

Tournament Rules and Regulations

(Rules and Regulation apply to all entrants)

- This tournament is open to all TNBA, USBC members, and will be operated under the tournament rules of USBC and TNBA. Bowlers may participate in the tournament by purchasing a USBC membership card (\$30). **Non-TNBA members may qualify for entry by paying \$35.00 membership fee.** Any entrant who does not hold or has not applied for TNBA membership prior to bowling will be disqualified.
2. Advanced entries close midnight October 4, 2024. Final entries and re-entries will close at last squad.
 3. All fees, in the form of money orders or certified checks ONLY for pre-entries, or cash (accepted at the tournament site only) must accompany the entry blank. Certified checks and money orders must be made payable to: TNBA Western Regional Tournament. No fees will be refunded. Entry blanks must show the full names and addresses of each bowler. Any entry blank improperly filled out, improperly verified, or with missing signatures, averages, or the improper amount of fees may not be accepted and may be returned to the sender at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
 4. Teams shall be comprised of one man and one woman.
 5. Bowlers must use their highest average based on a minimum of 21 games for the 2022-2023 or 2023-2024 seasons, whichever is highest. If no average for either season, then use the highest current sanctioned average of 21 or more games as of October 26, 202 verified by a league sheet. All others bowl scratch. Summer League or Sports averages will not be accepted. Challenge averages will be used with their conversion and if that conversion is the highest average. **The Ten pin rule is waived for this tournament.**
 6. **The handicap shall be 80% using 220 scratch. Bowlers will certify their scores as being correct at the completion of each game. Handicap is on an individual basis.**
 7. It shall be the responsibility of each bowler to verify the accuracy of his or her average, whether originally submitted by the bowler, his or her captain or anyone other person. Failure to use the proper average shall disqualify score if submitted average is lower than the actual average thereby resulting in a lower classification or more handicap based on the submitted average if it is higher than the actual. Prize winnings shall be based on the submitted average if it is higher than the actual average, than the bowler must live with assigned handicap.
 8. **Any protest pertaining to the prize fund results must be post marked within five (5) days after the distribution of the unofficial tournament results.**
 9. Scores bowled in the Mixed Doubles Tournament **DO NOT APPLY TO ALL EVENTS.** This is a separate event with a separate prize fund.
 10. The Tournament Director reserves the right to accept or reject any substitute. Once a substitution has been made and upon rolling the first ball, that sub **MUST COMPLETE THE SERIES OF GAMES IN PROGRESS**, except in the case of injury or disability. Substitutes must bowl in the position of the original entrant as shown on the official score sheet and all rules of the tournament likewise apply to all substitutes.
 11. Bowlers may cash only once with the same partner. Bowlers may cash with a different partner as many times as they appear on the prize list.
 12. All bowlers must check the USBC Rule 319E "AVERAGE ADJUSTMENT". These rules apply to all participants.
 13. Entrants who have qualified for a prize of \$600.00 or more in any event in a tournament within the previous 12 month period shall, prior to bowling any event, must report the actual scores, position and amount won for possible re-rating. Any re-rating will be done prior to the entrant bowling. **Any entrant having been re-rated or subject to re-rate by another tournament must report their re-rated average to the tournament director. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.** USBC Rule 319E applies to all entrants.
 14. Entrants shall report for check-in at least one hour before the scheduled time to bowl and shall present their TNBA and USBC card on request.
 15. A) Teams or individuals who fail to appear on the lanes prepared to bowl as scheduled shall forfeit their entry, subject to the discretion of the tournament committee.
B) Bowlers arriving late for their scheduled squad time shall receive zero (0) for frames missed. No make-up frames will be allowed.
C) Bowlers will certify their scores as being correct at the completion of each game.
D) Provisional ball or frame will be used in situation where a foul or legality of pin fall cannot be immediately resolved.
E) Errors in scoring must be reported to the Tournament Director within 24 hours of tournament results being posted.
 16. 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.
 17. If a breakdown of the lanes occurs that exceeds ten(10) minutes, the tournament committee reserves the right to move bowlers to another pair of lanes to avoid shift delays.
 18. There will be at least one (1) prize for every eight (8) entries.
 19. The tournament director reserves the right to disqualify any bowler not in compliance with the rules of the tournament.
 20. Premature termination of the tournament brought about by war, national emergency or emergency causes relating thereto fire, natural disaster, or any other reason beyond control of the TNBA Western Regional Tournament shall cause, 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.
 21. Proper attire is required. No head gear (hat, cap, etc.). Tournament reserves the right to final decisions on proper attire.
 22. Anyone working in the host bowling center may not bowl in this tournament.
 23. **Any bowler winning \$600 or more will be issued an IRS W-9 BEFORE any prize winnings are paid to that bowler.**
 24. **Current or past PBA members will be permitted to bowl in TNBA tournaments if they have not achieved the following: (a) top 40 on PBA tour money or point list in the past three years (b) won a PBA tour title in past seven years (c) top 20 on PBA Regional tour money or point list (d) won a PBA Regional tour title in past four years. PBA50 and WPBA members will be permitted to bowl providing they have not achieved the following: (a) top 20 on PBA50/WPBA tour money or point list in the past two years (b) won a PBA50/WPBA tour title in past four years (c) top 10 on PBA50/WPBA Regional tour money or point list (d) won a PBA Regional tour title in past two years. Only one PBA bowler allowed per team.**

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