

Rules of the 2021 Men's Only Handicap Tournament

1. **DRESS CODE – ALL BOWLERS** must wear a collar or collarless shirt (t-shirts are ok) and casual slacks or jeans. **NOT PERMITTED:** shirts with no sleeves or offensive language/pictures, wearing of electronic devices, hats, sweats or shorts while bowling. All clothing must be neat, clean and in good condition. Final decisions as to attire will be left up to tournament management. **PENALTY– Disqualification and forfeiture of all entry fees and prizes for that event with failure to change attire after being warned prior to start of competition.**
2. The Men's Only Tournament shall include competition in five person teams (5 USBC Certified members). Teams are limited to 2 PBA bowler that identifies themselves as a professional, limiting the number of professional bowlers to 2 on a five-person team and 1 on a doubles team.
3. **MULTIPLE TEAM EVENTS** - Entrants may bowl more than once in the team event, subject to these conditions as long as no more than three (3) players compete on the same team more than once in this tournament, USBC RULE 315b (1). A bowler's first team event will be used to compute all – events.
4. **DOUBLES AND SINGLES ONLY BOWL ONCE IN EACH EVENT – PENALTY – Disqualification and forfeiture of all entry fees and prizes.** Bowlers entering doubles and singles **MUST** enter both events and will be bowled on same pair of lanes. Doubles will be bowled first.
5. **ELIGIBILITY** - All participants shall be a USBC member of the Greater Pueblo USBC. Membership cards must be presented at check in. Non USBC members who are residents of Pueblo, Huerfano or Custer County, and/or nonresidents may qualify for entry by making an application for an affiliate membership in advance of starting time of the tournament and remitting the USBC fee of \$25.00.
6. **AVERAGES USED** - Use highest USBC 2020-21 certified league average of 21 games or more. A bowler without a 2020-21 certified league average may use their highest 2021 – 2022 USBC certified league average of 21 games or more as of the starting date of the tournament (November 13, 2021)
7.). If the bowler has none of the above, a 220 average will be assigned with no handicap being offered.
8. **USBC RULE 319A, PARAGRAPH 2 (10 PIN RULE) DOES APPLY.** If your average of 21 games or more as of November 13, 2021 is 10 pins higher than your 2020 – 2021 certified average, you will use the highest average.
9. **VERIFICATION OF AVERAGES** - It shall be the bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of his average, whether submitted by the bowler, the team captain or others. Failure to use the proper average or make corrections prior to the completion of the first game of a series shall disqualify the score if the submitted average is lower than the actual average. If the submitted average is higher than required, prize winnings will be based on the submitted average.
10. **HANDICAP** - will be based on 90% 220.
11. **REPLACEMENTS** - Are authorized by the team captain and must occupy the same position in the lineup as the original entrant. Once a replacement bowler has been added to the roster, and the replacement bowler has delivered the first ball in competition, the replacement bowler shall be allowed to complete the series.
12. **MECHANICAL FAILURE** - In the event of mechanical failure, it becomes impossible to complete the event within the scheduled time, the event will be rescheduled and bowling will continue at the point where bowling was discontinued.
13. **SCORE SHEETS** - After a score sheet has been signed by the official scorekeeper and the contestant or team captain, it cannot be changed except in the case of an obvious error. Bowlers are cautioned not to sign sheets before the competition. Duplicate score sheets are available for bowlers. Telescope or computer printouts will be the official score sheet, these will be kept for 72 hours.
14. **LOST SCORES** - USBC 327 (c) any score lost during scoring process may be re-bowled.
15. **PACERS** - Are not allowed.
16. **TARDY PLAYERS** - Will start in the frame being bowled when the tardy player is ready to compete, with zero score being recorded for all frames. **NO MAKE UP FRAMES ALLOWED.** USBC RULE 322
17. **JUNIOR BOWLERS** - Are not allowed to participate in this tournament.
18. USBC Rule 319-d is waived.
19. USBC rule 319-e will be in effect for USBC MEMBERS.
20. All prizes will be returned 100%. The prize ratio will be at least 1 prize for every 7 entries in team, doubles, singles, handicap all – events, and scratch all – events.
21. **SCHEDULING** - Lane assignments are made by the Tournament Manager. Late Entries are accepted if squads are not full. Additional squads may be added during the course of the tournament.
22. **REFUNDS** – USBC rule 314, after an entry has been received, and the dates assigned by the tournament management are not refused before preparation of the schedule, the entry fee cannot be refunded after November 7, 2021.
23. **PROTESTS** – RULES 329a (1) and 329b (1). Any protest affecting eligibility or Tournament Rules must be confirmed in writing to the Tournament Manager within 72 hours of the infraction or prior to tournament prizes being paid, or whichever occurs first. The decision of the tournament manager is final, unless a written appeal is filed with the LOCAL association or USBC headquarters within 10 days of notification of tournament management's decision.
24. **USBC RULES WILL GOVERN ALL INSTANCES NOT SPECIFICALLY COVERED BY ANY OF THE ABOVE RULES**

ENTRIES CLOSE November 7, 2021

MAIL ENTRIES TO: GREATER PUEBLO USBC *912 S HONEYSUCKLE DR.*PUEBLO WEST, CO 81007-6312

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