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## **TOURNAMENT RULES FOR 2017-2018 BOWLING SEASON**

**ADOPTED JULY 31, 2007 – AMENDED AUG 6, 2017**

At all Club sponsored bowling events, the Club's Board of Directors, participating in the event, will constitute the "Rules Committee" for each event. Any contradictions to the rules set forth herein shall be adjusted by the "Rules Committee".

The Dress Code specified in Sections 1 and 2, ARTICLE X of the Club's BY-LAWS is to be followed by all members participating in a Club sponsored event. They are as follows:

Any active member participating in any Club sponsored bowling event must wear the Club's Bowling Shirt and clean trousers or they will not be allowed to participate. Blue jeans, shorts are acceptable, Sweat pants, jogging or exercise pants and/or the wearing of hats for indoor events is not acceptable. Newly accepted members into the Club will be allowed a one event grace period. Should the Club be unable to furnish the Club Shirt within this time frame, the Board may extend the grace period.

**ALL TOURNAMENTS SHALL BE SANCTIONED BY THE UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS. WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS, ANY RULES NOT COVERED BY THE CLUB'S TOURNAMENT RULES SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE 2006-2007 UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS RULES. ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE A CURRENT USBC CARD OR MAKE APPLICATION, WITH PAYMENT, PRIOR TO BEING ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY TOURNAMENT.**

1. USBC Rule 312a does not apply. Pre-paid reservations are to be received by the Club Secretary no later than 6:00 PM on the Thursday preceding the Sunday Tournament. Bowlers are to refer to their membership cards and Club News letters for dates of tournaments.
2. USBC Rule 319a does not apply. In its place the following shall be used:
  - A. Bowlers shall use their previous year's Metro East Men's 700 Bowling Club's tournament average from the Club's schedule of events for determining the amount of handicap they are to receive in their first tournament of the Club's new schedule. The tournament average must have been established by bowling in a minimum of 3 tournaments during the previous year. After a bowler has completed 3 tournaments in the new year, the new tournament average will be used to determine their handicap. The Club's Secretary shall

maintain the necessary records to validate a bowler's Tournament Average.

- B. Bowlers without a TOURNAMENT AVERAGE from the previous year shall use the highest USBC Book average from the preceding year (with 21 or more games) for purposes of determining the amount of handicap until a bowler attains a TOURNAMENT AVERAGE. Bowlers without a previous year USBC book average may use a verifiable current USBC league average of 21 games or more until the bowler attains a TOURNAMENT AVERAGE, then the tournament average will be used.
  
  - C. A TOURNAMENT AVERAGE shall be established in the following manner. The first three tournaments a member bowls in shall be used to establish a tournament average. Bowling two shifts in a Doubles or 3 Man Team tournaments does not satisfy the requirement for bowling in three tournaments. Three separate tournaments must be bowled to establish Tournament Average. If a member bowls in more than one shift of a tournament, ALL scores of the shift will be used for purposes of calculating the Tournament Average.
3. USBC Rule 319b is amended to read . . . .If a bowler does not have a Tournament Average or verifiable USBC Book Average for the previous year, the previous highest verifiable average may be used. Absent this provision, the bowler must bowl scratch.
  4. USBC Rule 319c applies. Bowler's averages may be re-rated.
  5. Bowlers entering a tournament without a tournament average and desiring to use their highest average based upon a SPORT BOWLING LEAGUE AVERAGE will have their averages re-rated in accordance with RULE 205.
  6. USBC Rules 319d and 319e are waived.
  7. For all Club handicap bowling events, the handicap for the Regular Schedule will be based upon 75% percent of the difference in average and 225. For Senior Events the handicap will be based upon 75% percent of the difference in average and 225, plus a handicap of one (1) pin per game for each year over 55 as long as the Senior Bowler does not have a Final 700 Club Tournament Average or USBC Sanctioned League average over 225 from the previous year. The amount of handicap is limited to 41 pins per game for each division except for the extra handicap pins provided to Senior bowlers over the age of 55. Otherwise, bowlers may not use lower than a 190 average for the Regular Schedule and 170 for the Seniors Division. A bowlers average can not drop more than 10 pins from tournament to tournament during the bowling seasons.
  8. A bowler must be present and ready to bowl at the appointed starting times for each tournament. Once all bowlers on the pair of lanes have completed their first frame

of bowling, a late bowler may not start the game or participate in the tournament. Late Bowlers who have pre-paid their entry fees and are late for the first shift may bowl the second shift or forfeit their entry fee.

