

TOURNAMENT RULES - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

PRIMARY/SECONDARY ENTRY: Primary – Bowlers are physically bowling together as a doubles pair.

Secondary – Bowlers are bowling with a different partner but are considered together for this entry.

Bowlers must bowl on the same squad.

ENTRY CLOSING DATE: **May 21, 2023.** Late entries will be accepted up to 1 hour of squad time if lanes are available. Late primary entries are subject to a \$10.00 late fee per entry, secondary entries do not have a late fee. Late fees will be added to prize fund.

ELIGIBILITY: All entrants must be members in good standing of the Citrus Belt USBC Association as of the closing date of entries that have participated in a Citrus Belt league during the 2021-2022 or 2022-2023 season with 21 games or more. No more than one (1) current PBA member * per team will be permitted. * A PBA member is considered anyone holding a PBA card within the past five (5) years. **Each doubles team must consist of 1 adult female member and 1 adult male member.**

Note: The tournament Director may waive the 21 game requirements for anyone who recently relocated to a primary residence within the Citrus Belt.

ENTRY FEE: Primary Entry: \$60.00 per Doubles Team – Prize Fund \$34.00, Lineage \$24.00, Tournament expense \$2.00.

Secondary Entry: \$50.00 per Doubles Team – Prize Fund \$48.00, Tournament expense \$2.00. Remit by money order or check made payable to CBUSBC Association. Fees are not refundable after definite dates have been assigned or if it is discovered that some team entrant failed to comply with USBC eligibility requirements. The Tournament manager may refuse to permit any team or entrant to bowl if it is determined the entry should not have been accepted.

PRIZE FUND: All prize money will be returned 100% in prizes. Prize ratio at one in six. All prize money will be based on total pins, plus handicap. **Guaranteed \$400 minimum for 1st place.**

PARTICIPATION: This tournament will consist of three games Doubles event. Each participant may enter as many squads as lanes are available, but may bowl only once with the same partner. Bowlers entering with different partners may request to bowl consecutive squads. **(Doubles teams wishing to bowl together on a pair of lanes must make the request in writing and must send entries and fees together in the same envelope).**

ENTERING AVERAGE: 480 Maximum Team average. All averages must be Citrus Belt USBC Averages; used in the order listed below:

1. Highest Citrus Belt 2021-2022 Winter or Summer Average based on 21 or more games.
2. Highest certified Citrus Belt league average for the 2022-2023 season as of start of tournament. This average must consist of at least 21 games. See below**
** Average must be verified by a league standing sheet submitted with entry.
3. Assigned average: if none of the above, bowler will use an average of 240.
4. Relocated composite average

Youth averages will not be accepted.

RULE 319A-3: It shall be each entrant's responsibility to verify the accuracy of his/her average, whether originally submitted by the entrant, his/her team captain or others. **Failure to use the proper average may result in disqualification of score if submitted average is lower than actual average thereby resulting in more handicap.** Prize winnings shall be based on the submitted average if it is higher than the actual average.

USBC RULE 319-a2,c,d,e: Will be waived.

SUBSTITUTES: Entering average for substitutes will be the same as the entering average listed above. Substitutes take the position of the original bowler. No changes in the lineup will be permitted.

HANDICAP: This tournament shall be conducted on a handicap basis – 90% of the difference of entering averages from 480 for each Doubles Team.

PRIZE MONEY: Checks in payment of prize money won, will be mailed within 30 days after the close of the tournament, except when USBC has authorized a delay in payment pending settlement of any claim or protest and certification, which affects position standings. Prize fund checks will be mailed to the **team captain.**

TIES: In the event of a first place tie, co-champions will be declared.

CHECK-IN: Bowlers are to check in 30 minutes before scheduled time to bowl.

BOWLING ATTIRE: Participants are requested to wear garments in good taste and appropriate for tournament bowling. **NO** tank tops, spaghetti straps, short shorts, bare midriffs or work out attire. Skirts or skorts must be knee length or longer

BOWLERS: Any player arriving late shall begin play at the point of game in which tournament is in and shall receive a zero (0) for any missed frames.

USBC AWARDS: Scores bowled shall qualify for USBC awards as outlined in Chapter VI of the USBC Playing Rules

EQUIPMENT: Once your squad has started, there shall be no altering the surface of bowling balls, no foreign substance to be used on shoes and **only a clean dry towel can be used to clean ball.** Participants must be aware of USBC specifications regarding the hardness of bowling ball. **Holes in a ball not for gripping purpose are not allowed. Bowling balls with no thumb hole will have to have CG marked. Lanes will be dressed prior to each squad each day providing time permits.**

USBC RULES: This is a USBC certified tournament will be governed by USBC rules even if not specified in this entry.

TRANSFER OF DATES OR LANES: When the Association Manager or authorized assistant deems it necessary and (if it is possible) entrants may be transferred to a different date or lane.

***Note –** No one other than tournament bowlers or those working the tournament are allowed in the bowler's area. Offensive language, hand gestures, or harassment of other bowlers is not permitted. Unsportsmanlike conduct can result in disqualification.

Premature termination of the tournament brought about by war, national emergency, or emergency caused relating thereto or there from, fire, natural disaster or any other reason beyond the control of the Citrus Belt USBC Tournament, shall cause, to the extent required thereby, all advertised prizes guaranteed or otherwise, to be prorated in accordance with the number of entrants who have bowled in each of the respective events up to the time of such termination.