

## SOUTH SOUND USBC OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT RULES CERTIFIED BY USBC

1. This tournament shall be conducted in accordance with USBC rules governing local association tournaments in addition to rules adopted by South Sound USBC (SSUSBC)
2. Eligibility. Entrants must be a member of USBC and SSUSBC, Snohomish County, Thurston County, or Westsound USBC .
3. Multiple participation allowed. Bowlers may participate in the singles, doubles and team events as many times as they wish. USBC Rule 315 regarding multiple participation will apply.
4. Early Entry Prize Money. Team entries submitted on or before December 19, 2023 shall be eligible for "Early Entry Prize Money". The SSUSBC shall award $\$ 50.00$ first place and $\$ 25.00$ second place in each team classification. Winners will be determined by position standing on the prize list. Early Entry Prize money will be paid from the tournament expense fund.
5. Entering Average. This is a handicap tournament. Handicap is $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ of 230. Entrants will use averages in the following order:

- Highest USBC Fall average from 2022-23.
- Highest current average for 21 games as of January 1, 2024
- Highest summer league average for at least 21 games as of the end of the previous summer season.
- If no average, entrant will use 230 (scratch).
- According to USBC Rule 201c, a bowler with averages established on a standard/house condition and on Sport and/or Challenge conditions, no conversion of averages is required and the bowler would enter with the highest average.
All bowlers regardless of average must comply with the provision of USBC Rule 319d. Prize winnings from certified and non-certified tournaments, including those using a modified format of American Tenpins (example: 9pin tap), must be used in the application of this rule.
All bowlers must comply with USBC Rule 319e, if during the last 12month period preceding the tournament your accumulated average for 21 tournament games was 15 pins or higher, you must use your accumulated average.
Rule 319a, it is your responsibility to report your correct average or your scores can be disqualified. USBC Rule 319a, (Item 2) does not apply.

6. Doubles \& Singles Entries. The first time one bowls doubles and singles, it must be together and doubles will be bowled first. Entrants may request accommodation to bowl singles during another squad if unable to bowl six games consecutively. Doubles and singles will be bowled on the same pair of lanes.
7. Tie Scores. If there is a tie for any event, prize money will be combined and divided equally. If a 1 st and 2nd place tie Co-champions will be declared and duplicate awards will be presented. (USBC Rule 326a).
8. Awards. USBC Open Championship emblems and a trophy will be awarded to the Handicap Champion in each event. A trophy will be awarded to the Scratch All Events Champion for the Telli Pagni Award. The TELLI PAGNI Memorial Trophy is a perpetual trophy where the bowler's name and highest scratch All Events score will be engraved, no paid entry is required. Cost of all awards will be from the tournament expense fund. Cash prizes are awarded in the paid Handicap and Scratch All Events
9.Tardy Players. Any player or team arriving late shall begin play with the score count from the frame then being bowled. No score will be given for frames the player missed (USBC Rule 322a). No absentee or vacancy scores permitted. 10. All Events. (USBC Rule 306) When an entrant competes more than once in team, doubles or singles the first appearance in each event will count towards their All Events score. Only those participating in the prize fund are eligible to collect the All Events prize funds. Entry must be paid prior to participation in the first event.
9. Slow Bowling. The tournament officials shall not allow unreasonable delay in the progress of a game. Should any bowler or team refuse to proceed with the game after being instructed to do so by a tournament official, such game or series shall be declared forfeited (USBC Rule 11). This has no bearing on lane problems.
10. Protest. In accordance with USBC Rule 329, a protest involving eligibility or playing rules must be filed with the tournament management within 72 hours of the infraction, or prior to tournament prizes being paid, whichever occurs first.
11. Prize Money. USBC Rule 308 requires all prize fees collected in an event or division of an event to be returned 100 percent to the participants in that event or division of that event. Prize Ratio is 1 in 5 , All Events is 1 in 8.
12. Expense Fund: $\$ 1.00$ from each entry will go to support the adult All Stars.

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