

TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

1. The tournament is open to all members and their spouses in good standing of the BPOE and one sponsored guest per each eligible bowler. A paid-up Elk's membership card must be presented at time of check-in. An Associate Membership fee of \$1.00 will be paid, from expense money collected, for each non-Cheyenne Elk member participating in the tournament. (Elk members not in good standing cannot be a guest of an Elk and are not eligible to participate in any Elk function per Elk Statutes)
 - a. Only USBC members may participate in this USBC Moral Support Certified Tournament with high score / special award recognition automatically extended to them. (301a)
 - b. Non-League bowlers may bowl by paying a USBC participation fee of \$5.00, good for this tournament only with no USBC awards, or pay \$24.00 and USBC will issue an associate membership card good for the rest of the season. (Rule 300c).
 - c. Unless you are a last minute sub for another bowler you must bowl all entered events on the same weekend.
 - d. Only 2 sponsored bowlers per team.
 - e. Only 1 sponsored bowler per doubles event.
2. All bowlers will use highest 2021-2022 yearbook average. Those without 2021-2022 yearbook average will use highest average from 2020-2021 yearbook or highest current average of 21 or more games as of January 21, 2023.
 - a. It is the responsibility of each bowler to verify the accuracy of his/her own average. Failure to use proper average or not making a correction prior to the completion of the first game of bowlers' first series shall disqualify score if submitted average is lower than actual average. Winnings will be based on submitted average if it is higher. (319a3)
 - b. Male bowlers without an average as described above will use a **200** and female bowlers a **175**. (319b)
 - c. Handicap will be 90% of the difference between average and 235.
 - d. USBC Rules 319a2, (10 pins over average.) 319c, 319d & 319e regarding averages will apply and adhered to.
 - e. All prize money will be returned 100%. Singles, Doubles, Team and All Events prize money to be paid on a ratio of 1 per 10 entries.
3. **You may bowl in an event more than once only as a last minute substitute approved by the Tournament Committee.**
4. Team captains must check line-ups and report to check-in area at least 30 minutes before the squad time. Singles and Doubles entrants must report to check-in area at least 30 minutes prior to the squad time.
 - a. Tardy bowlers will receive 0 for each frame missed and can start scoring at current frame.
 - i. Tournament will not be delayed due to tardy bowlers.
5. Men may only bowl in men's division and women may only bowl in women's division to include brackets.
 - a. Bracket entry must be done prior to start of practice.
6. Scores will become official 30 minutes following the completion of each squad and obvious errors will be corrected by the Tournament Committee. Please check your own sheet before signing or turning in. (327b)
7. Dinner will be served each Saturday night at the Lodge, from 5:30 - 10:00pm. With each three events entry, Team, Singles, and Doubles, the dinner will be free. Others are invited, but will pay at the door. Guest dinner prices are as follows: Prime Rib/\$20.00, Chicken/\$15.00. **State Law requires anyone under 21 to depart the Lodge/Club area by 10 pm, please be aware of this rule.**
8. Any rule discrepancies not covered by these rules will be decided by USBC Tournament rules. Anything not covered therein will be decided by the Tournament Committee.
9. Make all checks for entry fees payable to the Elk's Bowling Tournament or Elks 660. Send entries to: Lisa Helton, Attention: Elks Bowling Tournament, 1894 Lauver Lane, Cheyenne, WY 82009.