

TOURNAMENT RULES - 2012

1. PARTICIPATION. Entrant must be a certified USBC youth bowler who is a current or an associate member of the Greater Omaha Area USBC. A non member living within the jurisdiction of this association who is not a member of another association may enter by paying an associate membership fee \$17. USBC membership cards will be checked.

2. ENTERING AVERAGE: Requirements in order listed below. (Sport, federation, and bumper bowling averages excluded).
a. Highest standard league average from the 2010-2011 Greater Omaha Area USBC Yearbook, with a minimum of 12 games.
b. Highest 2010-2011 standard summer league average bowled within Greater Omaha Area USBC, with minimum of 12 games.
c. If neither of the above, use highest current standard league average in the 2011-2012 season as of 2-18-2012, minimum of 9 games. **Verification by a league sheet must be received by the date the first event is bowled, otherwise a 220 average applies.**
d. If none of the above apply, entering average will be 220 scratch.

3. DIVISIONS.

	Classic	A	B	C	D
Team -	650 and above	585 to 649	501 to 584	416 to 500	415 and below
Doubles -	349 and above	309 to 348	261 to 308	201 to 260	200 and below
Singles and All Events -	girls - 165 and above	145 to 164	126 to 144	101 to 125	100 and under
	boys - 175 and above	155 to 174	131 to 154	101 to 130	100 and under

4. EVENTS: Team, doubles and singles consist of three games each. Doubles and singles require two separate squad times, and scheduled accordingly. All events consists of the first three games bowled in the team, double and single events. A bowler may enter singles event only once. A team shall consist of four bowlers. A bowler may enter four times in the team event, however, no more than two from the original team may bowl together in a second, third or fourth team event. Bowlers may enter multiple times in the doubles event, however, not with the same doubles partner.

5. HANDICAP. All scores, including All Events, will be figured with handicap. Handicap is based on 90% of the difference between your average from 220; USBC Rule 317a.

6. REPLACEMENT/SUBSTITUTES: Permitted by USBC Rule 304, Youth Tournament. Verification of average must be satisfied prior to bowling the event per Rule 2. The replacement must take the same position in the line-up of the replaced bowler. When a replacement/substitute changes the division of entry, the change will be made automatically.

7. ABSENTEE SCORE/PACERS: Absentee scores are not allowed, USBC Rule 322b. Pacers are not allowed, USBC Rule 323.

8. LATE ARRIVAL: A player or team arriving late shall begin play with the score to count from the frame being bowled. There will be no make up of missed frames.

9. AWARDS: Awards fund will be used for trophies, plaques, ribbons, and scholarships, as appropriate. Awards funds will be returned 100%.

- a. Emblems will be awarded for 100 pins over average in a series. USBC awards will be issued to those who qualify.
- b. Emblems will be awarded to the tournament champions in each division of team, doubles, single and all events.
- c. Plaques/trophies will be awarded to first, second and third place in each division of team, doubles, single and all events.
- d. Ribbons will be awarded starting with fourth place standings, with a ratio of at least 1 for every 10 entries.
- e. Co-champions will be awarded in the event of a tie in any division of team, doubles, singles, or all events.

10. SCHOLARSHIPS: Awarded to the first place winners in each division in each event. The awarded amount is based on the number of entries plus any added money. All scholarship awards will be stored in USBC SMART, Account 9673.

11. SCORING ERRORS: All scoring errors must be brought to the attention of the tournament manager or a tournament official immediately.

12. PROTEST: USBC Rule 329a2. All bowlers must verify their scores and, if not correct, notify the tournament manager or a tournament official immediately. All complaints must be submitted in writing within 72 hours of the infraction.

13. CODE OF CONDUCT: The USBC Rule 301b prohibits the wearing of apparel and/or use of bowling equipment depicting alcohol, tobacco, gambling, or illegal substances and/or inappropriate language/gestures during competition. Penalty for first offense will result in a verbal warning and apparel change or removal of equipment. Failure to comply will cause the bowler's scores to be disqualified and the bowler to be removed from competition. Use of tobacco products, playing arcade games, etc., is prohibited while participating in the tournament. Tournament officials will strictly enforce this code.

14. CLOSING DATE: Closing date for guaranteed reservations on or before **February 14, 2012** will receive confirmation of scheduled events times and dates. All other entries postmarked after February 14, 2012, or received at the tournament site, will be scheduled on a first come, first serve basis up until the last squad of the tournament on March 4, 2012. Walk-ins permitted as space permits.

15. PAYMENT: Full remittance must accompany entry. No entry will be scheduled until paid in full. Payment by cash, check or money order is acceptable. There will be no refunds.

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