9. A bowler cashing in any portion of a tournament may be required to show proof of a current USBC membership.

### **SINGLES EVENTS**

These events will be a 5 game sweeper with the highest total handicap scores determining the winner(s). Upon completion of each game bowlers will move a designated pair of lanes to their right.

**FEES:** The entry fee will be \$40.00 per bowler if RESERVED IN ADVANCE. Reservations must be pre-paid and in the Secretary's hands no later than the Thursday before the Sunday of the event. Walk-in entry fees on the day of the tournament are \$45.00 per bowler if available.

\$9.00 for bowling  
\$3.00 for Bowler of the Year Ring and year End Tournament  
\$1.00 for Club Expenses  
\$2.00 for Club's College Scholarship Fund  
\$25.00 for Prize Fund

**PRIZE FUND:** A minimum of one prize per four entries with all prize money returned to the bowlers at the completion of the event.

**SHIFTS:** There will be one shifts for each Singles Event. The starting times will be 9:30 AM . Entries for the first shift will be limited to 6 bowlers per pair of lanes. The Secretary shall have the discretion to allow more than 6 bowlers on a pair of lanes.

**MULTIPLE ENTRIES** will be allowed on a space available basis. Priority will be given to bowlers who have not had an opportunity to participate before allowing multiple entries. If there are more entries (multiple) than space available, a blind draw will be held for the multiple entrants. .

**CASHING** is limited to one (1) prize per bowler.

**POINTS** for the Bowler of the Year Award will be awarded to the top 30 handicap scores for the tournament with all other entries receiving one (1) point. For multiple entries, the highest total handicap score for the day or event will be used. No additional points will be allotted for multiple entries.

### ***DOUBLES EVENT***

This event will be a 5 game handicap event with the highest total handicap scores determining the winning team(s). Upon completion of each game, bowlers will move a designated pair of lanes to their right.

***FEES*** shall be the same as those listed under the Singles Event.

***PRIZE FUND:*** A minimum of one prize per four entries with all prize money returned to the bowlers at the completion of the event.

***SHIFTS:*** There will be two shifts for the Doubles Event. The starting times will be 9:30 AM and 1:00 PM with check-in one half hour prior to the start of the shift.

***MULTIPLE ENTRIES*** will be allowed on a space available basis. Priority will be given to bowlers who have not had an opportunity to participate before allowing multiple entries. If there are more entries (multiple) than space available, a blind draw will be held for the multiple entrants. *Should there be less than 5 doubles teams registered for the second shift, the second shift may be cancelled at the discretion of the "Rules Committee".*

***CASHING:*** A bowler may cash with the same partner only once.

***POINTS*** for the Bowler of the Year Award will be determined as though the tournament were a Singles Event. Each bowler will compete on an individual basis for points. Points will be awarded as outlined in the Singles Event.

### ***THREE MAN TEAM EVENT***

This Event will be a 5 game handicap event with the highest total handicap scores determining the winning teams). Upon completion of each game, the team will move a designated pair of lanes to their right.

***FEES*** shall be same as those listed under the Singles Event.

***PRIZE FUND:*** A minimum of one prize per four entries with all prize money returned to the bowlers at the completion of the event.

**MULTIPLE ENTRIES** will be allowed on a space available basis. Priority will be given to bowlers who have not had an opportunity to participate before allowing multiple entries. If there are more entries (multiple) than space available, a blind draw will be held for the multiple entrants. *Should there be less than 5 teams registered for the second shift, the second shift may be cancelled at the discretion of the "Rules Committee".*

**CASHING:** A bowler may cash more than once but not with the same two team members. One member of the team must be switched in order for a bowler to cash more than once.

**POINTS** for the Bowler of the Year will be determined as though the tournament were a Singles Event. Each bowler will compete on an individual basis for points. Points will be awarded as outlined in the Singles Event.

