

## NORTHWEST LOUISIANA USBC 2025 ANNUAL CITY TOURNAMENT RULES

- 1. Tournament Rules:** This is a USBC Sanctioned tournament and shall be conducted in accordance with the USBC rules governing local association tournaments and the USBC general playing rules, in addition to rules adopted by the association. The tournament Manager has the authority to make decisions regarding anything not covered by these rules.
- 2. Age/Eligibility:** Open to any USBC members 18 years of age or older at the time of participation. All participants must have a current USBC adult membership card, and all participants must be a member of the Northwest Louisiana USBC local association prior to bowling the tournament. If current membership cannot be verified, a USBC membership card can be purchased at the tournament site at a cost of \$27.00. Bowlers must show proof of current membership.
- 3. Average Requirements:** Highest yearbook average from 2023-24 based on 21 games or more will be used. If no 2023-24 yearbook average, then the highest yearbook average from the 2022-23 based on 21 games or more will be used. If no 2022-23 yearbook average, then the current average of 21 games or more as of December 31, 2024, will be used and bowlers must bring standing sheet for verification. Bowlers who do not meet any of the above requirements will enter with an average of 230. Team Captain is responsible for reporting current averages. USBC rules: 319a2 – 10 Pin Rule; 319c – Average Adjustments (Rerating); and 319c – Average Adjustment for Entry **WILL APPLY**. It is the responsibility of each bowler to see that their average is verified before the time of bowling, whether originally submitted by the bowler, team captain, or others. The tournament will be handicap, based on 90% of each individual's highest USBC average from 230.
- 4. Cancellation and Refund Policy:** No team or individual shall be entitled to a refund after the entry form and fees have been received and processed for any reason whatsoever, unless the tournament is cancelled by the Northwest Louisiana USBC. Entrants failing to appear on scheduled dates will forfeit all fees.
- 5. Fees:** Entry fee for Handicap Team, Doubles and Singles is \$45.00 per event per bowler. Linage - \$16.00; Prize Fund - \$25.00; Youth Scholarship Fund - \$1.00; Administrative Fee - \$3.00. Walk-ins are welcome for a fee of \$10.00. Approximate prize ratio for handicap team, doubles, and singles – 1:3, prize money returned 100%. Optional scratch team, doubles, singles, and handicap/scratch all-events, the fee is \$10.00 per bowler per event. To be eligible for scratch team event, all members of the team must enter. To be eligible for scratch doubles event, both doubles partners must enter. Any bowler who has not entered in the optional events will not be eligible for prizes in those events. Scratch team, doubles, singles, and Handicap/Scratch All Events prize ratio – 1:3. You may enter all-events once. **Northwest Louisiana USBC WILL NOT ACCEPT AN ENTRY ACCOMPANIED BY PARTIAL FEES**. Entry fees for team, doubles and singles must be paid in full at the time the entry is submitted. Partial entries will be returned and not scheduled. Fees can be paid by money order, certified check, or personal check, made payable to Northwest Louisiana USBC. NSF check disqualifies person issuing check and a \$35.00 service charge will be assessed for all returned checks. If the replacement fee and NSF check fee have not been received within 30 days, legal actions will be taken.
- 6. Format/Participation:** The tournament shall consist of a four-person team event, doubles, singles and all-events. Three (3) games will be bowled in each event. If a member enters doubles, then they must enter singles and vice versa. Doubles event will be bowled first, followed by singles. Scores bowled by an ineligible bowler will be disqualified. Team series, double and singles scores will count towards your all-events provided the fees for all-events have been paid.
- 7. Pacers/Tardy/Substitute Bowlers:** Pacers will not be permitted. Events will begin at their scheduled times. Any bowler or team arriving late will score a zero for any frame missed. When bowlers begin playing, score shall begin counting with the frame being bowled. No absentee or vacancy scores will be permitted, and a bowler must bowl on the same lanes at the same time their team bowls. At the discretion of the tournament manager, all games which a team refused to start because a full lineup is not present will be forfeited.
- 8. Substitutes:** Substitutes are permitted provided they meet eligibility and average requirements. Substitutes must be made one (1) hour in advance of bowling. Emergency substitutes, once an event is in progress, will be permitted only in team and doubles events. If no substitute is available, only the actual frames will be counted. Once a substitute has entered an event, the original entrant may not bowl in that event at that time. **A Written verification of substitute's average must be furnished to the tournament office prior to bowling**. Substitutes are not required to reimburse the entry fee paid by the original entrant and are entitled to all prize winnings. The optional handicap/scratch fees and all-events fees will be transferable provided the substitute is replacing the original entrant in team, doubles, and singles, and that the original entrant paid the required amount(s) to enter the optional event(s). **Northwest Louisiana USBC will not provide substitutes! It is the team captain's responsibility to secure substitutes for their entries**.
- 9. Protests:** Any protest/appeal concerning scoring must be made in writing, stating briefly, the grounds of the protest/appeal and submitted to the Northwest Louisiana USBC tournament office no later than 24 hours after the game has been played. Any other protest must be filed in accordance with USBC rule 329.
- 10. Prize Checks and Awards:** Prize checks will be distributed within 30 days after the conclusion of the tournament pending protests. Individual checks will be mailed to the team captain. In the event a substitute is used, prize checks will be issued in the name of the substitute. Team Captain is to distribute prize money within 30 days of receipt. In the event of a tie in any event, prize money will be equally divided. In the event of a tie for first place, co-champions will be declared. All winners' averages are subject to further verification by Northwest Louisiana USBC tournament manager. The winner in each event will be declared the City Champion.
- 11. Other Rules:** Members are requested to wear suitable attire when participating in the Northwest Louisiana USBC City Tournament. Only tournament participants are allowed in the bowling area and seating area. At their discretion, the Tournament Manager has the right to remove any spectator that interferes with participants bowling in the tournament. Anyone using offensive language or acting in an unsportsmanlike manner may be disqualified from the tournament. If all participants have checked in early, the squad will start. Squad announcements will take place 10 minutes prior to the start of the squad regardless of whether all participants have checked in. **Check-in will be no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of the squad. If you have substitutions to make, please come in one (1) hour before you bowl to make the substitutions**. Lanes will be oiled between all squads.