

## SOUTH SOUND USBC OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT RULES CERTIFIED BY USBC

1. This tournament shall be conducted in accordance with USBC rules governing local association tournaments in addition to rules adopted by South Sound USBC (SSUSBC)
  2. **Eligibility.** Entrants must be member of USBC and SSUSBC, Greater Seattle, Westsound or Thurston County. To be eligible a bowler must have an average of 21 games or more for the **2017-18** season or a current USBC average of 21 games or more
  3. **Multiple participation allowed.** Bowlers may participate in the singles, doubles and team events as many times as they wish. USBC Rule 315 regarding multiple participation will apply.
  4. **Entry deadline.** Completed entries without payment will be accepted and held until the Thursday before the reservation date. If not paid by 12 noon on Thursday, the reservation will be cancelled. Telephone reservations will **NOT** be accepted; **Payment in full of all fees must accompany entry form to confirm reservation.** Entries for each squad close 30 minutes prior to each squad time as lanes permit. Tournament entries close at 12:30 pm on Sunday, January 27, 2019
  5. **Early Entry Prize Money.** Team entries submitted on or before January 4, 2019 shall be eligible for "Early Entry Prize Money". The SSUSBC shall award \$50.00 first place and \$25.00 second place in each team classification. Winners will be determined by position standing on the prize list. Prize money will be paid from the tournament expense fund
  6. **Entering Average.** This is a handicap tournament. Handicap is 100% of 230. Entrants will use averages in the following order:
    - ◆ Highest USBC certified final league average of 21 games or more from the previous Fall Winter season. ***Composite average may be used if the composite average for the 2017-2018 season is 10 pins or higher than high 2017-2018 league average for 21 or more games. Summer league averages can be used. Composite average is found on the USBC website bowl.com***
    - ◆ Highest current average for 21 games as of **January 18, 2019**
    - ◆ Highest summer league average for at least 21 games as of the end of the previous summer season.
    - ◆ If no average, entrant will use 230 (scratch).
    - ◆ In the event a bowler has a standard average and a sport league average, the standard average will be used. If the bowler has a sport league average only, the sport league average will be adjusted per USBC guidelines.
- All bowlers regardless of average must comply with the provision of Rule 319d. Prize winnings from certified and non-certified tournaments, including those using a modified format of American Tenpins (example: 9pin tap), must be used in the application of this rule.
7. **Doubles & Singles Entries.** The first time one bowls doubles and singles, it must be together and doubles will be bowled first. Entrants may request accommodation to bowl singles during another squad if unable to bowl six games consecutively. **Doubles and singles will be bowled on the same pair of lanes.**

8. **The Scores.** If there is a tie for any event, prize money will be combined and divided equally. If a 1st and 2nd place tie Co-champions will be declared and duplicate awards will be presented. (USBC Rule 326a).
9. **Awards.** USBC Open Championship emblems and a trophy will be awarded to the Handicap Champion in each event. A trophy will be awarded to the Scratch All Events Champion for the Telli Pagni Award. The TELLI PAGNI Memorial Trophy is a perpetual trophy where the bowler's name and highest scratch All Events score will be engraved, no paid entry is required. Cost of all awards will be from the tournament expense fund. Cash prizes are awarded in the paid Handicap and Scratch All Events
10. **Tardy Players.** Any player or team arriving late shall begin play with the score count from the frame then being bowled. No score will be given for frames the player missed (USBC Rule 322a). No absentee or vacancy scores permitted.
11. **All Events.** (USBC Rule 306) When an entrant competes more than once in team, doubles or singles the first appearance in each event will count towards their All Events score. Only those participating in the prize fund are eligible to collect the All Events prize funds. **Entry must be paid prior to participation in the first event.**
12. **Slow Bowling.** The tournament officials shall not allow unreasonable delay in the progress of a game. Should any bowler or team refuse to proceed with the game after being instructed to do so by a tournament official, such game or series shall be declared forfeited (USBC Rule 11). This has no bearing on lane problems.
13. **Protest.** Any protest affecting the eligibility or playing rules must be submitted in writing to the tournament manager prior to payment of prizes. Errors in scoring must be reported to the tournament manager within 72 hours. SSUSBC tournament committee will have the authority to hear and act on all protests relating to the tournament (USBC Rule 329). USBC Rule 303 applies to the decision of the committee.

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