

**HOUSTON ARE POLICE – FIRE BOWLING TOURNAMENT
2009
(PLAYING RULES)**

The 2009 HAPFBT is not a sanctioned USBC Tournament. The HAPFBT will still use the USBC Playing Rules as its governing body. USBC Rule 319 (a), Ten Pin Rule, will be waived. If there are any conflict between the Houston Area Police – Fire Bowling Tournament Rules and the USBC Playing Rules, then the USBC Playing Rules shall prevail.

ELIGIBILITY

The Houston Area Police – Fire Bowling Tournament requires all competitors to meet the following basic standards, or have retired from an agency where, when employed, did meet these standards:

- 1 Primary vocation must be as a Law Enforcement Officer or Fire Fighter.
- 2 Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters must meet the standards set forth by the state or county in which they work. Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters must be certified in the state or country which they are employed. Retired Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters must have retired from full time employment from the agency from which they retired from.
- 3 Law Enforcement or Fire Fighter identification will required at the time of check-in.

GAME

Three (3) games will be bowled in each event, singles, doubles, and team. There will be a roll off to determine the top three awards in each division except for All Events. The top Fire All Events and the Top Scratch All Events will have a one (1) game roll off. In the case of a tie in any event, a continuous tenth frame will be bowled until a winner is declared.

TIMES

The 2009 Tournament will be held on April 2rd and 3rd, 2009. The tournament will start on Thursday, April 2nd, 2009 at 9:00 a.m... The starting time on April 3rd, 2009 will be at 9:30 a.m... The 2009 Tournament will be held at Emerald Bowling Center, 9307 Boone Rd., Houston, TX 77099 (281-933-6180)

TEAM / PARTNER ROSTERS

It will be the Team Captains responsibility to ensure all team members have completed an Entry Form and submitted fees. It will be the Team Captains responsibility to submit a Team Roster.

PROTESTS

Protests must be made know to the Tournament Director during the event or game in question. The protest must be made in writing immediately after the game or event is bowled. The Tournament Director shall have the final decisions concerning all protests and/or rules interpretation.

FEES

The entry fee will be \$40.00 per bowler. This includes all lineage fees. If a bowler is only bowling one event then the entry fee will be \$27.00. If a bowler is bowling two events then the fee will be \$33.00. **There will be no refund of the \$20.20 awards fee.**

PAYMENT OF FEES

All registration fees must accompany the application. Payment will be by personal check, cashier check, or money order payable to **Fred Boothe/HAPFBT**, 435-B1 FM 1092 #190, Stafford, TX 77477. ***On the day of the event only cash will be accepted.*** A tournament finical report will be available upon request five (5) weeks after the completion of the tournament.

AWARDS

Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals will be awarded for each division in each event. **Divisions may be modified depending on number of entries.**

SINGLES:	DIVISION "A" (Handicap)	DIVISION "B" (Handicap)	DIVISION "C" (Handicap)
DOUBLES:	DIVISION "A" (Handicap)	DIVISION "B" (Handicap)	DIVISION "C" (Handicap)
TEAM:	DIVISION "A" (Handicap)	DIVISION "B" (Handicap)	
ALL EVENTS:	SCRATCH	HANDICAP	

DAVID BEARDEN MEMORIAL KING OF THE HILL: The Scratch All Events Fire against the Scratch All Events Police. A plaque will be awarded for this event.

A bowler can only medal once in each event. Bowlers will only be awarded medals in the division in which they are competing in.

All proceeds, after expenses, will be donated equally to a police (Assist the Officer Foundation) and fire (Last Alarm Club) charities. No Tournament Officers shall be paid any fees for their service. There will be no free or waived entry fees for any reason.

DIVISIONS

Singles Handicap will be 90% of the difference of the competitor's average from 220. Bowlers with averages 210 or higher will receive no handicap. Doubles Event will be based on 90% of the team's difference from 440. Team Handicap will be based on 90% of the team's difference from 880.

SINGLES:	DIVISION "A" 200 AND ABOVE
	DIVISION "B" 180 TO 199
	DIVISION "C" 179 AND BELOW
DOUBLES:	DIVISION "A" 400 AND ABOVE
	DIVISION "B" 360 TO 399
	DIVISION "C" 359 AND BELOW
TEAM:	DIVISION "A" 720 AND ABOVE
	DIVISION "B" 719 AND BELOW

AVERAGES

The HAPFBT will maintain the scores and averages for the previous tournaments. If a competitor has bowled a minimum of three (3) games in a previous HAPFBT Tournament their tournament average will be used.

In the event a competitor does not have a tournament average, then their highest 2007-2008 USBC book average will be used. If a competitor bowls outside the Houston Bowling Association, then it will be the responsibility of the competitor to provide proof of their average. If a competitor does not have a tournament or book average, but has 21 or more game in a 2008-2009 USBC Sanctioned League, then it shall be the competitor's responsibility to provide a letter of proof of their current league average from the League's Secretary. If a competitor has no established average under the above guidelines, then they shall enter the tournament with a 200 average.