

74th DEKALB AREA USBC ASSOCIATION - OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT - RULES & REGULATIONS

- (1) Entry will be open to certified men and women members of the DeKalb Area United States Bowling Congress Association who have bowled at least 12 games in a league within the association. Entries will close on February 2, 2008
- (2) Applicable USBC Rules & Regulations shall govern this tournament.
- (3) The tournament shall consist of a five person team event, a doubles event, a singles event and All Events, with 3 consecutive games bowled (all events shall be determined by 9 games bowled). Doubles & singles will be bowled consecutively, on the same pair of lanes, singles first then doubles. Teams entering more than once must change at least two bowlers in the lineup each time, Doubles must change partners. A bowler's first appearance in each event counts towards the all-events total.
- (4) Enter your team lineup in the order they are to bowl and check your team in 30 minutes prior to squad time. All substitutions must be reported to the Tournament Manager at least 30 (thirty) minutes before squad time. Rule 322a: Any player arriving late shall begin play with score count beginning with the frame then being bowled, missed frames may not be made up.
- (5) Entering average: A) 2006-2007 season highest USBC league average of 21 or more games. B) If no average last year, use highest current season USBC average at the time of entry for 21 games up to the date of the tournament. Bowlers with neither of the above averages must bowl scratch. All averages from the Phil Johnson Classic league will be considered Sport League averages for this tournament, and adjusted according to the adjustment chart on page 77 of the USBC rule book.
- (6) Entering average: Rule 319a-1: Individual averages must be based on 21 games or more from the previous year with the highest average being used. Rule 319a-2: When the previous seasons 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 seasons average, the current average must be used. Rule 319a-3: It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of his or her average in handicap or classified tournaments, whether originally submitted by the bowler, his or her partner or others. Failure to use the proper average shall disqualify the score if submitted average is lower than actual average thereby resulting in a lower classification or more handicaps. Prize winnings shall be based on the submitted average if it is higher than the actual average. In the case of two or more bowlers, the averages shall be combined to determine whether the correct total is higher or lower than the submitted total. Rule 319a-4: Corrections in average can be made up to the end of the bowler's first game of the 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 corrections can be made within 48 hours after completion of the series. Rule 319c: Average Adjustments: The average of a bowler may be adjusted upward before participation in any event. If the assigned average is not accepted by the bowler, the entry fee shall be refunded. Rule 319d: Reporting previous tournament winnings is waived. Rule 319e: Average Adjustment for Entry
NOTE: All certified and noncertified scores from the game of American tenpins must be used in the application of this rule.
319e-1: The bowler is responsible for keeping a record of the names, dates, scores and prize winnings in all tournaments entered in the previous 12 months, including those still running. 319e-2: A bowler shall adjust his/her entering average if, during the 12 month period immediately preceding the time and date of bowling, the bowlers accumulated average for all, but not less than 21 tournament games, exceeds the average to be used for entry by 15 or more pins. In that case, the accumulated average must be used for handicapping or classification purposes. A bowler whose tournament scores require an adjustment must submit the adjusted average in writing in accordance with rule 319a-4 (listed above). Failure to use the adjusted average in accordance with the foregoing is cause for forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings, and the bowler is subject to suspension of membership in USBC. Nothing in this rule supersedes tournament management's authority to adjust the bowler's average higher prior to bowling.
- (7) A substitute can be any DeKalb Area USBC Man or Women certified bowler on a league or substituting on a league. In case of an emergency after the game has started, a substitute shall be allowed in the team and doubles events only. The combined scores count in either of these events. If no substitute is available, only the actual score of the frames bowled in team and doubles count.
- (8) Handicap: 90% of the difference between 220 and the highest league average.
- (9) Schedules and prize lists will be posted in each bowling establishment in the Association. All prize money including all events, will be awarded on scores that include handicap. Rule 326a: Tie Scores: When there is a tie; the roll off event will be held within 10 days of a date set by the tournament manager. Three games with handicap will be played with the DeKalb Area USBC paying the lineage. If the same person is a duplicate on both teams; only the remaining team members will bowl in the playoff. The team scoring the greatest handicap pin fall is entitled to first prize. In the event of other ties; prize money will be combined and divided equally between the tied positions. **PAYOUT: WINNERS WILL RECEIVE CHECKS WITHIN 30 DAYS FOLLOWING THE LAST SQUAD February 18, 2008.**
- (10) Premature termination of the tournament brought about by war, national emergency or emergency caused relating thereto or therefrom; fires, strikes, lockouts, labor difficulties, or other reasons beyond the control of the DEKALB AREA USBC ASSOCIATION shall cause the foregoing prize schedules to be prorated; in accordance with the number of entrants who have bowled in the tournament up to that time.
- (11) Unmarried grade and high school students who have not attained the age of 18 must have written consent from their parents or guardian, in which case the parental consent form may be filled out up to the time the student starts to bowl. Forms are available at all the houses in the Association and from the tournament manager.
- (12) All decisions of the tournament manager are final unless an appeal is made in accordance with Rule 329.
- (13) There will be a \$20.00 charge for checks returned for any reason.

