

## **Rules of the Colorado State USBC Senior Open Tournament**

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CALL (970) 250-1647 FOR EARLY RESERVATIONS UNTIL SEPTEMBER 20, 2023. ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE PAID BY SEPTEMBER 24, 2023. RESERVATIONS NOT PAID BY SEPTEMBER 24, 2023, ARE NOT GUARANTEED. **ENTRIES CLOSE MIDNIGHT OCTOBER 7, 2023.**

**1. DRESS CODE – 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 BELOW FINGERTIP LENGTH WITH ARMS HANGING.** Collar or collarless shirts with sleeves. **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.

**2. BALL CLEANING/CHANGES** - Use dry towel only. No use of liquids of any kind. If you do, you will not be able to use that ball for the remainder of the competition.

**3. MULTIPLE TEAM EVENTS** - Entrants may bowl more than once in the team event, subject to these conditions: a. No more than two (2) players may compete on the same team more than once in this tournament, USBC RULE 315 b. 1. A bowler participating more than once in the team event MUST count his/her first team score for All-Events.

**4. DOUBLES AND SINGLES** – Entrant may bowl only once in each event. PENALTY – Any doubles/singles after the first set will be forfeited. Bowlers entering doubles and singles MUST enter both events. Doubles will be bowled first with doubles/singles bowled on the same pair of lanes.

**5. ELIGIBILITY** - The 2023 Colorado State Senior 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 be 50 years of age or older as of the date of bowling their first event in the tournament. All participants must present a current USBC Membership card at check in time. Non USBC Members who reside in the State of Colorado may qualify by paying a fee of \$30.00 for a membership card. 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 four-person team and one on a doubles team.

**6. AVERAGES** – USE HIGHEST 2022-2023 USBC certified league AVERAGE OF 21 GAMES OR MORE. A bowler without a 2022-2023 average may use their highest 2023-2024 USBC certified league average of 12 games or more as of the starting date of the tournament (October 14, 2023). If the bowler has none of the above, an average of 220 will be assigned with no handicap being offered. BOWLERS USING an October 14, 2023, AVERAGE must have the average verified by the league secretary, with verification presented at the time of bowling the first event.

**7. USBC RULE 319a-2 (10 pin rule)** If your average of 21 games or more as of October 14, 2023, is 10 pins higher than your 2022-2023 certified league average, you will use the highest average.

**8. AVERAGE ADJUSTMENT – Bowler's tournament average adjustment (USBC RULE 319 e) DOES APPLY TO THIS TOURNAMENT.**

**9. 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 required, prize winnings will be based on the submitted average.

**10. HANDICAP** shall be based on 90% of 220.

**11. PRIZE RATIOS** - Handicap team, doubles, singles, scratch and handicap all events prize ratio will be 1 in 7.

**12. AWARDS**- will be awarded to the handicap Champions in each division of the tournament: team, doubles, singles, and all events and to the scratch all events Champions. Handicap and scratch all events championships may be won by the same individual.

**13. ALL EVENTS CLASSES WILL BE ASSIGNED BY AGE GROUP.** Super Senior: 75 and up, Class A: 70 to 74, Class B: 65 to 69, Class C: 60 to 64, Class D: 55 to 59, Class E: 50 to 54. The Colorado State USBC will pay each handicap all-events winner's entry fee and award \$200.00 for expenses for the National Seniors Championship in 2024. The money for these entries will come from the tournament expenses. If the winner does not go, the entry fee and expense fee will be awarded to the 2nd place finisher and if the 2nd place finisher does not go, then no one in that class will qualify for these fees.

**14. REFUNDS** - USBC Rule 314. All entry fees must be paid in full and accompany the entry form. After scheduled dates have been assigned by the Tournament Director, entry fees will not be refunded. Persons submitting entries and failing to receive written confirmation should contact the Tournament Manager at (970) 250-1647.

**15. 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 their team members throughout the times they are on the lanes in competition.**

**16. W-9's** - Any team whose members have not provided A W-9 for IRS purposes may have their prize checks delayed until all W-9's are collected.

**17. REPLACEMENTS** - Authorized by the Team Captain. Replacements must occupy the same position in the line up as the original entrant. Bowlers will bowl in the order as listed on the original entry form. Once a replacement has been added to the roster and the replacement bowler has delivered the first ball in competition, the replacement bowler must be allowed to complete the series in team competition and if substituting in the doubles and singles events, the replacement bowler must complete both events.

**18. PACERS ARE NOT ALLOWED.**

**19. CHECK IN TIMES** - All bowlers should check in at least 45 minutes prior to squad times. Squads may start early if all bowlers have checked in.

**20. TARDY BOWLERS** - All squads will start on time barring unforeseen difficulties. Tardy bowlers will start in the frame being bowled when they are READY for tournament play, with NO SCORE for frames missed. Teams refusing to start at the scheduled time due to the lack of players will forfeit the right to bowl and all entry fees paid.

**21. LOST SCORES** - SCOREKEEPERS - USBC RULE 327 a, USBC RULE 327c

**22. SCORE SHEETS** - After a score sheet has been signed by the contestant or Team Captain, it cannot be changed except in the case of an obvious error in scoring or calculation. Bowlers are cautioned to sign score sheets only after ensuring the scores and calculations are correct. Duplicate recap sheets are available for the bowlers. Tele-scores or computer printouts will be the Official score sheet. These will be on file for 72 hours.

**23. PROTESTS** - Any protest affecting eligibility or tournament rules must be confirmed in writing to the Tournament Manager, with a copy to the United States Bowling Congress, before the prize checks have been mailed.

**24. USBC RULES WILL APPLY IN ALL INSTANCES NOT SPECIFICALLY COVERED BY THE ABOVE RULES.**

**\*\*SLOW BOWLING – 3 hours are allowed for team event and 3 ½ hours for D/S. Entrants are expected to complete their competition within these time frames. If not, entrants may expect to be monitored by tournament staff. \*\***

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