

TNBA SOUTHERN REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

RULES AND REGULATIONS – FAILURE TO READ IS NO EXCUSE

1. This tournament is open to all TNBA members, except professional bowlers, who reside in a Southern Region state. It will be operated under the tournament rules of TNBA and USBC. All entrants must have current TNBA and USBC membership cards prior to bowling. TNBA membership cards may be purchased at the site at a cost of \$50.00 each. USBC membership cards may be purchased at a cost of \$50.00 each. To participate in the senior events, you must be at least 55 years of age at the time of bowling.
2. The mail-in entry deadline is October 21, 2026, and the full amount of fees must accompany the entry for same to be honored. Entries postmarked the 1st post office business day following the entry closing date shall be accepted.
3. Personal checks will not be accepted for any reason. The total entry fee in the form of Money Order, Cashier, or Certified Check, must accompany the application, made payable to The National Bowling Association.
4. Entry forms must be filled out in their entirety. First and Last names (no nicknames, address (if applicable), TNBA & USBC numbers and average for each bowler. **SENIOR ENTRY forms must contain bowlers date of birth.** Any omissions may delay processing until all information is received.
5. *Mixed Teams may be any number of men-women combination. Multiple entry for teams is allowed. No more than 3 bowlers on the same team may re-enter. Men, Women and Mixed teams must change at least two players on the team to re-enter. Senior Mixed teams must change at least one player on the team to re-enter.
6. Multiple Entry is permitted for Singles and Doubles. Entrants may not enter doubles and not singles or enter singles and not doubles. You must enter both events. Bowlers will stay on the same lanes for singles and doubles.
7. All Events: The first score rolled by a player on the team, singles and doubles will count towards his/her all events score. Actual and handicap pin count for all events will be used.
8. Bowlers must use their highest Winter league average, based on a minimum of 21 games for the 2025/2026 season. This includes any Challenge Conversion averages. Bowlers without a 2025/2026 average must use the highest average from all 2026/2027 leagues at the time of bowling of 21 games or more. League standing sheets must be presented upon check-in. Bowlers who do not meet any of the average requirements will be entered with a 220 average. The tournament management has the right to re-rate bowlers prior to the tournament and after the tournament has started based on the performance of the bowler. If a bowler is re-rated during the tournament, the re-rated average will be used for all squads bowled. No summer league averages may be used. No sport league averages may be used. USBC rule 319c applies: Average Adjustments (rerating) a bowler who has had his/her average adjusted/rerated in accordance with this rule is required to report all previous assigned average adjustments/rerates, whether the bowler accepted the adjustment/rerate or not, at the time of bowling. Failure to comply with these provisions is the cause of disqualification and forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings. Rule 319d. Reporting Prior Prize Winnings apply. Rule 319e. Average Adjustment for Entry apply. **The USBC 10 pin average rule does not apply.** The decision of tournament management shall be final.
9. It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of his/her average, (whether originally submitted by the bowler, his/her team captain, or others.) All averages must be verified through bowl.com or league standing sheets if the average is not reported on bowl.com by November 22, 2026. Failure to do so may result in disqualification. It is requested that the verification be sent with the tournament entry application. To avoid disqualification, entrants must make average corrections by the end of the first game bowled.
10. The handicap for each game shall be 90% of 220.
11. Replacements shall be permitted at the discretion of the Team Captain and must bowl in the position of the original entrant. All rules and regulations herein likewise apply to replacements. Once a replacement has started to bowl, the replacement must finish the event being bowled.
12. The Tournament Management reserves the right to disqualify any entrant not in compliance with the rules of the tournament, TNBA and USBC. Premature termination of the tournament brought about by COVID-19, war, national emergency, or emergency causes relating thereto or therefrom, fire, natural disaster, or any other reason beyond the control of TNBA Southern Regional Tournament shall cause, to the extent required thereby, 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, do rags, headbands, visors, etc.). Tournament Management reserves the right to make the 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. Team Captains are requested to report to the Tournament Management Office at least one hour before the time scheduled to bowl to make any changes for the squad.
15. Entrants will be scheduled in the order names listed on the entry form. Tournament Management time schedule will be final.
16. Teams, Singles and Doubles will be scheduled. In the singles and doubles event, singles will be bowled first. No player may change position in any team or doubles lineup after the entry has been scheduled. Violation(s) will cause disqualification(s). Bowlers will remain on the same pair of lanes for all six (6) singles and doubles games.
17. It is the bowler's responsibility to check their scores after each game.
18. 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 lineup is not present, they shall receive zero for all frames which they decline to bowl. No blind score shall be permitted, and a bowler must bowl with and on the same lanes and at the same time his/her team bowls.
19. Provisional balls or frames will be used in situations where foul or legality of pin fall cannot be immediately resolved.
20. After entry has been received, no fees shall be refunded except in dire emergencies such as strikes, lockouts, fires, etc., over which management has no control. 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).
21. Prize fees will be returned 100% in the event for which they were collected. Prizes will be awarded to the handicap division and actual division winners. There will be at least one prize for every eight (8) entries, except for all events, where the ratio will be at least one (1) for every twenty (20). Prize fund checks must be cashed within 90 days; or will be voided. A). The IRS requires TNBA to furnish 1099 forms to individuals with winnings of \$2000 or more in any TNBA events in which they participate (including brackets). B). Failure to furnish an accurate, completed W-9 may cause a delay in the prize check. C). Prize checks will be distributed within 30 days after the conclusion of the tournament (Rule 309) unless permission is granted to extend by USBC tournament certification. 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. D). Any prize check requiring replacement within 90 days of tournament ending will require a \$25 replacement fee and \$50 thereafter. E). Prize checks, or replacement checks, must be cashed by June 30, 2027, or prize winnings will be forfeited.
22. *Current or past PBA/PWBA members will be permitted to bowl in TNBA tournaments. Only one PBA/PWBA bowler allowed per team.
23. PRIZE FUND: a) Championships will be determined by the greatest total of pin fall in the category. b) Bowlers entered in all three events, (where he/she has paid an all events fee), shall be eligible for the All-Events Championship award. Scores bowled in Mixed Doubles Tournament DO NOT APPLY TO ALL EVENTS.
24. By participating in this tournament, you hereby agree to the sharing of your average, bowling performance, and other related information between TNBA and USBC.
25. *Gender Classification Policy - Please see USBC rule: <https://bowl.com/rules/general-resources>.