

OUR TOWN ALLEY SUMMER HANDICAP & SCRATCH TOURNAMENT SERIES RULES

1. **USBC MEMBERSHIP:** Each entrant in the tournament is required to have a USBC membership prior to bowling. Memberships may be purchased at bowl.com if the competitor does not already have one already. Proof of membership is required to compete. Proof of membership can be physical membership card, card from bowl.com app, or purchase receipt from bowl.com.
2. **LANE ASSIGNMENTS:** The tournament will consist of three games. The tournament director will make the lane assignments.
3. **HANDICAP:** The handicap for the tournament is 80% of the difference of the bowlers' average and 210. Calculation of handicap is on a per game basis.
4. **PRIZES:** The minimum prizes will be no less than the entry fee for the tournament. The payout ratio will be at least 1 prize to 10 entries.
5. **AVERAGES:** Bowlers will use their highest USBC 2020-2021, 2019-2020, 2018-2019 winter league averages of at least 21 games. We will also accept 2020-2021 book averages for non-sanctioned leagues that are held at Our Town Alley. If a bowler does not have any established average, then the bowler will bowl with an average of 210. After bowling 12 games in Our Town Alley's tournaments, your house shot adjusted tournament average will be used if the average is higher than your book average used for handicap purposes.
6. **CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT:** The top 50 in total points are eligible for an end of summer championship tournament. Points are awarded as follows: 1st Place: 20 points. 2nd Place: 10 points. 3rd Place: 5 points. 4th Place: 2 points. 5th place: 1 point. The entry fee for Championship Tournament is \$75 for the handicap division (required), and the optional scratch division fee is \$50.
7. **CHECK-IN:** Bowlers must check-in with the registration at least 45 minutes before the start of the squad starting time. **WALK-IN ENTRIES WILL CLOSE 45 MINUTES BEFORE THE START OF THE TOURNAMENT.**
8. **PRACTICE:** Bowlers will be 15 minutes for practice at the start of scheduled squad times.
9. **SIDE POT ENTRIES:** Tournament management runs all official side pots (brackets, high games, etc.) Entries in pots close before practice begins at the tournament. **NO EXCEPTIONS; AT NO POINT WILL TOURNAMENT STAFF ACCEPT ENTRIES INTO SIDE POTS ONCE PRACTICE HAS STARTED.**
10. **USBC RULES:** The tournament series will be following the applicable tournament rules in the 2020-2021 USBC Handbook.
11. **COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS:** Masks must be worn at all times in the bowling center unless the bowler is eating, drinking, or bowling on the approach. There are partitions set-up between each lane, bowlers and spectators are not allowed to move the partitions. Allowances for changes in local regulations will be considered throughout the summer tournament series.
12. **LANE COURTESY:** One lane courtesy will be the rule for all events held.
13. **DISPUTES:** The decisions of the tournament director are FINAL.
14. **STANDINGS:** The standings for each tournament in the series will be posted on tournamentbowl.com.