

# **RE-FORMATTED TOURNAMENT TUESDAY 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](http://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](http://bowl.com) app, or purchase receipt from [bowl.com](http://bowl.com).
2. **LANE ASSIGNMENTS:** The tournament will consist of three games. The tournament director will make the lane assignments. There will be no more than six bowlers per pair of lanes.
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 6 entries.
5. **AVERAGES:** Bowlers will use their highest USBC 20-21, 19-20, 18-19 winter league averages of at least 21 games. We will also accept 20-21 book averages for non-sanctioned leagues that are held at Our Town Alley that are at least 21 games bowled. 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. Tournament management will perform its best effort to verify averages prior to the start of practice including walk-ins.
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: 10 points. 2nd Place: 7 points. 3rd Place: 5 points. 4th Place: 4 points. 5th place: 3 points. There will be 1 point awarded for participation. The entry fee for Championship Tournament is \$60 for the handicap division (required), and the optional scratch division fee is \$40.
7. **CHECK-IN:** Bowlers must check-in with the registration at least 15 minutes before the start of the squad starting time. **WALK-IN ENTRIES WILL CLOSE 15 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 are optional for bowlers who have received the full complement of COVID-19 vaccinations. If a bowler is not fully vaccinated, then the bowler must wear a mask at all times except when eating or drinking.
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](http://tournamentbowl.com) at the conclusion of the event. This process may take up to 30 minutes.