

**THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TRI-SENATES
TOURNAMENT RULES**

1. The rules and information listed below should be read carefully before entry is submitted. Entry forms not filled in properly and completely will be returned.
2. Entries for this tournament are open to members that belong to BOTH The National Bowling Association and USBC. Additionally, all applicants must be members of either the Southern California Tri-Senates or a guest that has been officially invited by The So. California Tri-Senates (**1ST Squad Only**)
3. No entries will be accepted after the closing date of the tournament.
4. Personal checks will not be accepted. Fees may be paid by bank checks, money orders, certified checks.
5. The tournament will be operated under strict compliance with TNBA and USBC rules.
6. **HANDICAP** for this Tournament will be **100% of 1050. Handicap is based on Team Average**
7. Bowlers must use the higher of: (a) 2015-2016 book average of 21 games or more; (b) 2014-2015 book average of 21 games or more; (c) **So. Cal Tri-Senate composite average since September 18, 2015 with a minimum of 9 games as of January 23, 2016 will only be used if bowler has one of the required book averages; If no book average for the last two seasons, bowler must use 210. USBC rules 319a-2 and 319d are waived for this tournament. Rules 319a-3 and 319e apply. Composite average will be use when it exceeds the bowlers highest book average. Summer averages are not to be used. No Sport Averages.**
8. There is a minimum entering average of 140 for women and 160 for men **this applies for handicap purposes only! This also applies for all Optional Events.**
9. Current PBA/PWBA, regardless of classification, will not be permitted to bowl in Tri-Senate Tournaments.
10. This is a multiple team participation tournament. No more than three (3) bowlers can compete together more than once in a team event. Team composition can be any three-two combination.
11. A bowler whose high league average is 209 or less shall be subject to average adjustment (re-rate) and in such a case, he or she shall be notified before the start of a tournament event/squad in accordance with USBC rule 319c.
12. **NO REFUNDS.** Fees after being received will not be refunded except in dire emergency, such as an employee's strike, employee's lockout, fire, acts of God, or anything else management has no control over.
12. One hundred percent (100%) of prize fund will be returned. There will be at least one prize for every ten entries. The Tournament Committee shall prepare the prize list after the entries are closed and the same shall be posted at the bowling lanes where the tournament is being conducted.
13. Unofficial tournament results will be distributed within 7 days after the completion of the event. If no discrepancies are made, the official tournament results and prize fund will be distributed within 14 days after the completion of the tournament. Brackets and side pots and sweepers (optional events) will be paid the same day of the tournament, immediately after competition. Once paid all results are final.
14. Bowlers who have qualified for a prize of \$600.00 or more in any event in any tournament within the previous 12 months must report actual score, position and amount won for possible re-rating. **Any entrant having been re-rated or subject to re-rate by another tournament must report their re-rated average to the tournament director prior to bowling, failure to do so will result in disqualification .** USBC Rule 319E will apply
15. Bowlers must wear suitable attire which is subject to the Tournament Director and/or staff's discretion. They will make judgment calls relative to dress code questions or concerns, while any questionable items, special circumstances or medical exemptions will be addressed by the Tournament Manager. No hats or caps allowed during tournament play. The use of any music/sound playing devices such as radios, CD players, boom box, etc must be used with earphones/headphones. Female participants can wear skirts, culottes or skorts. Examples of prohibited attire include, but are not limited to: t-shirts, hats, tank tops, halter tops, bare midriffs, spaghetti strap tops, and sweat pants.
16. Tournament Committee reserves the right to disqualify any bowler not in compliance with the rules of the tournament.
17. Prizes, Championships will be determined by the greatest total of handicap pin fall.
18. Substitutes will be allowed. Once a substitute starts to bowl, he/she must complete all three games of the squad that they are a substitute. **All substitutions/and or changes must be made at the Official Change desk before the start of each squad or they will not be accepted. There will be no changes made on the lanes.**
19. Each team member participating in the Tri-Senate (**1st squad only**) must wear the approved senate shirt of **their membership senate or the approved Tri-Senate T-Shirt.** Failure to do so will result in not being allowed to bowl in that portion of the tournament. (**1st squad only**) All remaining squads, bowlers must wear the **TNBA** shirt of their choice.
20. Teams may have a makeup or mix of participants from any participating/invited senate.
21. The winning teams will be determined by the greatest total of handicap pin fall from sum of all the teams submitted.