

Southeastern Ohio USBC Open Tournament Rules

1. This tournament is open to **any SEOHUSBC Certified bowler** who meets at least one of the following:
 - (a) Have an average with at least 21 games in a SEOH USBC certified league during 2007-2008 season.
 - (b) Have an average with at least 21 games in a SEOH USBC certified league during the current season as of 12-31-2008.
 - (c) Bowlers holding membership in the SEOHUSBC but not meeting average requirements – see rule 2.
 - (d) **Bowlers who are eligible to bowl in another association's championship tournament must have bowled 21 games in the current season in the SEOH USBC to be eligible to compete in this tournament.**
2. AVERAGE REQUIREMENTS -The highest SEOHUSBC book average of the 2007-2008 season. If no 07-08 book average, a verified current average of 21 games or more as of December 31, 2008, in a SEOHUSBC certified league must be used. If no current average, a verifiable 2008 summer average of 21 games or more, in a SEOHUSBC certified league. If none of the average requirements are met, bowlers must use 225 scratch for an average.
3. No refund of entry fees after the reserved closing date December 27, 2008. Walk in entries for the team event only will be accepted if lanes are available with an additional \$10.00 processing fee. Total fees must be paid in cash and the team must be entered one (1) hour prior to squad time.
4. Teams bowling with ineligible bowlers will be disqualified and no refund of the entry fee will be made.
5. Each entrant is responsible for assuring each average on the entry is correct. Failure to use your proper average or make the correction prior to the completion of the first game of their first series shall disqualify score, if the average is lower than their actual average. If the average is higher, prize winnings will be based on the submitted average.
6. Entry fee shall be \$18.00 per bowler, per event. **Optional fees** as follows: All Events Actual \$5.00; All Events handicap \$3.00; Doubles Actual \$10.00 per set of doubles (\$5.00 per person); Singles Actual \$5.00 per bowler; Actual Team Event \$25.00. All are optional and must be submitted along with and in addition to other regular tournament fees. **Optional events can only be entered if participant is entered in the regular tournament events.** Optional event expenses will be \$1.00 per bowler per event entered.
7. HANDICAP WILL BE 95 % OF 225. The 10-pin rule does not apply. USBC rule #319E
8. Awards will be presented to the champions of each event. If the winners are the same for both actual and handicap divisions in any one (1) event, one (1) plaque will be awarded and properly engraved. 1st place champions (only) will receive a paid banquet meal at the Association Spring Banquet. Date and time will be announced
9. Prize fee will be returned 100% cash and prizes. At least 1 out of every 8 will cash.
10. A team bowling multiple times must change at least two (2) bowlers. Team captains are responsible for a legal line-up and teams not meeting this requirement will be disqualified with no refund of the entry fee.
11. Doubles and singles may be entered twice only but you must change doubles partners. You may cash twice in the doubles but only once in the singles with your highest score. Your first appearance in each event will count toward your All Events score (handicap and/or actual). **Doubles will be bowled first.**
12. The line up is as entered on the entry form and must be followed unless a substitute is used. (NO NICKNAMES.) Subs will be in the position of the original bowler.
13. BOWLERS SHOULD BE PRESENT 30 minutes before scheduled starting time. LATE BOWLERS WILL RECEIVE A ZERO (0) FOR EACH FRAME MISSED. (No make-up frames or delays of the squad will be permitted.)
14. All USBC TOURNAMENT RULES WILL APPLY.
15. Altering the surface of a bowling ball by the use of an abrasive while bowling in certified competition is prohibited. All bowling balls so altered shall be removed from competition. PENALTY: FORFEITURE OF THE GAME AND ENTRY FEES, DISQUALIFICATION, AS WELL AS POSSIBLE SUSPENSION OF USBC MEMBERSHIP.
16. PRIZE MONEY WILL BE DISTRIBUTED FOR ALL WINNERS no more than thirty (30) days after tournament completion. Date and place be announced later. Awards for all champions will be presented at the Association Spring Banquet to be held at the Eagles on E. Main St. in Lancaster on April 11, 2009.
17. Lane assignments will be done by the tournament director.

Any protest affecting the eligibility or general playing rules must be confirmed in writing to the local association manager before prize money is distributed. Errors in scoring must be reported to the local association manager within 24 hours of bowling.

The SEOH USBC Board of Directors shall have the power to hear and act on all protests or questions and shall make decisions. The entrant whose names appear, or their authorized replacement, hereby agree the SEOH USBC, if officers and agents, shall be liable only to the extent of returning entry fees if and when entrants are prevented from bowling and event in the tournament through delay, unexpected yet necessary schedule change or premature termination of the tournament that may be brought about by war, national or local emergencies or by causes relating thereto or resulting from fires, strikes and lockouts or labor difficulties beyond the control of the SEOH USBC.