

Northwestern Pennsylvania USBC

Annual Championship Rules

- 1-All USBC and NWPAUSBC rules and regulations govern the conduct of this tournament.
- 2-Tournament is open to only members of the NWPAUSBC. Youth bowlers **are not** eligible to participate.
- 3-Each event shall consist of three games bowled on one pair of lanes assigned by the tournament director.
- 4-Entering Average: USBC rules 200,201,202 (Sport League Average rules) and 319-319E apply.
- 5-USBC RULE 319A. 1,2: Bowlers shall use their highest **2021-22** season book average. If the bowler's highest **current season's** average with a minimum of 21 games is higher by 10 pins or more, the higher average will be used. If there is no **2020-2021** average, the bowler's highest **2021-2022** year average with a minimum of 21 games will be used. Summer league averages will be accepted if submitted to the association manager, and, provided that there is no regular season average.
- 6-USBC RULE 319A.3: Bowlers are responsible for verifying their own average, whether submitted by the bowler, team captain or others. If the submitted average is lower **than** is required and results in **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, averages will be combined to determine if the correct total is higher or lower than the submitted total.
- 7-USBC RULE 319A.4: Corrections can be made up to the end of the first game of a series, or, if an extension of time has been granted in writing by the 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 if submitted in writing & approved by the tournament director & association manager.
- 8-USBC rule 319B: If neither average is available, the bowler will be **scratch**.
- 9-USBC 319C: **Re-rating the average of a bowler may be adjusted upward before participation in any event.**
- 10-USBC 319D: Prior prize winnings exceeding \$600 and the scores bowled must be declared to the tournament manager.
- 11-USBC 319E: Participants are to be familiar with the average adjustment requirements.
- 12-This event is open to all NWPAUSBC current members.

HANDICAP

13-**Handicaps** for each event shall be **90%** of the difference between the bowlers entering average (times 3) and **690** for Singles, **90%** of the difference between the bowlers combined average (times 3) for doubles and **1380**, and, **90%** of the difference between combined 5 bowlers team average (times 3) and **3450**. Handicaps will be computed on a three game series. **Maximum handicap is 80 pins per game and 240 pins per event per bowler.**

14- A bowler may enter twice in the Doubles and Singles event with the same partner but may cash only once in Doubles with same partner. A bowler may only cash once in Singles. Multiple participation is permitted in the Team event. No 5 Bowler Team may bowl more than once without changing at least two (2) bowlers in the line-up. In all cases, the bowler's first score in each event will count toward All- Events.

15-No more than one individual who is a "**current**" member or who has been a member in the past year in any bowling organization which identifies itself as professional may compete on a Five Member Team or on a Doubles Team.

16-Bowlers will bowl in the order that they appear on the original entry blank.

17-Five person teams have the privilege of bowling with another team, provided both entries are submitted together with a request to be paired together, if possible.

18-There will be no practice on any scheduled tournament lanes for that day. **Seven (7) minutes** of practice will be granted before each squad.

19-Doubles/Singles Format: **Doubles will be bowled 1st followed by Singles.**

20-USBC RULE 327A: If scores are lost, the game(s) will be bowled again.

21-USBC RULE 329 Appeals/protests must be received in writing before payment of prizes to be given consideration. Obvious scoring errors in calculations must be submitted 24 hours after bowling.

22-Any eligible bowler without an up-to-date sanction card may purchase a card for the appropriate fee before competing. Full Sanction Fee or a one time Participation Fee (\$6.00).

23- When there are multiple squads scheduled, the lanes will be re-dressed before the start of the next squad.

AWARDS

24-The NWPAUSBC will award plaques to champions, Scratch and Handicap. 100% of the Prize fees will be returned at the ratio of at least 1 in 8 for entries in Team, Doubles, and Singles, based on handicap scores. 1 in 10 for entries for all events based on handicap scores.

25-In case of ties for first place, co-champions will be declared and duplicate plaques will be awarded. For all ties, money will be divided equally.

26-No substitution can be made in the All Events prize list if any portion of the event had been bowled by the original entrant.

27-All decisions by tournament management are final.

*** ENTRIES CLOSE ON April 10th, 2022 at 6pm ***

All entries must be accompanied with full payment in order for the entry to be put into the tournament schedule!