

THE NATIONAL BOWLING ASSOCIATION 64th ANNUAL EASTERN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

TEAMS & SINGLES/DOUBLES

- ENTRIES FOR THIS TOURNAMENT WILL CLOSE MIDNIGHT, OCTOBER 19, 2023. **ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT THE TOURNAMENT SITE.**
 - This tournament is open to all TNBA and USBC members within the TNBA Eastern Region will operate under the tournament rules of TNBA and USBC. PBA members of any division are NOT permitted to bowl in this tournament. Former PBA members who have not held a card for the past two (2) years are eligible to bowl in TNBA tournaments. All bowlers must present their **CURRENT** TNBA and USBC cards, show proof of purchase, or must purchase the card on-site. Fees for memberships purchased on-site are:
TNBA-\$40.00, USBC -\$40.00
 - Handicap shall be 100% using 220 scratch average. Entrants will use the highest league average for a minimum of 21 games for the 2023-2024 season. This includes challenge averages. If no average for the 2023-2024 season, bowlers will use the highest current USBC sanctioned league average for 21 games or more as of November 2, 2024 and **PROOF OF AVERAGE ON PAPER** must be submitted prior to bowling. Summer League Averages will not be accepted. USBC Sports averages will not be accepted. Composite averages will not be accepted. All others will bowl scratch using a 220 average. **The Tournament Director reserves the right to go back three years if it is believed that the participant is presenting an average lower than his or her true playing ability.** 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. The decision of the tournament manager shall be final.
 - All entry applications**, whether Team or Doubles/Singles, **MUST** include **TNBA number**, **USBC number**, and **full name** of each bowler. Tournament fees in the form of money order or certified check **IN FULL** must accompany all entry applications payable to **TNBA Eastern Regional Tournament**. Any entry missing required information or accompanied by an improper amount of fees may be returned to the sender at the discretion of the tournament director. There will be no refund of fees after the close of entries date. An entry submitter or team captain must be identified on all entries. The submitter or team captain will receive all tournament related correspondence (confirmations, final standings, prizes, etc.).
 - All entries should have a selection of squad time. Choice will be granted wherever possible; however, the tournament director reserves the right to assign to squads as space is available.
 - Men and Women teams will consist of 5 men or 5 women. Mixed teams shall consist of any combination of men and women to make up the 5-person team. Senior teams are mixed teams and will consist of 4 members with any combination of men and women to make up the 4-person team. All members of Senior teams must be at least 55 years of age at time of bowling. Men and Women Doubles entries shall consist of 2 men or 2 women. There will be no splitting of events; bowlers entering the Doubles Event must enter Singles Event and vice versa. Mixed Doubles must be submitted on the appropriate Mixed Doubles form only. The submitted lineup in any event will be the order of bowling and cannot be changed.
 - Handicap prize standings will be based on the submitted average if it is higher than the actual average. Prize fee will be returned 100% for teams, singles and doubles. There will be at least 1 prize for every 10 entries.
 - All-Events entries are optional for each bowler and must accompany the Doubles/Singles entry at time of submission. Bowlers with averages less than 220 may enter both the handicap and scratch divisions. Entrants with an average of 220 or higher **MAY NOT** enter handicap All-Events. The All-Events prize funds will be returned 100% at a ratio of at least 1 in 20. **Mixed Doubles do not qualify for All-Events.**
 - Multiple entries are permitted, and multiple substitutions are allowed, however no more than 4 bowlers on the same team, or 3 bowlers on a senior team may re-enter as a team to compete as a different team. When a bowler competes in any event (including substitution) more than once, his/her first appearance in each event shall be applied to his/her all-events standing. Without regard to the number of times entered, bowlers may place only once in Singles, and may cash only once with the same partner in Doubles or Mixed Doubles.
 - All averages, TNBA sanctions and USBC sanctions will be verified prior to the tournament by the Tournament Director. There will be a color dot on your score sheet to inform you that either a sanction card or average verification sheet is needed. Please make sure that you have this proof prior to bowling.
 - USBC Rules 319c, 319d and 319E will apply to all entrants with averages below 220.
 - Any bowler who qualifies for total winnings of \$600.00 or more in the tournament must provide a tax identification number prior to receiving awarded prize(s).
 - No unreasonable delay in the progress of any game shall be allowed. Any bowler not present or ready to bowl when it is his or her turn may be given a ZERO (0) for that frame. Tardy bowlers will start in the frame being bowled with zero for each frame missed.
 - Hats, scarves, or any other type of headwear can NOT be worn while bowling. No entrants (Male or Female) will be permitted to bowl while wearing improper attire.
 - The Tournament Director reserves the right to disqualify any bowler or bowlers not in compliance with the rules of the Tournament, TNBA, and USBC. Appeal must be made in accordance with USBC Rule 329.
 - Premature termination of this tournament for any reason beyond the control of the TNBA Eastern Regional Tournament shall cause all advertised prizes to be prorated in accordance with the number of entrants who have bowled in the tournament at the time of termination.
 - There will be no side pots other than the ones the tournament is running permitted. Failure to adhere to this rule will be asked to leave the tournament.
- PLEASE REPORT YOUR WINNINGS OF \$600 OR MORE TO THE TOURNAMENT OFFICE TO AVOID DISQUALIFICATION**

