** are not required to reimburse the original entrant any prize money or award he/she may win. A substitute is eligible for the All Events prize money if he/she has not bowled any event of the Tournament at the time the substitution was made.
13. **ENTRY FEES WILL NOT BE REFUNDED.** Overpayment of less than One Dollar will not be refunded. **ANY ENTRANT WHO ISSUES A PERSONAL CHECK THAT IS RETURNED FOR NON-SUFFICIENT FUNDS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE TOURNAMENT AND ASSESSED A \$25.00 RETURNED CHECK FEE.**
14. **ENTRY FEES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:**
  - a. **TEAM EVENT:** All Divisions, Bowling \$27; Expense \$12.00; Prize Fund \$61.00
  - b. **DOUBLES AND SINGLES:** All Divisions, Bowling \$13.50; Expense \$6.00; Prize Fund \$30.50.
  - c. **ALL EVENTS:** 100% to Prize Fund.
15. **PROTESTS** affecting eligibility or playing rules must be confirmed in writing to the Tournament Manager within 24 hours.
16. **DRESS CODE:** Men and women participants must wear a shirt with a butterfly-type collar and casual slacks, trousers or jeans> Women may wear Capri pants provided the length is below the knees). Mock collared or collarless dress shirts may be permitted provided they are worn with casual slacks or trousers. Ordinary T-shirts will not be permitted. During participation in any event, bowlers are NOT permitted to wear: hats, sweats, shorts, skirts, skorts, culottes or zupas (pants with elastic cuffs). All clothing must be neat, clean and in good condition. Tournament officials will enforce the dress code. The Tournament Supervisor will address any questionable items.
17. **CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT AWARDS:** An award will be given to the winner of each event and to the highest scratch all events, highest scratch series and highest scratch game of the tournament.
18. **PRIZE RATION** will be at least 1 to 5 in team, doubles, singles, and all events.
19. **TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS ARE PROHIBITED FROM PRACTICING ON THEIR SCHEDULED LANES THE DAY OF EVENTS.**
20. **THE USE OF CLEANING SUBSTANCES AND/OR BALL CLEANING MACHINES AFTER THE START OF COMPETITION IS PROHIBITED. ALL BOWLING BALLS SO ALTERED MUST BE REMOVED FROM COMPETITION OR THE ENTRANT WILL FACE DISQUALIFICATION.** The start of competition is defined as the first ball thrown in tournament competition.