

TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Entry is open to all bowlers who are sanctioned members of a USBC Association in the state of Texas and are 55 years of age or over at the time of participation.
 2. Tournament will consist of team and singles events. Teams will consist of four (4) members and must have at least one man and one woman on each team. Singles event will have two (2) divisions – Men and Women. Handicaps will be 90% from the following scratch figures: Team – 880; Singles – 220. Team event may be bowled three (3) times, but only two (2) members may bowl together on a second or third team. The handicapped score from a bowler's first team event will be counted for the all events score. **SINGLES MAY BE BOWLED ONLY ONCE.**
 3. All Events handicapped scores will be classified by age as follows:

MEN	WOMEN
Division 1 – 75 and over	Division 6 – 75 and over
Division 2 – 70 through 74	Division 7 – 70 through 74
Division 3 – 65 through 69	Division 8 – 65 through 69
Division 4 – 60 through 64	Division 9 – 60 through 64
Division 5 – 55 through 59	Division 10 – 55 through 59
- Age classification for All Events will be based on the bowler's age at the time of participation in the tournament. The first team event bowled and the singles event will be combined for the bowler's all events score.
- The **OPTIONAL** fee for All Events in each classification will be \$3.00 and 100% of the total fees will revert to the All Events prize fund in each division. Only those bowlers paying the optional all events fee will be eligible for prize money in All Events competition, however, the bowler who has the greatest handicap score for his/her two events will be the champion in each all events division.
4. Entering Average Rules:
 - a) Bowlers who are members of the Greater Austin Ares USBC Association will use their highest GAAUSBCA certified league average of at least 21 games as listed in the 2018-2019 GAAUSBCA average book. All other entrants will use their highest certified league average of at least 21 games as listed on www.bowl.com for the 2018-2019 season.
 - b) If a bowler does not have a 2018-2019 fall/winter league average, the bowler will use his/her highest average of at least 21 games in an USBC 2019 summer league.
 - c) If a bowler does not have a 2018-2019 fall/winter league average or a 2019 summer league, then a current average of at least 9 games in an USBC certified 2019-2020 fall/winter league as of October 14, 2019. Verification of average as of October 14, 2019, signed by the appropriate league secretary will be submitted at the time of participation.
 - d) Bowlers without an average as outlined in rules above will bowl scratch.
 5. USBC Rule 319a (2), 319c and 319e will be waived.
 6. Bowlers who have qualified for a prize of \$600.00 or more in any event in a tournament within the previous 12 month period, even if the prize payment has not been made, must report actual score, position and amount won to the tournament management at the time of participation for possible re-rating. Failure to comply with this provision shall be cause to forfeit tournament entry fee and prize winnings. [USBC Rule 319d]
 7. 100% of prize fees will be returned to participants in prizes. Prize ratio will be at least one prize for each five (5) entries in team and all events, and at least one prize for each seven (7) entries in singles events.
 8. In the event of first place ties, co-champions will be declared and prize money will be combined and divided equally. Ties for second to last place will also be combined and divided equally.
 9. Averages of bowlers placing in prize money will be verified before distribution of the prize fund. Tournament management reserves the right to adjust handicaps upward or downward in the event verification reveals incorrectly submitted averages. It will be the **Team Captain's responsibility** to complete the entry form and indicate each bowler's date of birth (Rule 3) and average (Rule 4a, b or c). If bowling singles event only, it will be the **individual entrant's responsibility** to complete the entry form correctly. **Team Captains** will have their members present thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled time to bowl. **All prize money will be distributed within 30 days after the close of the tournament.**
 10. A starting substitute must bowl all three (3) games in that event.
 11. Pacers will not be allowed.
 12. Bowlers will not use any slide aids (talcum powder, etc.) in the bowling area or directly behind the bowling area.
 13. Tournament games cannot be re-bowled, except as authorized by the tournament manager when scores are irretrievably lost in an automatic scoring device.
 13. The tournament manager will have the authority to decide any matters pertaining to the operation of the tournament not covered by the above rules.