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MIXED DOUBLES

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1. ENTRIES FOR THIS TOURNAMENT WILL CLOSE 3:00 P.M. SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2024. **ENTRIES AND/OR RE-ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE TOURNAMENT SITE.**
2. This tournament is open to all TNBA and USBC members and will operate under the tournament rules of TNBA and USBC. PBA members of any division are NOT permitted to bowl in this tournament. Former PBA members who have not held a card for the past two (2) years are eligible to bowl in TNBA tournaments. All bowlers must present their **CURRENT** TNBA and USBC cards, show proof of purchase, or must purchase the card on-site. Fees for memberships purchased on-site are: TNBA-\$40.00, USBC -\$40.00
3. Handicap shall be 100% using 220 scratch average. Entrants will use the highest league average for a minimum of 21 games for the 2023-2024 season. This includes challenge averages. If no average for the 2023-2024 season, bowlers will use the highest current USBC sanctioned league average for 21 games or more as of November 2, 2024 and **PROOF OF AVERAGE ON N PAPER** must be submitted prior to bowling. Summer League Averages will not be accepted. USBC Sports averages will not be accepted. Composite Averages will not be accepted. All others will bowl scratch using a 220 average. **The Tournament Director reserves the right to go back three years if it is believed that the participant is presenting an average lower than his or her true playing ability** 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. The decision of the tournament manager shall be final.
4. Teams shall be composed of one man and one woman.
5. Tournament fees in the form of money order or certified check for the total required amount must accompany all advance entry applications. Cash payments will be accepted at the tournament site.
6. Assignments will be made on a first come, first served basis. First choice will be granted wherever possible. The tournament director reserves the right to assign as space is available.
7. Scores bowled in Mixed Doubles **DO NOT APPLY TO ALL EVENTS.**
8. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH ENTRANT TO VERIFY THE ACCURACY OF HIS/HER AVERAGE, whether the bowler or others submitted the entry. NO AVERAGE CORRECTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE COMPLETION OF ANY SERIES. If a bowler's submitted average is lower than the true average, any and all handicap prizes he/she has won or has helped to win will be forfeited. Handicap prize standings will be based on the submitted average if it is higher than the actual

average. Prize fee will be returned 100% for mixed doubles. There will be at least 1 prize from every 10 entries.

9. The Tournament Director reserves the right to accept or reject any substitute. Once a substitution has been made, that substitute must complete the series of games in progress. Substitutes must bowl in the position of the original bowler as shown on the score sheet. All tournament rules apply to every substitute.
10. **MULTIPLE ENTRY:** Bowlers may enter Mixed Doubles an unlimited number of times but may cash only once with the same partner. Bowlers may cash as many times as they qualify with different partners.
11. USBC Rules 319c, 319d and 319E will apply to all entrants with averages below 220.
12. Any bowler whose average has not been verified by November 16,2024 may be disqualified from the handicap event. Bowl.com averages printouts may serve as verification).
13. Any bowler who qualifies for total winnings of \$600.00 or more in the tournament must provide a tax identification number to receive awarded prize(s).
14. No unreasonable delay in the progress of any game shall be allowed. Should any bowler or team 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 present or ready to bowl when it is his or her turn, shall be given a ZERO (0) for that frame. Tardy bowlers will start in the frame being bowled with zero for each frame missed.
15. Hats, scarves, or any other type of headwear can **NOT** be worn while bowling. No entrants (Male or Female) will be permitted to bowl while wearing improper attire.
16. The Tournament Director reserves the right to disqualify any bowler or bowlers not in compliance with the rules of the Tournament, TNBA, and USBC. Appeal must be made in accordance with USBC Rule 329.
17. Premature termination of this tournament for any reason beyond the control of the TNBA Eastern Regional Tournament shall cause all advertised prizes to be prorated in accordance with the number of entrants who have bowled in the tournament at the time of termination.

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