

## 2013-2014 CITY TOURNAMENT RULES-OPEN DIVISION

1. Entry in this tournament is open to all members of the Lewiston-Auburn USBC Association subject to the following conditions:
  - a. Participants must be a member of the LAUSBCA and USBC in good standing.
  - b. Non USBC members may qualify for entry and receive full USBC services by paying \$9.00 for an affiliate membership card before bowling.
2. Participation:
  - a. Unlimited re-entries are allowed in the Team, Doubles and Singles events subject to the following conditions:
    1. The bowler's first appearance in each event counts toward the all-events total. (USBC Rule 315)
  - b. Re-entry in the team and doubles events will be allowed on a space available basis. The re-entry request must be submitted at least **thirty (30) minutes** before squad time.
  - c. The association, by rule, can limit the number of bowlers classified as professionals to two on a five bowler team and one on a doubles team.
    - d. A 5 person team with the same 4 players as another team or a 4 person team with the same 3 players as another team will be considered to be the same team and will only be allowed to cash once. A doubles team with the same players will be allowed to cash only once. Single re-entries will be allowed to cash only once.
3. No one may bowl in this tournament except those originally entered or such replacements who may be authorized by the tournament management.
4. All team captains must **check in** with their team members' USBC cards thirty minutes prior to squad times.
5. Entrants will use their highest certified league **average**, based on a minimum of 21 games from the previous season. Summer league averages can only be used if a bowler has no acceptable previous season average. If there is no previous year or summer league average, participants must use the highest current average based on a minimum of 21 games as of January 1, 2014.. All others must bowl scratch. Failure to use the proper average shall disqualify your scores if submitted average is lower than the actual average.
  - a. It shall be the bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their submitted average, whether submitted by the bowler, team captain or anyone else. Failure to use the proper average or to make a correction before or at the time of bowling, shall disqualify scores, if the submitted average is lower than the actual USBC average. Prize winnings will be based on the submitted average if the submitted average is higher. (USBC Rule 319a applies)
6. The **average** of a bowler may be adjusted upward before participation in any event. If the assigned average is not accepted by the bowler, the entry fee shall be returned. (USBC Rule 319c)
7. All entrants who have qualified for a prize of \$600 or more in any event or tournament within the previous 12 month period, must report their actual score, position and amounts won at the time of entry and are subject to possible re-rating. Failure to comply with this provision shall be just cause to forfeit tournament entry fees and/or prize money. It is the bowler's responsibility to report their scores in any tournament where the prize money has not been paid, but in which they have qualified for \$600 or more in any event. (USBC Rules 319d & 319e)
8. After an entry has been received, and the dates assigned by tournament management are not refused before preparation of the schedule, the entry fee cannot be refunded.(USBC Rule 314).
9. Prize fees shall be returned 100% in each event: with 50% going to handicap and 50% going to scratch.
10. Ratio of prizes shall be at least 1 in 10 in the team, doubles, and singles events, and 1 in 20 in All Events.
11. Champions will be determined on a scratch and handicap basis for Teams, Doubles, Singles, and All Events. In addition, the bowler who bowls the highest All Events score, scratch, and has paid the optional All Events fee, shall receive a paid entry for all of the events of the State Association Tournament.. This winner will also be seeded in the Bowler of the Year tournament if they have bowled a minimum of 75 games in a USBC certified LAUSBCA league. USBC awards will be awarded to all champions.
12. Any entrant qualifying for both scratch and handicap awards that are of equal monetary value, shall be awarded the scratch prize.
13. Handicap will be based on 100% of 240 with no maximum.

14. All entrants who have qualified for prize winnings in any event will not receive prize monies until averages have been verified and the prize list is made official. All prize money will be paid within 30 days of the closing date of the tournament.

15. **Late players/teams** shall begin play with the score counting beginning with the frame being bowled. (USBC Rule 322)

16. Any game, or frame within a game, that is irretrievably lost in the scoring process may be re-bowled with the approval of the tournament management, unless prohibited by rule. The decision of the tournament management shall be final, except where an appeal is made to USBC for final consideration. (USBC Rule 327c)

17. Entries should be paid for by CHECK or MONEY ORDER, payable to LAUSBCA. DO NOT SEND CASH! Entries can be mailed to the Tournament Director.

18. No more than three players will be scheduled on a lane for singles and doubles events.

19. Youth may only bowl in the Singles event, provided, prior to bowling they comply with USBC Rule 400. All entrants who have not attained the age of 18 MUST submit a Parental Consent Form prior to the start of competition.

20. Appropriate attire is required. Prohibited attire includes but is not limited to: tank tops, halter tops, bare midriffs, spaghetti strap tops, workout attire, short shorts, short skirts, bib overalls,. Men and women may wear dress shorts.

21. The entrants whose names appear hereon or their authorized replacements hereby agree that the Lewiston-Auburn USBC Association, its officers and agents shall be liable only to the extent of returning entry fees if and when these entrants shall be prevented from bowling an event in the tournament through premature termination of the tournament or cancelation of squads, which may be brought about by weather conditions, war, national emergency or emergencies or causes relating thereto or resulting there from; fires, strikes, lockouts, labor difficulties or other causes beyond the control of the Lewiston-Auburn USBC Association.

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**2013-2014 CITY TOURNAMENT RULES-WOMEN'S DIVISION**

1. The tournament will be open to women currently certified through LAUSBCA and those who certify as an affiliate member with a minimum of 21 games at the time of the tournament. Every entrant must be a member of USBC.

2. The tournament shall consist of 4 person Teams (4 women), Doubles, Singles, and All Events. Three consecutive games shall be bowled in each event and total pins shall decide the winner. The bowler's first appearance in each event counts toward the all-events total. (USBC Rule 315)

3. The tournament will be scratch and handicap. Handicap will be 100% of 240 with no limit.

4. All rules applicable to the Open Division will apply to the Women's Division except where stated in this section.

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