

## RULES OF THE COLORADO STATE USBC 70TH ANNUAL OPEN HANDICAP TOURNAMENT

Call (970) 250-1647 or e-mail for reservations until April 2, 2023. All reservations must be paid in full by April 9, 2023. Reservations not paid in full by this date are not guaranteed and may be released to accommodate paid entries. **Entries close Midnight April 25, 2023, E-MAIL: [costateusbc@gmail.com](mailto:costateusbc@gmail.com)**

- DRESS CODE** – ALL BOWLERS must wear suitable attire when participating in the tournament. **ACCEPTABLE:** Slacks, jeans (no holes) and capris. All “formal wear” shorts, skirts or skorts **MUST BE KNEE LENGTH**. Collar or collarless shirts with sleeves. Hats will be approved for medical reason only! **UNACCEPTABLE:** Athletic or workout attire of any kind including leggings and yoga pants. Tank tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, etc. No hats or electronic devices can be worn during competition. Smoking of electronic cigarettes or vapor devices in the center while bowling will NOT be ALLOWED. Tournament management decision will be final.
- BALL CLEANING** - After entrant begins competition, the outer surface of the ball may only be cleaned with a dry towel. Non-compliance may result in loss of use of that ball for the remainder of the competition.
- ELIGIBILITY** – The 2023 Open State Tournament is open to all USBC members of any association chartered with the United States Bowling Congress within the State of Colorado. **All participants must present a current USBC Membership card at check-in.** Eligible non-USBC Members may qualify by paying a \$30.00 fee for an affiliate membership. Any USBC Member who identifies themselves as a “Professional” may participate in this tournament, limiting the number of individuals defined as professional bowlers to two on a five-person team and one on a doubles team. **NO ONE UNDER THE AGE OF 18 CAN BOWL THIS TOURNAMENT!**
- MULTIPLE TEAM EVENTS** - Entrants may bowl more than once in the team event, however no more than three (3) members from one team may participate together on another team, USBC RULE 315b (1). A bowler’s first team event will be used to compute All-Events.
- DOUBLES AND SINGLES EVENTS – ENTRANT MAY BOWL ONLY ONCE IN EACH EVENT – PENALTY** – Disqualification and forfeiture of all entry fees and prizes. Bowlers entering doubles and singles **MUST** enter both events which will be bowled on the same pair of lanes. Doubles will be bowled first. Scratch Doubles/Singles are available with entry into handicap doubles/singles. Participant will bowl only once, and his/her score will count for both handicap and scratch.
- AVERAGES** – HIGHEST 2021-2022 USBC certified league AVERAGE OF 21 GAMES OR MORE will be used. A bowler without a 2021-2022 average may use their highest 2022-2023 USBC certified league average of 21 games or more as of the starting date of the tournament (May 6, 2023). If the bowler has none of the above, an average of 240 will be assigned with no handicap being offered. **BOWLERS USING A MAY 6, 2023, AVERAGE must have the average verified by the league secretary, with verification presented at the time of bowling the first event.** Tournament management also reserves the right to use an entrant’s composite average from bowl.com.
- VERIFICATION OF AVERAGES** – It shall be each bowler’s responsibility to verify the accuracy of his/her average, whether submitted by the bowler, the team captain, or others. Failure to use the proper average or make the correction prior to the end of the first game of a series, shall disqualify the score if the submitted average is lower than the actual average. If the submitted average is higher than actual, prize winnings will be based on the submitted average
- PRIZE WINNINGS** - Rule 319d reporting prize winnings of \$300.00 or more IN THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS is in effect.
- AVERAGE ADJUSTMENT (Rerating)** – Bowler’s tournament average adjustment (USBC Rule 319c) **DOES APPLY.**
- AVERAGE ADJUSTMENT – Bowler’s tournament average adjustment (USBC RULE 319e) DOES APPLY TO THIS TOURNAMENT.**
- USBC RULE 319a, PARAGRAPH 2 (10 PIN RULE) DOES APPLY.** If entrant’s average of 21 games or more as of May 6, 2023, is 10 pins higher than his/her 2021-2022 USBC certified league average, the entrant will use the highest average.
- HANDICAP** – Shall be based on 90% of 240.
- REPLACEMENTS** – Authorized by the Team Captain or his/her authorized representative. Replacements must occupy the same position in the line-up as the original entrant. Participants will bowl in the order as listed on the original entry form, unless a request for change is made at least one (1) day prior to squad time. Once a replacement has been added to the roster, and the replacement has delivered the first ball in competition, the replacement bowler must be allowed to complete the series in Team and if substituting in Doubles and Singles the replacement must complete both events.
- TARDY BOWLERS** – All squads will start on time, barring unforeseen difficulties. A bowler arriving late for any event will be allowed to bowl, with his/her scores to start with the frame in which he/she is READY for tournament play; NO score for frames missed. Teams refusing to start at the scheduled time due to lack of bowlers will forfeit the right to bowl and all entry fees paid. **USBC rule #11 DELAY OF GAME will be enforced.**
- SIGNING OF RECAPS** – After a score sheet has been signed by the contestant or Team Captain, it cannot be changed except in the case of obvious errors in scoring or calculation. Bowlers are cautioned to sign only after ensuring the scores and calculations are correct. Tele-scores or computer printouts will be the Official score sheet. These will be on file for 72 hours after the close of the tournament.
- PRIZE RATIO** – Handicap Team, Doubles, Singles, and All-Events prize ratios will be 1 in 7. Scratch Team, Doubles, Singles, and All Events prize ratios will be 1 in 7.
- AWARDS** – Awards will be awarded to all handicap and to regular division scratch champions for team, doubles, singles, and all-events.
- HIGH SCRATCH ALL EVENTS** – The winner will receive an entry in the 2023 USBC Masters Tournament. Bowler must be entered in Scratch All Events to win this award.
- HIGH SCRATCH GAME AND 800 SERIES OF THE TOURNAMENT** – This bowler(s) will receive a plaque.
- SCHEDULING** - Lane assignments are made by the Tournament Manager. Additional squads may be added during the tournament. However, no squad may be added after the final squad at 2:00 on Sunday June 4, 2023, without approval from USBC Headquarters.
- TEAM CAPTAINS are the team representative and will serve in all matters pertaining to individual behavior and compliance with tournament and USBC rules. The team captain will be responsible to the Tournament Manager for the conduct of his/her team members throughout the times they are on the lanes in competition.**
- ANY TEAM** whose members have not provided Social Security numbers for IRS purposes may have their prize checks delayed until all Social Security numbers are collected.
- REFUNDS** – USBC Rule 314. After an entry has been received, and the dates assigned by tournament management are not refused before preparation of the schedule, the entry fee cannot be refunded after April 30, 2023.
- CHECK - IN TIMES** – All Bowlers are requested to be present and check in at least 45 minutes before their scheduled squad times. Squads may start early if all bowlers are checked in.
- PROTESTS** – RULES 329a (1) and 329b (1). Any protest affecting eligibility or Tournament Rules must be confirmed in writing to the Tournament Manager within 72 hours of the infraction or prior to tournament prizes being paid, whichever occurs first. The decision of the tournament manager is final unless a written appeal is filed with USBC headquarters within 10 days of notification of tournament management’s decision.
- USBC RULES WILL APPLY IN ALL INSTANCES NOT SPECIFICALLY COVERED BY THESE RULES.**

**\*\*SLOW BOWLING – 3 hours are allowed for team event and 3.5 hours for doubles/singles. Entrants are expected to complete their competition within these time frames. If not, bowlers may expect to be monitored by tournament staff\*\*.**