

123rd ANNUAL ILLINOIS STATE USBC OPEN TOURNAMENT RULES

*** RESERVED ENTRIES CLOSE FEBRUARY 2, 2020**

***RESERVATIONS MADE PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 4, 2020, MUST BE PAID
BY FEBRUARY 10, 2020, OTHERWISE YOUR SPOTS MAY BE CANCELLED***

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1. NORTH AND SOUTH SECTIONALS are separate distinct tournaments and you may bowl in one or both of these Sectionals. The prize list will be based on entries received in each sectional based on the handicap score, with a ratio of at least one prize for each six entries in the team, doubles, and singles events; and one prize for each 10 entries in the All Events. Prize letters will only be sent to team captains receiving prize checks for entrants. The complete prize list will be posted on our web site.
2. All entrants in this tournament must be members in good standing of the Illinois State USBC with a 2019-2020 USBC Certification Card. Any eligible non-member may purchase a Standard USBC Membership card. A bowler found not having a valid USBC Membership Card will forfeit all fees.
3. Handicap will be based on 90% of 220, of each bowler's highest USBC certified average for 21 or more games during the 2018-19 season, including 2019 summer leagues. A bowler with no qualifying average for the 2018-19 season will use the current USBC average for 21 or more games at the time of bowling the first event of the tournament. If not qualified via above, the bowler must bowl scratch using 220.
4. Participation in the team event only: Not more than three (3) players on the same team can place more than once in the prize list. No more than two professionals may compete in Team, only one in Doubles. (Card holder of title in regionals, national or other national event.) In regular All Events, the first team appearance score is used. Singles/Doubles must bowl in both events.
5. All events, Scratch or Handicap, are not transferable unless the substitute replaces original entrant in all three events.
6. Optional Scratch Prize List: All events based on team doubles/singles, the prize ratio will be the same as the regular prize list.
7. Substitutions are allowed if needed after entry blank is mailed. Substitutes will not be provided by the Illinois State USBC. Please arrive early so the tournament personnel can make the changes. Bowlers must bowl in order submitted on entry form.
8. Brackets optional. Available with a cap of 40 brackets per person per event team, doubles and singles.
9. A bowler that has only an "USBC Sport league average or a USBC Challenge league average" will have their average adjusted according to the USBC Sport or Challenge league adjustment chart. However, the entrant must include with the entry blank their highest certified average in a non-sport league that they bowled in the past two seasons with at least 21 games for possible re-rating.
10. Re-Rate and Reporting of \$300 or more prize money is the responsibility of each bowler that this applies to and they must send data with the entry form. Failure to comply could result in forfeit of tournament fees and prize winnings and a possible suspension.
11. Rule 319(C) will be waived.
12. Averages will be shown on the recap sheets and it will be the responsibility of each bowler to verify the average shown. Any failure to use the proper average or make corrections prior to the completion of the first game of a series, shall be cause for disqualification of the score, if the submitted average is lower than the actual average; or the prize will be based on the submitted average if it is higher as it cannot be lowered.
13. Lane dressing will be what each bowling center normally provides and in compliance with USBC rules. Lanes will be stripped and dressed for the first squad, then after the second squad each tournament day.
14. Awards: The Illinois State USBC Open Tournament provides an appropriate award to the first place winners (scratch and handicap) of each regular Sectional event. In addition, both regular tournament sectionals actual scratch All Events winner shall receive a paid entry for the 2020 USBC Masters tournament, upon their making a request. No additional awards for the optional scratch events.
15. Bowlers are not permitted to smoke while participating in the Illinois State USBC Women's Championship Tournament. This includes from the start of practice to the last ball rolled for score in each event. This also includes between doubles and singles event. Failure to comply shall result in immediate disqualification. **NO ELECTRONICS SMOKING DEVICES TO BE USED DURING TOURNAMENT COMPETITION.**
16. Bowlers need to be up and ready to bowl when it is their turn.
17. The Tournament Manager has the authority to make decisions regarding anything not covered by these rules. Important: USBC advises the IRS requires that we report prize winnings in excess of \$600. We must abide by this decision. If it appears you will receive \$600 or more, we must have your Social Security number.