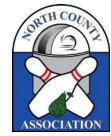




NORTH COUNTY USBC ASSOCIATION



Adult Women's Annual Championship Tournament 2021-2022 Rules

RULES AND REGULATIONS: USBC rules and regulations, and those listed herein govern this tournament.

BOWLERS DRESS CODE: While competing, proper attire will be required: shall include, but not limited to: mock collar shirts, collarless bowling jerseys, dress slacks or jeans, dress shorts or skorts. **NO OBSCENE ATTIRE.** Unacceptable attire includes: tank tops, cutoff shorts, swimsuits, leggings/yoga pants, including bare midriff shirts and short-shorts. Headphones will NOT be permitted. All issues regarding proper attire will be decided upon by the tournament management.

ELIGIBILITY: This tournament is open to all North County USBC Adult Women members. Current membership cards must be presented at check-in. **No membership cards will be sold on site.**

TOURNAMENT EVENTS: The tournament shall consist of four city championship events as follows: Team (four person); Doubles (two person); Singles & All Events (Individual). There will be a handicap and scratch division in each event. No more than one person classified as a Professional Bowler may participate on a doubles team. No more than two persons classified as a Professional Bowler may participate on a four-person team. **You may NOT participate in any handicap event if you have entered in a Scratch division or vice versa.**

AVERAGE, HANDICAP and Average Adjustment: A bowler's average shall be based on their highest Composite Average from the last three seasons based from bowl.com (2018-2022). If none, an entrant may use their highest current average of 21 or more games as of April 8, 2022. **If no average has been established, an average of 180 will be used.**

HANDICAP: Handicap will be based on 90% of the difference of a bowler's average and 230. It shall be the bowler's responsibility to verify and provide proof of the accuracy of their average.

AVERAGE ADJUSTMENT (Rerating): USBC 319a. Conditions that apply. The following conditions apply to averages in handicap or classified tournaments, unless the tournament rules state otherwise, except that only USBC league averages shall be accepted. (See USBC Rule 319c for average adjustment, page 75 of the rulebook)

1. The bowler is required to submit the previous season's highest average of: a) A single USBC league average based on a minimum of 21 games; or b) A composite average of all USBC leagues, including leagues with less than 21 games bowled.
2. When the previous season's average is used, and at the time of bowling an entrant has a current average for 21 or more games that is 10 pins or more higher than the prior season's average, the current average must be used.
3. Bowlers are responsible for verifying his/her own average, whether submitted by the bowler, the team captain or others. If the submitted average is lower than required and results in a lower classification or more handicap, the bowler's score is disqualified. If the submitted average is higher than required, prize winnings will be based on the submitted average. In the case of a team of two or more bowlers, the averages will be combined to determine if the correct total is higher or lower than the submitted total.
4. Average corrections can be made up to the end of the bowler's first game of a series. Or, if an extension of time has been granted in writing by tournament management before the end of the first game of a series, the correction can be made within 48 hours after the end of the series. USBC Rule 319e in its entirety shall not apply (Page 76 of the current rule book).



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GENERAL INFORMATION & RULES: Any returned checks will incur a \$25.00 service fee plus any bank charges. In the event a bowler is tardy, they may still participate starting in the frame currently being bowled. Previous frames will be scores with a zero. USBC Rule 11: Any delay that disrupts the flow or rhythm of the game will result in a zero for that frame. Lineup changes will not be permitted. Team events will be bowled on one date with the Doubles & Singles events bowled on the other date. Doubles & Singles **WILL** be bowled on the same pair of lanes. The first (3) games will be the Doubles event followed immediately by the Singles event.

EQUIPMENT: Once competition has started, altering the surface of bowling balls using abrasives, cleaners, or polish is prohibited. The outer surface may only be cleaned with a dry towel, USBC created an exception for Rule 18, which restricts the use of liquid cleaners to clean the outer surface of the bowling ball during USBC certified competition. The exception for Rule 18 applies only to isopropyl alcohol – no other USBC-approved cleaners will be allowed during competition. Isopropyl Alcohol will be provided by a Tournament Official.

SUBSTITUTIONS: Substitutions are permitted in each event (Team/Doubles/Singles) and shall bowl in the same position as the person replaced. Team Captains are responsible for the substitute bowler's average verification. Any monetary arrangements between the original bowler and substitute shall be submitted to the Tournament Manager.

AWARDS & PRIZE LIST: Prize fund will be paid 100% in each event. Awards for champions will be given for team, doubles, singles and all events for scratch and handicap divisions. At least one in ten (10) entries in the Handicap and Scratch Team, and at least one in six (6) Doubles, Singles, and All Events will be awarded. Co-champions will be declared for any ties.

SCHEDULING: All scheduling will be done by tournament management. **Please include a note if you prefer to bowl on the same lanes with any other team or doubles entries.** If necessary, due to unforeseen circumstances, entries may have to be modified and/or changed to the other day. In the event that occurs, the team captain will be notified at the earliest convenience.

ENTRY FEES AND REFUNDS: Entry forms must be complete & will not be accepted without entry fees paid in full. **REFUNDS:** No team or individual shall be entitled to a refund after the entry fees have been received and dates assigned.

PROTESTS & APPEALS: USBC Rule 329: protests and appeals must be in writing stating the grounds for the protest or appeal. A protest involving eligibility or plain rules must be filed with tournament management within 72 hours of the infraction, or prior to tournament prize being paid, whichever occurs first. The decision of the tournament management shall be final, unless a written appeal is filed with the local association or USBC Headquarters within 10 days of notification of tournament management's decision. Upon notification of a protest or appeal, tournament management must withhold all affected prizes until the protest or appeal is resolved. The decision of the local association may also be appealed to USBC Headquarters. The decision of USBC Headquarters is final and binding on all involved parties.