Tournament Rules
4:00PM SQUAD SATURDAY FEB 17 CHECK-IN 3:00PM
9:45AM SQUAD SUNDAY FEB 18 CHECK-IN 8:45AM

1. This is a USBC certified event. The tournament is open to elementary, middle and high school bowlers who hold a current USBC youth/adult membership. Non-members are not eligible. No one who has graduated high school is eligible for this tournament.

2. Tournament is a singles event. Tournament will consist of three (3) scratch divisions:
   - a. 195 & over average   b. 171-194 average   c. 170 & below average

3. **ENTRY FEE/SIGN UP**
   Cash or check will be accepted the DAY OF the tournament only. No pre-pay accepted. However, **pre-sign up is recommended.**
   (bowler's name + division, DOB, USBC #)
   >   Pre-sign up: tournamentbowl.com, select Tournaments Upcoming/Frank P Maltese. Click on ENTRY FORM in green.
   > $65.00 Entry fee per squad – four (4) game guarantee ($15.00 lineage, $2.00 expenses and $48.00 awards)
   Walk-in entries will be accepted, provided there are available spots remaining.
   Bowlers who are unable to attend the tournament for which they have signed up in advance must notify the tournament director prior to the tournament. Tournament director has the right to refuse any entry. Refunds will be given at the tournament director's discretion.

4. **PAYOUT**
   Payout will be the top 5 in each division. Each division will be on a points system. The top 5 in each division will be given these points; each point will be given a dollar amount based on the total scholarship money in each division. All scholarship funds, for all divisions, will be returned 100% and will be deposited into the bowler's SMART account.
   >   1st place: 10 points   2nd place: 7 points   3rd place: 4 points   4th place: 3 points   5th place: 2 points

5. **FORMAT**
   Two (2) squads available. May bowl both squads but only qualify ONCE with highest series, after dropping lowest game.
   All bowlers will roll four (4) qualifying games on a challenge shot oil pattern, across two pairs of lanes. Moving 1 pair to the right. Bowl 2 games on a pair. Drop their lowest game bowled, to end with a three (3) games series. The final standings in each division are determined by the total of the actual scores bowled after deducting the score of the bowler's lowest game. The final roll-off will go as follows: 5th, 4th and 3rd place qualifiers will bowl two games on the same pair of lanes (Round 1); the bowler will the lowest two game score will be credited with 5th, the bowler with the second lowest two game score will be credited with 4th. The winner of Round 1 will then bowl the 2nd place qualifier in a one game roll off (Round 2). The winner of that game will bowl the 1st place qualifier in a one game roll off (Round 3) to determine the tournament winner. Each round will be bowled on a different pair of lanes. During the roll off's, each bowler will get two warm up shots on each lane for each roll off. Pattern will be announced prior to the event and posted at the bowling center the day of the event.
   TIES: In the event of a tie within the top 5 places, or roll-off, there will be a 9th / 10th frame roll-off to determine the winner of that position. In the event of a tie for a special award, the second highest game will be used.

6. **LATE**
   A bowler arriving late shall begin play and the score to count, beginning with the frame being bowled. Frames missed shall be credited with a 0.

7. **DRESS CODE**
   Bowlers MUST wear a polo shirt, sash or butterfly collar, or mock t-shirt. Male bowlers MUST wear dress pants or dress shorts. Female bowlers may wear skirts, slacks or dress shorts. Skirts and shorts must be fingertip length when arms are down on the sides. Ordinary cotton T-shirts will not be allowed. Absolutely NO JEANS of any color or HATS of any type will be permitted.

8. **AWARDS**
   The top bowler in each division will receive a tournament trophy. The number of scholarships and the amount for each reward will be based on the number of entries in each division. Per USBC rules, high game awards may be given. To qualify for a high series award, the bowler must use the first three or the last three games bowled in regular tournament play.

9. **ENTERING AVERAGES**
   Use highest ending book average from last season, if none use current season's average with 9 games or more as of two weeks prior to the tournament. Non-verified averages will go to division A. Tournament director reserves the right to adjust a bowler's average, however, such adjustment shall be made before the entrant begins bowling. If the adjusted average is not accepted by the bowler, the entry fee shall be refunded. The 10-pin rule is in effect and is on the honor system. If the bowler's average is 10 pins higher than last year's average as of 11/14/22, the bowler must use current average.

10. **CODE OF CONDUCT/BEHAVIOR**
    Cell phones/Headphones/Air Pods: the use of electronics is prohibited during gameplay. Cell phones may only be used as a calculator after each round.
    Unsportsmanlike Behavior: this behavior will not be tolerated on the lanes or inside the tournament venue. Individuals are subject to ejection for engaging in improper tactics or conducting, including, but not limited to physical and verbal abuse toward other persons.
    Profanity: No profanity is allowed on or off the lanes.
    Alcohol: No alcohol is allowed during the competition.
    ONLY bowlers, scorekeepers and tournament officials will be allowed in the bowling area.

11. All rules are subject to change at the discretion of the tournament manager. Rules and regulations not specifically covered in the above will be in accordance with USBC tournament rules. The decisions of the director shall be final, unless an appeal is made in accordance with Rule 329.

Please contact your tournament managers for further questions or concerns.
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