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# USBC CERTIFIED TOURNAMENT RULES

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1. **ANY BOWLER WHO DOES NOT ADHERE TO ALL RULES SHALL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM ANY EARNINGS, SO PLEASE CHECK ALL RULES TO PREVENT ANY EMBARRASSMENT.**
2. All members of the Greater Carlyle USBC Bowling Association (GCBA) are eligible to enter, and must have filed a sanction card application with the Association Manager prior to bowling or scores will not be allowed. Non-members living within the jurisdiction of this association who are not members of another association may enter by paying an unattached membership fee of \$16.00.
3. Upon request, you must show your current GCBA USBC membership card in order to bowl, and must verify your average before you can bowl. You must check in 30 minutes before time to bowl.
4. This is a Handicap and Scratch Tournament. All prize money will be paid out 100%.
5. Summer League averages will not be used in this tournament unless you do not have a qualifying Winter League average. Bowlers must use their highest USBC sanctioned Winter League average from the 2016-17 season with a minimum of 21 games in a league. The 10 Pin Over Average Rule (over last season's average) no longer exists. Bowlers not having an average from the 2016-2017 season will use their average as of January 1, 2018 with a minimum of 21 games. All others must bowl scratch.
6. The GCBA Tournament Committee reserves the right to adjust the average of any bowler based on their past GCBA Handicap Tournament performance.
7. USBC Rule 310a applies to closing date of entries. Entries must be postmarked by January 28, 2018.
8. Team event starts March 3, 2018 and ends March 25, 2018. Singles and Doubles events start February 24, 2018 and end March 24, 2018. March 25, 31, April 7 and 8 will be used for emergencies.
9. USBC Rule 315 will prevail. When bowling team, singles or doubles more than once, your first score in each event counts towards All Events.
10. USBC Rule 314 will prevail. NO fees returned.
11. USBC Rule 319 a. b. c. e. - Average Adjustment will be in effect and must be complied with.
12. USBC Rule 322a - Tardy Players will prevail.
13. USBC Rule 325 - Bowling Alone will prevail.
14. USBC Rule 326a - Tie Scores will prevail.
15. USBC Rule 329 - Appeal or Protest will prevail.
16. Team and doubles line-ups can not be changed once they are submitted. A substitute must be inserted in the place of the person they are replacing.
17. Any bowler who earned \$300 in a single event, the combined prize money won in excess of \$500 in a tournament, and/or the combined prize money won in excess of \$1000 in all tournaments competed in within 12 months other than the GCBA Handicap Tournament or the GCBA Scratch Tournaments, must report their earnings in accordance to USBC rule 319d.
18. Any bowler whose average has been rerated or adjusted in any sanctioned tournament other than the GCBA Handicap Tournament must report their average to tournament officials before they bowl or they will be subject to disqualification. You will be required to use that average.
19. Unmarried grade and high school students must fill out parent consent form in accordance with USBC Rule 13.
20. Handicap is based on 80% from 220 for singles, 80% from 440 for doubles, and 80% from 1100 for team. Maximum handicap is 180 pins for singles, 360 pins for doubles, and 900 pins for team.
21. You may bowl Singles & Doubles as many times as you desire. **NO SINGLES ONLY - NO DOUBLES ONLY.** You may reenter singles & doubles (at least one original member of doubles bowlers) after you have already bowled. You can only cash once in singles. In doubles you can cash more than once with different partners. This is in accordance with USBC Rule 315.
22. You may bowl Team Event as many times as you desire. You may reenter your team (at least three original team members) after you have already bowled. In order to place more than once in the prize list for position standings, at least two players in the lineup must be different. This is in accordance with USBC Rule 315.
23. There are two separate All Events divisions - Handicap and Scratch. The entry fee is included in your entry. You must bowl all three events – Team, Singles and Doubles – to be eligible for All Events. You can only cash in one division - Handicap or Scratch - depending upon which pays more. Scratch All Events is calculated by adding your first score for each event – Team, Singles and Doubles. Handicap All Events is calculated by adding your individual handicap for each event – Team, Singles and Doubles – to your Scratch All Events score.
24. Cash prizes in the Handicap Events - Team, Singles and Doubles - will be awarded on a ratio of 1 prize for each 10 entries. All Events - 1 prize for each 20 entries. The bowlers with the highest scores in team, singles, doubles and all events - handicap and scratch - will also receive their choice of a jacket or polo shirt.
25. Singles Scratch, Doubles Scratch and Team Scratch Events are included with your entry fee You can cash in only one division - Handicap or Scratch - for each event - Singles, Doubles and Team - depending on which pays more. However, if you enter any event (singles or doubles with the same partner or team with the same team) more than once, you can cash in both divisions - scratch and handicap (only once in each division) - using scores from two separate entries. You can only cash in one division in all events - depending upon which pays more.
26. A copy of the preliminary schedule should be in centers before January 31, 2018. If you have a problem with a date and/or time you are scheduled to bowl, call the Tournament Secretary by February 9, 2018. There will be **ABSOLUTELY NO RESCHEDULING** after the official schedule book is printed. Be especially careful when scheduling other tournaments.
27. Be sure all entries are postmarked on or before Sunday, January 28, 2018. You may enter the tournament between January 29, 2018 and February 9, 2018 by paying a late entry fee. The late entry fee is \$10.00 per entry form.
28. Shadow balls will be determined by tournament sites. There will be no shadow balls before doubles.
29. Singles and Doubles will be bowled on the same pair of lanes. Lanes will be assigned.
30. Teams will be assigned lanes during Team Event.
31. All returned checks are subject to a \$25.00 Service Charge.
32. Any rule not listed above will be covered by USBC Rule Book.