

Bethlehem Area USBC BA City Tournament Rules

Rule 1-Eligibility – All bowlers must be a 2023-2024 USBC Member and a 2023-2024 B.A.B.A. member prior to the start of the tournament. An entrant who is not a member of the USBC/BABA must purchase a local membership card at this tournament. A) – Only 1 PBA member allowed on a 4-man team, only 1 on a doubles team.

Rule 2-Prizes and Handicaps – Prize fees will be apportioned equally – 50% Actual and 50% Handicap. All bowlers will be able to place and cash on one side (highest money) only. The handicap will be on a per game basis and will be the difference between the scratch figure (230) and each bowler's average.

Rule 3-Averages – A) - Highest USBC established average in any sanctioned 2022-2023 Winter League.
B) - If an entrant does not have a 2022-2023 Winter League average, the entrant will use his highest USBC Summer League average for 2022, 12 games minimum.
C) - If no a or b average, an entrant will use the highest USBC 2021-2022 sanctioned Winter League average with a minimum of 21 games, verified by a League Secretary. Otherwise the bowler will bowl scratch (230)
D) - Minimum age for participation will be 18 for this tournament.
E) - USBC rule 319a.2 - 10 pin rule-will not apply in this tournament.
F) - Each bowler's name should be entered in the proper column on the entry form. The name of the league in which the average was established shall be entered in the space provided for verification.

Rule 4-All Events – “All-Events” will be conducted in two divisions, actual and handicap. Each bowler will place/cash in one division (highest) only. Entering All-Events is optional with a fee of \$10.00, payable with the entry form. Entry fees returned 100% of the prize fund.

Rule 5-Substitutes – Substitutes may be used if such substitute meets the rules of eligibility. No sub will be accepted for All Events Prize List participation when one event, or portion of an event, has been bowled by the original entrant or another substitute. If a substitute is assuming the All Events of another bowler, the substitute must report such transfer to the Tournament Director prior to bowling in the first scheduled event.

Rule 6-Entry Limit – A) - Team event may be entered more than once with two (2) members changed each time. Each team will be considered new, and each team may cash.
B) - The first team event will count toward All Events only.
C) - No one may compete in Singles or Doubles more than once.

Rule 7-Championship Awards – In the Team, Singles, Doubles, and All Events, the entry with the highest Actual Score will be Actual Champion. The entry with the highest Handicap score will be the Handicap Champion.

Rule 8-Entrant's Responsibility – It is each Bowler's responsibility to verify his average for this tournament, in accordance with USBC rule 319a.3. Failure to use the proper average, or to make a correction before the end of the first game of a series, will disqualify the entry, only if the submitted average is lower than the Bowler's correct average. An average submitted that is higher than the Bowler's average and not corrected, will be the average used for the prize list.

USBC Rule 319D requires all bowlers who qualified for a prize of \$600.00 or more in any tournament in the last 12 months to report the score, position, and amount won. The information must be on the back of this entry when it is submitted.

USBC Rule 319e applies. This concerns average adjustment. Captains/bowlers should read Rule 319e.

Rule 9-Tardy Players – Late Arrivals will start in the frame being bowled, with zero being given in missed frames. NO GRACE PERIOD IS GIVEN. Must bowl in order of lineup. No Pacers are allowed.

Rule 10-Errors – Captains will be given a copy of the recap sheet to check for errors. Any errors must be reported to the Tournament Director within 72 hours of completion of bowling.

Rule 11-Switching of Hands to make a delivery during the Tournament is not allowed, except in the event of an injury, and only with approval of BABA authorized personnel.

Rule 12-Captain's Responsibility – The team Captain is responsible for team members (USBC Rule 305). Captains are responsible for checking averages and lineup at check-in. Check-In time will be 30 minutes before each scheduled event time.

Rule 13-Scoring – Automatic scoring will be used. Tournament Management has the discretionary authority to determine if an irretrievable game and/or frames(s) should be re-bowled.

All changes to lane scoring systems must be made by BABA authorized personnel.

Entries Close October 1, 2023
Make Checks Payable to:
B.A.B.A.

Send Entry and Entry Fees to:

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