

**THE NATIONAL BOWLING ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT
RULES AND REGULATIONS – FAILURE TO READ IS NO EXCUSE
Mixed Doubles**

1. ADVANCED ENTRIES CLOSE MARCH 1, 2021. ALL ENTRIES MUST SHOW TEAM NAME, FULL NAMES OF EACH BOWLER, TNBA AND USBC NUMBERS. FINAL ENTRIES AND RE-ENTRIES WILL CLOSE AT LAST SQUAD, SUNDAY, MAY 30 AT 11:00A.M.
2. All entrants must have TNBA and USBC membership cards prior to bowling. Unattached TNBA membership cards may be purchased at the site at cost of \$26.00. USBC Membership cards may be purchased at a cost of \$24.00. USBC rule 300C.
3. The Total Entry Fee must accompany the entry form with a certified check or money order made payable to The National Bowling Association – Tournament Fund (TNBA Tournament Fund). Or cash (at tournament site only). After an entry has been received, and dates assigned by tournament management and not refused before preparation of the schedule, the entry fee cannot be refunded (USBC Rule 314). An effort will be made to sell spot(s). **Prize fund checks must be cashed in 90 days; or will be voided.**
4. Preferred dates will be granted when possible. When lanes are filled on requested dates, the nearest open date will be given. Entries will be scheduled on a first come, first served basis.
5. Average;
 - a. 2019-2020 highest USBC league average of 21 or more games.
 - b. If no average 2019-2020, use highest 2020-2021 USBC average at the time of bowling for 21 or more games.
 - c. Bowlers with neither of the above averages must bowl scratch.
 - d. **If 2020-2021 average of at least 21 games at the time of bowling exceeds 2019-2020 average by 10 or more pins, 2020-2021 average must be used (Rule 319a, Item 2).**
 - e. **USBC SPORT AND CHALLENGE Averages** are allowed. No USBC Summer League Averages allowed.
 - f. An entrant must report any average adjustment from another tournament, even if the entrant did not accept the adjusted average.
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 - h. **It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of his or her average in handicap or classified tournaments, whether originally submitted by the bowler, his or her captain or others. Failure to use the proper average shall disqualify score if submitted average is lower than actual 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 actual average (Handicap Only).**
 - i. Any Protest or corrections pertaining to the prize fund results must be received in writing within ten (10) days after the distribution of tournament unofficial results.
6. The handicap shall be 80% using 220 scratch. Bowlers will certify their scores as being correct at the completion of each game. Handicap will be figured on an individual basis.
7. Teams shall be composed of one man and one woman. Multiple entries are permitted and you may sub multiple times. May re-enter with the same partner, but Cash only once with the same partner (highest score to count). There will be at least one (1) prize for every ten (10) entries.
8. By participating in this tournament, you hereby agree to the sharing of your average, bowling performance, and other related information between TNBA and USBC.
9. Entrants who qualified for a prize of \$600 or more in any event in a Tournament within the previous 12-month period, shall prior to bowling any event, report to the Tournament Director the actual score, position won and amount of prize for possible rerating. Any rerating will be done prior to the entrant bowling. USBC Rule 319e applies to both male and female. Any bowler winning \$600+ **must** provide their Social Security Number to receive awarded prize.
10. (a) When a team captain secures a replacement, once the replacement has started to bowl, the replacement must finish the event being bowled. (b) The tournament committee reserves the right to accept or reject the substitute offered by the team captain. (c) Teams or individuals who fail to appear on the lanes prepared to bowl as schedule shall forfeit their entry, subject to the discretion of the tournament committee. (d) Bowlers will certify their scores as being correct at the completion of each game. (e) Provisional ball or frame will be used in situations where a foul or legality of pin fall cannot be immediately resolved. (f) Errors in scoring must be reported to the Tournament Director within 72 hours after games are rolled.
11. No unreasonable delay in the progress of any game shall be allowed. Should any bowler or team participating in the tournament refuse to proceed with the game after being directed to do so by the proper authorities, such game or series shall be declared forfeited. Any bowler not ready to bowl when his or her turn comes shall be given a ZERO (0) for that frame.
12. The Tournament Director reserves the right to disqualify any entrant not in compliance with the rules of the tournament, TNBA and/or USBC. Premature termination of the tournament brought about by war, national emergency or emergency causes relating thereto or fire, natural disaster or any other reason beyond the control of TNBA Championship Tournament shall cause, to the extent required hereby, all prizes to be prorated in accordance with the number of entrants who have bowled in each of the respective events up to the time of such termination.
13. Proper attire required. No headgear (hat, cap, etc.) No halter tops, tube tops, tank tops, spandex, biker shorts and no skirts shorter than 6 inches above the knee. Tournament Director reserves the right to final decision on proper attire. Bowlers in **Improper Attire will not be allowed to bowl**. Bowlers may be rescheduled, but NO refund of their entry fee.
14. It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of his/her TNBA and USBC numbers. Using an incorrect TNBA or USBC number may be subject to disqualification.
15. Tardy players will start in frame being bowled with zero being given for each frame missed. If a team refuses to start because a full line-up is not present, they shall forfeit all games that they decline to bowl. No blind scores shall be permitted.
16. Scores bowled in Mixed Doubles Tournament DO NOT APPLY TO ALL EVENTS. This is a separate tournament.
17. Championship will be determined by the greatest total actual pin fall, plus handicap. Prizes will be awarded to handicap division and actual division winners.
18. **Current Professional Bowlers regardless of Classification will not be permitted to bowl in TNBA tournaments. Past PBA/PWBA champions**, regardless of classification, may be permitted to bowl if their championship was not within the last 10 years. Former PBA/PWBA members who have not held a card for the past two (2) years are eligible to bowl in TNBA tournaments.
19. Anyone working in the host-bowling center may not bowl in the event held at that center.

USBC RULE 319E APPLIES TO ALL BOWLERS AVERAGING LESS THAN 220