

# IMPORTANT TO TOURNAMENT ENTRANTS

## Read carefully the Information Below

1. To participate, a bowler must be a paid up Legion Member, Auxiliary member or Sons of the American Legion, but not necessary a United State Bowling Congress member. High score recognition extended to USBC members only. Eligible non USBC members can qualify for high score recognition at their option by paying an affiliate membership fee of \$19.00 for which USBC will issue a membership card USBC 300c2. Only entrants who are USBC members before participation in the tournament are eligible for USBC awards. Tournament Committee reserves the right to reject any and all entries.
2. Team Captains must present 5 American Legion, Auxiliary, SAL current membership cards and team line-up at the registration desk half hour prior to squad time. Teams and/or individuals who fail to appear on the assigned lanes prepared to bowl at scheduled time shall be given a zero for each frame missed.
3. Handicap based on 90% of the difference between each player and the highest average and the tournament net basis of 210 pins will be allowed in each event of the tournament.
4. Entrant will use their highest average based on a minimum of 21 games for the 2008-2009 season. If current 21 game average as of January 1, 2010 is 10 or more pins above 2008-2009 average, current average must be used. If no average last year, use highest current average, 21 games or more, as of January 1, 2010. All men not having an established average will use 160 as their average. All women not having an established average will use 150 as their average. Maximum handicap for men will be 50 pins, for women 60 pins. Any bowler entering the tournament with an average of 210 or more **will receive zero (0) handicap. Minus handicaps have been eliminated as of the 2005 tournament. (All averages must be USBC certified league averages; Rule 319 a)**
5. Tournament manager may disqualify and force the removal from further participation of any bowler who in his judgment is unfit to continue bowling or who may be distracting other bowlers.
6. The Tournament Committee will draw lanes prior to the start of the tournament.
7. All entries in this tournament must be made in accordance with **USBC rules**. The tournament director reserves all rights in this tournament.
8. Individuals may complete on more than one (1) team, but at least two (2) members on team must be changed.
9. Singles event may be bowled immediately following the doubles event. Entrants are given the option of bowling doubles during a squad and bowling singles during a later squad. (Some of our entrants cannot bowl six (6) games in a row. Entrants will bowl three (3) games on one pair of lanes in each event. If doubles event is entered, you must also enter singles event. You may enter doubles and singles event more than once with different partners, however you may cash only once in singles event. A bowler must bowl all six (6) games.

10. The optional six-game combo will be total pins scored in first doubles and singles. Team event score will not be included.
11. No substitutes will be accepted for 6-game combine unless they replace entrant in all six (6) games.
12. All prize fees to be returned one hundred percent (100%) in prizes.
13. Minimum of one prize for each six teams entered.
14. Minimum of one prize for each ten entries in all other events.
15. Trophies or plaques will be awarded in all four (4) events of the tournament on the basis of scores with handicap.
16. Ties for all positions qualifying for prizes, shall equally divide the prize for all positions in which they are tied. Duplicate trophies or plaques will be awarded for the first place ties.
17. No entry money will be refunded if it is discovered that a team or individual has failed to comply with USBC and tournament rules and regulations.
18. All entries must be accomplished by **check or money order**, made out to **American Legion Post 574 Bowling Fund**.
19. **Reservations close on April 1, 2010. Entries close on April 1, 2010.**
20. Reservations will be accepted for the date on entries received prior to April 1, 2010 on a first come, first serve basis, based on 80 teams each weekend.
21. Bowlers who have qualified for a prize of \$300.00 or more in any event in a tournament within the previous twelve (12) month period must report: **Actual Score; Position and Amount Won** for the possible re-rating before any bowling. Any bowler who reports a lower average than required or who fails to report a prize of \$300.00 or more in the twelve (12) previous months shall forfeit tournament entry fees and prize winnings.
22. It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of his/her average, whether originally submitted by the bowler, their captain or others. **Failure to use proper average or make corrections prior to or at time of bowling shall disqualify score**, if submitted average is lower than actual average or base prize winnings on submitted average if it is higher. Be especially familiar with **USBC Rule 319e**, governing adjusted averages. This rule applies to **ALL** participants.
23. By direction of the Department Bowling Committee at meetings held in past years, members of the American Legion Auxiliary, The Sons of the American Legion and members of the Canadian American Legion Posts, bordering New York, are included in our annual tournament, with the understanding they must be twenty-one (21) years of age and have a valid current membership card. **Exception:** Auxiliary and/or SAL bowlers 18-21 years of age must submit letter of consent at time entry submitted, so as not to jeopardize any amateur or scholastic eligibility. Anyone under suspension from, or who has been refused membership in USBC will not be allowed to participate (Rule 301a3).