

## GREATER COEUR d'ALENE USBC ANNUAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT RULES

In the capacity of the team captain and on behalf of the team members, I hereby enter the team named on the front side of this form in the event so indicated in the tournament described herein. It is agreed that all will abide by the tournament and playing rules and regulations prescribed by the entrants whose names appear hereon or their authorized substitutes. It is also agreed that the Gr. CDA USBC, its officers or agents shall be liable only to the extent of returning entry fees if and when this team shall be prevented from bowling in this tournament through delay, unexpected yet necessary schedule changes, or premature termination of the tournament, all brought about by fire, strikes, lockouts, labor difficulties, or other causes beyond the control of the Gr. CDA USBC.

## GENERAL RULES

1. All entries for this tournament must be in accordance with all USBC rules. The tournament director's decision on all matters is final.
2. Entry into this tournament is open to USBC members of the Gr. CDA USBC. Each entrant must be a member of the Gr. CDA USBC prior to bowling in the tournament.
3. Entry fee must accompany entry. No entry money will be refunded if it is discovered that a team or individual has failed to comply with all USBC eligibility requirements.
4. The team captain must report to the tournament office at least 30 minutes prior to bowling and report their team's readiness to bowl.
5. Walk-ins will be welcome up to 60 minutes prior to squad start time.
6. It is the bowlers' responsibility to verify the accuracy of his/her average whether submitted by the bowler or others. Failure to use the proper average or make correction prior to the completion of the 1 st game of a series will disqualify the bowler's score if the average is lower than the correct average. If the submitted average is higher than the correct average, any prize winnings will be based upon the submitted average. See USBC rule 319a.
7. Any bowler whose average has been rerated per USBC rule 319 must use his/her rerated average in this tournament. The average of any entrant in this tournament is subject to adjustment if either of the following has occurred during the 12 months immediately preceding the tournament: (a) if the bowler has qualified for a prize of $\$ 600$ or more in any event of a tournament, the bowler must report all such prizes plus actual scores and position standings in accordance with USBC sanctioned tournaments Rule 319d; (b) if the bowler's average in tournaments has exceeded the bowler's league average by the amount set forth in USBC Rule 319e, the bowler must submit to the Tournament Director for adjustment in accordance with the formula in Rule 319e. Failure to comply can result in disqualification and possible suspension from membership in the United States Bowling Congress. See USBC rule book for details.
8. The Tournament Director reserves the right to adjust any entrant's average prior to bowling for reasons other than those set forth above. If the entrant refuses the adjustment the entrant's entry fee will be refunded. Entrants have the right to appeal any adjustment to USBC within 15 days of the date of bowling or prior to payment of prizes, whichever occurs first.
9. The captain of the team, or the appointed representative, has the privilege of substituting other bowlers to take the place of those originally entered, who are unable to attend the tournament as scheduled. The Tournament Director shall have the supreme power as to the substitutes that are offered by the captain or representative, and if accepted, each substitute must bowl each event under the bowler's full name and then only at the scheduled time of each event. Note: if the captain or representative requests the Tournament Director find a substitute bowler for an entrant and the Tournament Director does find a substitute, that substitute will bowl in place of the original entrant.
10. An entrant in this tournament shall not be allowed to practice on the tournament lanes once the lanes have been dressed.
11. Any player or team arriving after the game has started will be allowed to bowl, but the score will count beginning in the frame being bowled at the time. No score will be given for frames missed.
12. Protests affecting eligibility of playing rules must be filed in writing to the Tournament Director within 72 hours or before prize payments are made, whichever occurs first.
13. Errors in scoring must be reported to the Tournament Director within 24 hours.
14. First place ties in any event will be declared co-champions. Prize money for first and second place will be combined and divided equally, and duplicate awards and emblems will be given. Prizes for ties other than first place will be combined and equally divided.
15. Prize money paid into each class in each event will be returned to the winners in that class and that event only. Prizes for team, doubles and singles events will be for handicap scores.
16. The Gr. CDA USBC board of directors shall decide any questions not covered by these tournament rules or USBC rules, and shall have the power to hear and act on all protests arising from or under constriction of the rules of the tournament.
17. Participants only in the settee area.
18. The bowler's scratch score bowled during the handicap tournament will be used for scratch events.
19. The highest book average from all associations of 21 or more games from 2021-22 season will be used. If no 2021-22 average is available, the highest current average for 21 games from all associations as of 12:01 am, February $1^{\text {st }}, 2023$ will be used. If no USBC/USBC average is available, the entrant must bowl scratch.
20. Handicaps will be based upon $90 \%$ of the difference between the bowler's average and a scratch basis score of 230. (Refer to Rule 9) Handicaps will be computed on a three-game basis.
21. The scratch all events champion will be refunded an entry fee not to exceed $\$ 90$ to attend the 2023 Idaho state championship tournament. Entrance into the scratch portion of all events is not required for this award. If the scratch champion does not intend to attend the state tournament, the next all events scratch winner will receive this prize. If neither is able to attend the state tournament the prize will not be awarded.
22. Entrants may bowl on two or more teams provided no more than three of the team members bowl together on subsequent teams. Singles and doubles are separate events. Entrants may enter doubles more than once by changing partners. Entrants may only enter singles once. The 1st series bowled in each event will be used for all events.
