

## “USBC MORAL SUPPORT SANCTION” TOURNAMENT RULES

**Eligibility: Participants need not be members of the same Council or Bowling League. EACH BOWLER WILL BE REQUIRED TO PRESENT HIS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PAID UP TRAVEL CARD AT TIME OF REGISTRATION**

Participants may bowl four times in Team Event (first team score counts towards All Events) and only once in Singles and Doubles Events. A bowler may substitute in Doubles in case of emergency. Not more than two bowlers can bowl on the same team more than once.

Doubles will be scheduled three sets per pair of lanes when necessary.

### **ENTERING AVERAGE:**

- a.) USBC Rule 319 a (1): Each entrant’s average must be his highest average in any league as of May 31, 2023, based on a minimum of twenty-one (21) games.
- b.) USBC Rule 319 a (2): An entrant without a league average for the previous season must use his current highest average in any league as of March 1, 2024 based on a minimum of twenty-one (21) games, or average established in previous K of C State Tournaments. Or if an entrant’s current league average is fifteen (15) pins above his highest 2023 average, as of March 1, 2024, then he must use his current league average of twenty-one (21) games or more, or his K of C Tournament average, whichever is higher.
- c.) USBC Rule 319 b: **Entrants with no previous season’s league, or K of C Tournament average, must use an average of 165.**

USBC Rule 319 a (3): Bowlers are responsible for verifying their own average, whether submitted by the bowler, the team captain, or others. Not more than one Professional Bowlers Association member allowed per team.

USBC Rule 319 d: All bowlers must report prize winnings of over \$600.00 since the last K of C Texas State Tournament, in April of 2023. The tournament management reserves the right to re-rate any bowler’s average before the contestant bowls. No changes in averages will be accepted after the contestant has started bowling.

USBC Rule 319 c: All bowlers should be aware of this rule concerning the re-rating of a bowler’s average. Disqualification could result. Failure to use the proper average or make a correction prior to completion of the first game of a series, shall disqualify a bowler’s score if a lower average is submitted than the actual average, or cause prize winnings to be based on the submitted average if it is higher.

### **HANDICAP**

The handicap for each game of the Team Event shall be 90% of the difference between the team average and 840. Maximum handicap is 324 pins per game.

The handicap for each game of the Doubles Event shall be 90% of the difference between the two-man team average and 420. Maximum handicap is 162 pins per game.

The handicap for each game of the Singles Event shall be 90% of the difference between the individual’s average and 210. Maximum handicap is 81 pins per game.

The handicap for All Events shall be the Singles Event handicap multiplied by 9.

### **GENERAL**

**NO FLASH CAMERAS WILL BE ALLOWED DURING TOURNAMENT COMPETITION.**

Any participant who places first in All Events, but who has not paid the optional All Events entry fee, shall be eligible for the All Events Championship Award in the form of medal or trophy only.

Participants may bowl in the Team Event only. However, an entrant in the Doubles Event must also bowl the Singles Event. A bowler may enter Doubles and Singles events without bowling in Team Event.

**ANY CHANGES MUST BE MADE AT LEAST ONE (1) HOUR BEFORE THE STARTING TIME.**

Note: Additional squad times may be added if necessary. No squad will start after 1:00 pm on the final day of the tournament, April 21st, 2024. No Team Events will be scheduled on Sundays.

**Tournament shall be conducted in accordance with USBC Rules and Regulations.**