

Rules of the Colorado State USBC Mixed Bowling Tournament

CALL 970-250-1647 OR E-MAIL FOR EARLY RESERVATIONS UNTIL JUNE 15, 2019. ALL PHONE RESERVATIONS MUST BE PAID BY JUNE 17, 2019. FAX: 970-241-2146. E-MAIL: costateusbc@gmail.com

1. **DRESS CODE** – Shorts/skirts must be longer than fingertips and t-shirts or shirts must have sleeves. No hats or electronic devices are to be worn during tournament play; this includes electronic and vapor cigarettes. Final decisions as to attire will be left up to tournament management.
2. **BALL CLEANING**: After entrant begins competition the outer surface of the ball may be cleaned with a dry towel/cloth only. No use of liquids of any kind. Non-compliance may result in loss of use of that ball for the remainder of the competition.
3. **ELIGIBILITY** - All participants shall be male or female bowlers who are members of a Colorado Local Association, chartered by the United States Bowling Congress. **Current USBC membership cards must be presented at check in.** Non USBC members who are residents of the State of Colorado, and/or nonresidents who are members of a Chartered Colorado Local Association without a current membership card, may qualify for entry by making an application for a membership and remitting the USBC fee of \$26.
4. The Annual Mixed Tournament shall include competition in four-person teams (2 men, 2 women) and doubles (1-man, 1 woman) and a six game all events division, scratch and handicap. Women will compete against women and men against men in the all events division. Teams are limited to 1 female or 1 male bowler who identifies themselves as a professional, limiting the number of professional bowlers to 1 on a four-person team and 1 on a doubles team.
5. **MULTIPLE TEAM EVENTS** - Entrants may bowl more than once in the team event, however no more than two (2) players from one team may participate together on another team, USBC RULE 315b(1). A bowler participating more than once in the team event MUST count his/her first team score for All-Events.
6. **DOUBLES ONLY BOWL ONCE**– PENALTY – Any doubles after first set will be forfeited.
7. **AVERAGES** – USE HIGHEST 2017-2018 USBC certified league AVERAGE OF 21 GAMES OR MORE. A bowler without a 2017-2018 average may use their highest 2018-2019 USBC certified league average of 21 games or more as of the starting date of the tournament (July 6, 2019). If a bowler has none of the above, an average of 240 will be assigned with no handicap being offered. BOWLERS USING A July 6, 2019 AVERAGE must have the average verified by the league secretary, with verification presented at the time of bowling the first event. Tournament management also reserves the right to use an entrant's composite average on bowl.com.
8. **VERIFICATION OF AVERAGES** - It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of his/her average, whether submitted by the bowler, the team captain or others. Failure to use the proper average or make correction prior to the completion of the first game of a competition 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.
9. **USBC RULE 319a, PARAGRAPH 2 (10 PIN RULE) DOES APPLY.** If entrant's average of 21 games or more as of July 6, 2019, is 10 pins higher than his/her 2017-2018 certified league average, the entrant will use the highest average.
10. **AVERAGE ADJUSTMENT (Rerating)** – Bowler's tournament average adjustment (**USBC Rule 319c**) DOES APPLY.
11. **PRIZE WINNINGS** - Rule 319d reporting prize winnings of \$300.00 or more is in effect. Any entrants who have not provided Social Security numbers for IRS purposes may have their prize checks delayed until all Social Security numbers are collected.
12. USBC Rule 319e (re-rate) will be in effect.
13. **HANDICAP** – Shall be based on 90% of 240.
14. **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 entire series.
15. **PACERS** - Are not permitted
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 prior frames. NO MAKEUP FRAMES ALLOWED.
17. **SCORE SHEETS** - After a score sheet has been signed by the bowler or team captain, it cannot be changed except in the case of an obvious error. Bowlers are cautioned not to sign score sheets before or during the competition. Duplicate score sheets are available for bowlers. Computer printouts will be the official score sheet in case of discrepancies in scores.
18. **PRIZE RATIO** - All prize fees will be returned 100%. The prize ratio will be 1 for each 7 entries in team and doubles. The prize ratio will be 1 for each 10 entries in all events (handicap and scratch).
19. **AWARDS** – Jackets will be awarded for team, doubles, and all-events.
20. **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 resume at the point where bowling was discontinued.
21. **LOST SCORES** - Rule 327c - Any score lost during scoring process may be re-bowled.
22. Additional squads may be added during the tournament; however, no squad may be added after the final squad on July 14, 2019.
23. USBC Rule 314. All entry fees must be paid in full and accompany the entry form. After scheduled dates have been assigned by the Tournament Director, entry fees will not be refunded.
24. **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 USBC headquarters within 10 days of notification of tournament management's decision.
25. **USBC RULES WILL GOVERN IN ALL INSTANCES NOT SPECIFICALLY COVERED BY ANY OF THE ABOVE RULES.**

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