

## **SOUTH CAROLINA STATE USBC ASSOCIATION OPEN/ LADIES HANDICAP TOURNAMENT RULES**

All games in the Championship Tournaments will be played in compliance with USBC rules and regulations governing tournament play, and the rules of the South Carolina USBC Association listed herein. **Any bowler failing to comply with the provisions shown here may forfeit tournament fees and all winnings**

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** Entrants must be members in the SCUSBC for the 2016-2017 season and hold a 2016-17 USBC certification card. Entrants 18 and under must have a parental consent form. Physically challenged bowlers requiring aids such as crutches, canes, wheelchairs, etc. or who are blind must report this in writing when entry is submitted. Similar notice must be given if such person is used as a substitute. Entrants identified as Professionals are limited to two (2) on a four member team, and one (1) on a two member team. Such entrants will be eligible to enter singles and all-events.
2. **TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES:**
  - A. One (1) Cashiers Check, or one (1) money order, or one (1) USBC members' personal check, or one (1) business sponsors' check covering all tournament fees must accompany the entry forms. There will be no refunds after dates and squads have been assigned and confirmed.
  - B. Any check which does not clear the bank when first deposited for any reason may be cause to reject the entry. The entry will be accepted if a cashiers check or money order including a \$25.00 service charge is forwarded to the SC USBC tournament manger within ten (10) days of notification of the returned check but no later than two (2) hours prior to bowling any event.
3. **HANDICAP ALLOWANCE:**

The handicap for this tournament will be based on 90% of the difference between the player's average and 220 for both tournaments. Averages above 220 to receive zero (0) handicap.
4. **AVERAGES:** Entrants in the SCUSBC tournament shall compute their average for this tournament in the following order:
  - A. Players will use their highest adult (21 games minimum) USBC certified league 2015-16 yearbook average.
  - B. If A does not apply, players will use their highest adult (21 games minimum) 2016 summer certified league average.
  - C. If A or B does not apply, players will use their highest adult (21 game minimum) certified average as of Jan. 1, 20187
  - D. If A, B, or C does not apply, players will use their current certified league average as of May 10, 2017 with a minimum of 9 games
  - E. If A, B, C, or D does not apply, or their average is not verified, the player will use a scratch average of 220
  - F. Entrants using any average other than in A, B, C, or D above, then their average must be submitted with written verification signed by the local association manager or league secretary and included with entry form.
  - G. Re-rating or average adjustments will be done according to USBC rule 319-c and 319-e
  - H. **Prior prize winnings will be governed by USBC rule 319-d**
  - I. **THE TEN PIN RULE WILL NOT APPLY.**
5. Averages may be corrected before the completion of the first series, or within forty-eight (48) hours after a player has completed bowling, and the tournament manager has given written consent to the player to do so.
6. **PRIZES:** Cash prizes awarded on handicap basis—Prize money returned 100%- One prize for each 10 entries in Team, Doubles and Singles events. One prize for each 20 entries in All Events. To be eligible for cash prize in All Events option fee must have been paid. All prize money collected in the scratch division for Team, Doubles and Singles events will be awarded one prize for each 10 entries and for each 20 entries in All Events. Co-Champions will be declared if a tie occurs for first in all of the events except All Events scratch in the open tournament. Cash prizes for co-champions will be divided equally. In case of a tie for All Events Scratch in the open tournament, tie will be broken by the following scores bowled in scratch, 1<sup>st</sup> singles, 2<sup>nd</sup> doubles, and then team score.
7. **TARDY PLAYERS:** A tardy or late player will be given Zero (0) pins for each frame missed. No Pacers will be allowed.
8. **OFFICIAL SCORES:** Scoring errors must be reported within forty-eight (48) hours following alleged error or it will be disallowed. All protests must be confirmed in writing to the tournament manager before prize payments are made, USBC rule 329 applies.
9. **ENTRY DEADLINES:** The **DEADLINE FOR FIRST TIME ENTRIES IS MIDNIGHT May 7, 2017.** All entries postmarked the first post office business day following May 7, 2017 will be accepted. If lanes are available, late entries will be accepted after above date up until 1 hour before squad starts.
10. **SCHEDULING:** Squad times and dates are scheduled according to the date entry received. Squads may be added, deleted, or combined if necessary. In order to schedule teams, doubles together you must send entries and fees together in the same envelope. Every effort will be made to schedule two doubles pairs or more on each pair of lanes.
11. **LANE CONDITIONING:** The lanes will be redressed (stripped and oiled) after every squad or at the discretion of the tournament director or designee.
12. **PARTICIPATION:** An entrant may participate unlimited times. In team event you must change two bowlers and in doubles you must change partners. A **player's first score bowled will count toward all events.** A player may place in the singles prize list one time only with the bowlers highest score. **A bowler is required to enter both doubles and singles the first time, if you bowl doubles again with a new partner then you do not have to bowl singles. We will bowl doubles first then singles.** No rearranging of doubles partners shall be permitted unless a replacement is needed on each of two doubles teams and the two entrants present may be paired together.
13. **CHECK-IN:** One hour prior to bowling time. USBC cards must be presented at that time if not already verified. Failure to show card could result in forfeiture of prize money if verification of membership is not received in the allotted time (7days).
14. **SUBSTITUTES:** allowed in each event. A substitute (s) shall take the place in the line-up of the original entrant. Once a substitute has delivered their first ball (in practice), no change in the line-up will be allowed. A verification of average is required under Rule 4 and shall be furnished for a substitute. Captains must make all changes ONE HOUR prior to bowling time.

A substitute will be allowed, if one is available, in case of disability after the game has started, in team and doubles events only. If one is not available, only the scores of the frames bowled will count. A substitute will not be required to reimburse original entrant with entry fees nor required to give the original entrant any prize money or awards they may receive.
15. **OFFICIAL RULINGS:** Any dispute or disagreement, or any obvious error in scoring shall be immediately referred to and decided by a tournament official. Any appeal or protest concerning scoring will be made in writing and submitted to the SCUSBC before tournament prize payments are made. The SCUSBC BOARD OF DIRECTORS shall have full power to hear and act on any appeal or protest arising from or under construction of these rules.
16. **MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR SUITABLE ATTIRE WHEN PARTICIPATING IN CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT.** TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR or designee SHALL DETERMINE SUITABLE ATTIRE AND BOWLERS NOT SUITABLY DRESSED WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO BOWL We will follow the dress code sent to all team captains. No headgear will be allowed unless player shows written medical necessity for same.
17. **TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS** may not cause any unreasonable delays in the game for any reason. After first warning, teams, doubles pairs and individuals doing so will be asked to leave the lanes and not complete competition. **THIS WILL BE STRICKLY ENFORCED. There will be no refunds of fees.**
18. **PHONES:** Bowlers will keep all cell phones off during competition. Only silent pagers will be allowed in the bowling area. Bowlers are asked to make and receive all phone calls before and after competition. (SEE RULE #16 ABOVE).
19. Any rules not covered in the above will be under the control and ruling by the SC USBC Board of Directors