

# TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Entries will be scheduled on a FIRST COME - FIRST SERVE BASIS. Walk-in entries must be presented to Tournament Management **30 minutes prior** to squad time. **YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER IN AT LEAST ONE (1) EVENT BEFORE THE RESERVED CLOSING DATE – APRIL 4, 2023**
2. \*NO CELL PHONES, FOOD OR BEVERAGE, OR TOBACCO PRODUCTS WILL BE ALLOWED IN SETTEE AREAS; \*NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR BEVERAGES WILL BE ALLOWED IN BOWLING CENTER; TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND ELECTRONIC VAPING IS NOT ALLOWED IN THE BOWLING CENTER; YOUR FULL COOPERATION WILL BE APPRECIATED.
3. To be eligible, bowler must be a member of MS STATE USBC and have a current average (minimum 21 games) in a MS Local Association. All participants must display their USBC membership card. Tournament and USBC Rules and Regulations will govern the Tournament.
4. Entrants will use their highest sanctioned winter (summer, if no winter) league average (minimum 21 games) for the 2021-22 season. If no 2021-22 average, use highest current season (2022-23) average (minimum 21 games) as of April 1, 2023. A bowler having a current season average for 21 or more games in a sanctioned league as of April 1, 2023 that is ten (10) pins or more higher than the previous seasons average **MUST** use the current seasons average in this tournament. **(BOWLER MUST SUBMIT LEAGUE STANDING SHEET FOR VERIFICATION)**. Averages subject to rerating (USBC Rule 319-c). All others will bowl using scratch average of 220. IT SHALL BE EACH BOWLER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO VERIFY THE ACCURACY OF THE SUBMITTED AVERAGE. FAILURE TO USE THE CORRECT AVERAGE IS SUBJECT TO DISQUALIFICATION. IF SUBMITTED AVERAGE IS HIGHER THAN THE CORRECT AVERAGE THEREBY RESULTING IN LESS HANDICAP, PRIZE WINNINGS SHALL BE BASED ON THE HIGHER AVERAGE. All bowlers must comply with USBC Rules 319-a, b, c, d and e concerning averages.
5. USBC Rule 319-d requires any entrant who has qualified for a prize of the following: 1) \$300.00 or more in any event; 2) Combined prize winnings of \$500 or more in any one tournament; 3) Combined prize winnings of \$1000 or more in all tournaments within the last 12 months. Must submit the name of tournament, amount of the prize, actual score bowled to qualify for the prize and prize position. PROFESSIONAL BOWLERS ARE LIMITED TO TWO PER TEAM AND ONE PER DOUBLES.
6. All prizes will be on handicap basis Except All Events Scratch. Handicap will be computed on a basis 80% of the difference between each average and 220 (660 series).
7. There will be one cash prize awarded for each eight (8) entries (minimum) except All Events Handicap and Scratch will be one (1) for each ten (10) entries (minimum). ALL PRIZE MONEY WILL BE RETURNED 100%.
8. The schedule as indicated on the confirmation sheet must be adhered to: Should any entry fail to appear on time to bowl, the entry fee will be forfeited.
9. Substitutions are allowed, the Tournament Manager should be notified at least 30 minutes before the scheduled time to bowl and the average of the substitute is certified. SUBSTITUTION IN ALL EVENTS IS NOT ALLOWED IF EITHER THE ORIGINAL BOWLER OR SUBSTITUTE HAS ALREADY BOWLED IN THE TOURNAMENT.
10. MULTIPLE PARTICIPATION IS ALLOWED IN TEAM, DOUBLES, AND SINGLES EVENT- When a bowler competes more than once, in any event, the first appearance shall count toward All Events Score. A bowler may enter both All Events Handicap and All Events Scratch.
11. If needed, additional shifts may be added; however, no shifts will be added beyond the last scheduled shift on May 21
12. No tournament bowler will be allowed to open bowl during tournament squad times.

## MAIL ENTRIES TO:

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ADDITIONAL ENTRIES ON WEBSITE: [www.msstateusbcba.com](http://www.msstateusbcba.com)