

Southeastern Ohio USBC Open Tournament Rules

1. This tournament is open to **any adult SEOHUSBC Certified bowler** who meets at least one of the following requirements:
 - (a) Have an average with at least 21 games in a SEOH USBC certified league during 2010-2011 season.
 - (b) Have an average with at least 21 games in a SEOH USBC certified league during the current season as of 12-31-2011.
 - (c) Bowlers holding membership only in the SEOH USBC but not meeting (a) or (b) above – see rule 2.
 - (d) **Bowlers, who are eligible to bowl in another association's championship tournament and do not meet (a) or (b), must have bowled 21 games in the current season in the SEOH USBC to be eligible to compete in this tournament.**
2. **AVERAGE REQUIREMENTS** -The **highest** USBC average of the 2010-2011 season regardless of association. If no 10-11 book average, a verified current average of 21 games or more as of December 31, 2011, in a SEOH USBC certified league. If no current average, a verifiable 2011 summer average of 21 games or more, in a SEOH USBC certified summer league. If none of the average requirements are met, bowlers must use 225 scratch for their average.
3. No refund of any fees after the reserved closing date **Wednesday, January 11, 2012**. Walk in entries for the Team Event, accepted if lanes are available, with an additional \$15.00 processing fee. The entry must be completed 45 minutes prior to squad time. Walk in entries for Doubles and Singles Events, accepted if lanes are available, with an additional \$6 per set. No extra fees will be charged for the singles. The entry must be completed 45 minutes prior to squad time. **Total fees for walk in entries must be paid in cash.**
4. An ineligible bowler, in any event, will disqualify the entry. No refund of fees will be made.
5. **Each entrant is responsible for assuring each average on the entry is correct.** Failure to use your proper average or make the correction prior to the completion of the first game of their first series shall disqualify scores in that event, if the average is lower than their actual average. If the average is higher, prize winnings will be based on the submitted average.
6. Entry fee shall be \$16.00 per bowler per event. **Optional event fees:** All Events Actual \$4.00 and All Events Handicap \$4.00. Fees must be submitted with and in addition to other regular tournament fees. Optional event expenses will be \$.50 per bowler per event entered.
7. **HANDICAP WILL BE 100 % OF 225.**
8. **The 10-pin rule does not apply. USBC rule #319 a, b, c, will not apply.** USBC TOURNAMENT RULES WILL APPLY.
9. Awards will be presented to the champions of each event. If the winners are the same for both actual and handicap divisions in any one (1) event, one (1) plaque will be awarded and properly engraved. 1st place champions (only) will receive a paid banquet meal at the Association Spring Banquet to be held at the Moose Lodge, 1201 Sugar Grove Rd., Lancaster on April 14, 2012. *Reservations are required to attend, even if you are a winner.* Bowlers may bring guests, if payment is made for their banquets.
10. Prize fee will be returned 100% cash and prizes. At least 1 out of every 6 will cash.
11. A team bowling multiple times must change at least two (2) bowlers. Team captains are responsible for a legal line-up and teams not meeting this requirement will be disqualified with no refund.
12. The line up is as entered on the entry form and must be followed unless a substitute is used. (NO NICKNAMES.) Subs will be in the position of the original bowler.
13. Doubles and singles may be entered twice only but you must change doubles partners. You may cash twice in the doubles but only once in the singles with your highest score. Your first appearance in each event will count toward your All Events score (handicap and/or actual). **Doubles will be bowled first. If a bowler is late for the doubles, the bowler present will bowl their singles first, as well as the late bowler. There will be no more than four (4) sets per pair of lanes.**
14. **BOWLERS SHOULD BE PRESENT 30 minutes before scheduled starting time. LATE BOWLERS WILL RECEIVE A ZERO (0) FOR ALL MISSED FRAMES.** (No make-up frames or delays of the squad will be permitted.) Squads will begin at times on the entry. Practice will begin ten minutes prior to time listed on entry. Lane assignments will be done by the tournament director.
15. **There will be no altering of the surface of a bowling ball. This includes all ball cleaners while bowling in this certified competition.** All bowling balls so altered shall be removed from competition. **PENALTY: FORFEITURE OF THE GAME AND ENTRY FEES, DISQUALIFICATION, AS WELL AS, POSSIBLE SUSPENSION OF USBC MEMBERSHIP.**
16. **No foreign substances will be applied to the soles of bowling shoes.**
17. **PRIZE MONEY WILL BE DISTRIBUTED FOR ALL WINNERS no more than thirty (30) days after tournament completion. Date and place to be announced.**

Any protest affecting the eligibility or general playing rules must be confirmed in writing to the local association manager before prize money is distributed. Errors in scoring must be reported to the local association manager within 24 hours of bowling. The SEOH USBC Board of Directors shall have the power to hear and act on all protests or questions and shall make decisions. The entrant whose names appear, or their authorized replacement, hereby agree the SEOH USBC, officers and agents, shall be liable only to the extent of returning entry fees if and when entrants are prevented from bowling and event in the tournament through delay, unexpected yet necessary schedule change or premature termination of the tournament that may be brought about by war, national or local emergencies or by causes relating thereto or resulting from fires, strikes and lockouts or labor difficulties beyond the control of the SEOH USBC.