## **READ THIS INFORMATION CAREFULLY**

## **CONTRACT OF MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITY**

In the capacity of team captain, and on behalf of the team members, I hereby enter the team named on this form into the Idaho State USBC Association Open Tournament described herein. It is agreed that all entrants whose names appear thereon, or their authorized representatives, will abide by the tournament participation rules and regulations. It is also agreed that the Idaho State USBC, its officers or agents, shall be liable only to the extent of returning entry fees if this team shall be prevented from bowling in this tournament due to fire, strikes, or other events beyond the control of the Idaho State USBC that cause: a delay; an unexpected, yet necessary, schedule change; or premature termination of the tournament.

## **IMPORTANT TOURNAMENT RULES**

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All entries into this tournament must be made in accordance with USBC Rules.

- 1. All entrants into this tournament must be current Idaho State or Washington State USBC members. Membership may be purchased at the tournament site.
- 2, Unmarried grade or high school students who have not attained the age of 18 must have the written consent of their parent or guardian in accordance with USBC Rules. Such written consent must be submitted prior to participation (USBC Form available).
- 3. No entry money will be refunded if it is discovered that a team or individual has failed to comply with all USBC eligibility requirements.
- 4. Entrants may bowl on multiple teams no more than two of the original team members may bowl together on an additional team. The first score in each event shall count towards the All Events score. Bowlers may bowl Singles and Doubles Twice with a different partner for doubles and must enter both events each time. You may cash multiple times in each event.
- 5. All entries postmarked the first Post Office business day after the entry closing date shall be accepted. Squad times and lanes will be assigned as entries are received. **(FIRST COME FIRST SERVED).**
- 6. No refunds of entry fees
- 7. **HANDICAPS**: Handicaps in each event will be based on 80% of the difference between each bowler's average and the tournament scratch basis score of 240. Handicaps for the four-bowler Team Event will be computed by adding the handicaps of the four bowlers. Handicaps for the Doubles Event will be computed by adding the handicaps of the two bowlers.
- 8. ENTERING AVERAGE: Each bowler's entering average will be determined in the following order:
- A.) A bowler must use his/her Idaho State Open Tournament average as listed on our website (<a href="www.idahousbcbowling.com">www.idahousbcbowling.com</a>). This average is based on a bowler's scores bowled in his/her 3 most recent Idaho State Open Tournaments.

If no A, then B.) Highest certified league average (21 or more games) in the previous season.

If no A or B, then C.) Highest current certified league average (21 or more games) as of January 1.

If no A, B, or C, then D.) Highest current certified league average (21 or more games) as of March 15.

E.) If none of the above averages are available, the bowler will enter with a 240 average.

USBC Rule 319a(2) regarding the 10-pin increase is waived.

**USBC Rule 201c is in effect: SPORT/CHALLENGE AVERAGES** - All entrants having <u>ONLY</u> an average from a Sport or Challenge League must convert his/her average to a Standard average using the appropriate USBC Conversion Chart and notify the State Association Manager.

- 9. The tournament management reserves the right to adjust the entering average of any entrant, provided the adjustment is made prior to their first game of tournament play. If the entrant refuses to be rerated, the entrant's entry fee will be refunded. Such entrant shall have the right to appeal any rerating to USBC within 15 days of the date of bowling, or prior to payment of prizes, whichever comes first. **USBC Rules 319c, 319d, and 319e are waived.**
- 10. It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average, whether it was originally submitted by the bowler or some other person. Failure to use the proper average, or to make corrections prior to completion of the first game of a series shall disqualify the bowler's score if submitted average is lower than the correct average. If submitted average is higher, any prize winnings will be based on the submitted average.
- 11. **SUBSTITUTES:** The captain of a team, or appointed representative, has the privilege of substituting other bowlers to take the place of those originally entered, who for some reason are unable to attend the tournament as scheduled. All substitutes must qualify under the same rules as all other bowlers. Substitute bowlers must bowl under their full name and then only at the scheduled time of each event. **NOTE:** If the captain, or representative, requests that the tournament management finds a bowler to substitute for an entrant <u>and</u> the tournament management finds a substitute, that substitute <u>WILL</u> bowl in place of the original entrant.
- 12. A bowler in this tournament shall not be allowed to practice on any tournament lane within one hour of the next event in the tournament or after the lanes have been dressed.
- 13. Team captains must report to the tournament office at least 30 minutes prior to bowling. **USBC Cards must be presented for any bowler whose USBC Membership has not been verified.** The captain's signature on the front of this form binds all entrants listed to the rules of this tournament.
- 14. **DRESS CODE**: This is YOUR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP, <u>UNACCEPTABLE ATTIRE</u>: Hats or any type of headgear, tank tops, halter tops, workout attire, gym shorts, pajamas, sweatpants, spandex, ragged attire, and any attire with objectionable/offensive language or graphics. Tournament management has final discretion as to appropriate attire. Failure to comply with this rule could result in a disqualification.
- 15. **OPTIONAL SCRATCH TEAM, DOUBLES AND SINGLES**: A bowler may pay an additional fee for each event the bowler competes in at the tournament. There will be a separate Team Doubles and Singles Scratch Payout for those entered. MULTIPLE CASHING IS ALLOWED. The Scratch Division pays 1 in 5 entries and 100% of the Prize Fee are returned as prizes. Entry \$15 (\$14 Prize fee and \$1 Expense Fee) Per Person.
- 16. **Ties:** In case of a tie for first place in any event, co-champions will be declared, with first and second place prize money will be divided equally, and duplicate awards will be awarded.
- 17. OPTIONAL Brackets available on site ONLY.
  - Senior All Events will be age 50+ (as of Jan. 1) Super Senior All Events for those age 70+ (as of Jan. 1) (Therefore, a bowler age 70+ could enter all 3 Handicap All Events competitions, as well as the AE Scratch)
  - All Events Handicap, and All Events Scratch competitions will be split by A and B Divisions.

New this year: Highest paid scratch all events Scorer of the tournament will receive a paid entry into the Masters, Sr Masters, Queens, or Sr. Queens. If bowler will not be attending, then we will drop down to the next in line.