### **SUPER BOWL EVENT**

The top 24 average girl and boy bowlers from the Southern Illinois High School Bowling Program will be invited to bowl in a three member team event with a selected member from the Metro East Men's 700 Bowling Club and/or an invited celebrity bowler. The event will be a five game sweeper with the highest total handicap score for the team determining the winner(s). Upon completion of each game, teams will move a designated pair of lane to their right.

1. A minimum of 20 Metro East Men's 700 Club members will participate in the event with the selected members being the bowlers with the Club's highest tournament average before the date of the scheduled event. Four dignitaries may be invited to participate. As a minimum, to qualify for this event, the 700 Club members must have participated in at least 5 tournaments.
2. The Southern Illinois Bowling Conference will send a letter on behalf of the Metro East 700 Club making the necessary arrangements for the top 24 boys and girls to participate.
3. Composition of the teams will consist of one high school girl bowler, one high school boy bowler and one 700 Club member or dignitary bowler. Members of each team will be determined by a blind draw prior to the start of the event.
4. Handicap will be based upon 75 percent of the difference in the team average from 700. High School Bowlers will use their average gained through participation in the High School Bowling Program, the 700 Club members shall use their tournament average and a dignitary shall use their highest verifiable average.
5. FEES: There will be no charge to the students for participation in this event. The 700 Club members will pay \$40.00 per bowler.

6. **SCHOLARSHIPS:** The Metro East Men's 700 Bowling Club will provide \$2300 in scholarships to the winning team(s) student members. Each boy and girl in the top six places will receive scholarships as follows: First \$400, second \$200, third \$175, fourth \$150, fifth \$125 and sixth place \$100 each. The Metro East Men's 700 Club shall maintain a separate bank account for the scholarship funds and distribute the monies to the college or other acceptable school of higher learning within 10 days after receiving notice that the student is registered at an accredited school. Should a student withdraw from the school after the scholarship has been awarded, any refunds due are to be returned to the Metro East Men's 700 Bowling Club.

### ***SCRATCH SIDE POTS AND BRACKETS***

Voluntary Scratch Side Pots and Brackets will be set up for each of the Club's regularly schedule tournaments.

### ***BRACKETS***

**SINGLES EVENTS:** Entry Fee is \$3 per bracket. Pay out for the 8 bowlers per bracket is \$15 for 1st, \$6 for 2<sup>nd</sup>. The remaining \$3 will be used by the Metro East 700 Club to provide scholarships for the high school bowling program.

**DOUBLES EVENTS:** Entry Fee is \$20 per team. Pay out ratio to be the same as for the Singles Event.

**THREE MAN TEAM:** Entry Fee is \$30 per team. Pay out ratio to be the same as for the Singles Event.

**NOTE:** During a Doubles or Three Man Team Event, \$3 Singles Brackets will also be offered to bowlers.

### ***SCRATCH HIGH GAME/300 GAME POT***

Entry Fee is \$5 with \$4 going into the High Game pot and \$1 going into the 300 game pots. A bowler must be entered into the High Game Pot to be able to cash in the 300 game pot. The 300 game Pot is a roll over pot and will be awarded on a Tournament basis. Multiple 300 games shot during a Tournament will share equally in the pot. The amount to be awarded stops with the shift in which the last 300 games are rolled. Additional funds taken in after that shift will be used to establish a new 300 game pot. Payouts will be based on a 1 to 4 ratio.

### ***HIGH SERIES SIDE POT***

Entry fee is \$10 per bowler with total scratch score for the series determining the winner(s). The series scratch side pot will be run each shift with payouts based on a 1 to 4 ratio.

### ***DOUBLES EVENT AND 3 MAN TEAM EVENTS***

Entry fee is \$10 per bowler with format being the same as the high series side pot.

### ***SENIORS DIVISION***

\$15.50	Prize Fund
\$ 5.00	Bowling Fees
\$ 5.00	High Game Pot
\$ 2.50	Expenses
\$2.00	Club Scholarship Fund
\$30.00	Total Entry Fee

The Senior Division will bowl the same schedule of events as the Regular Division except the Seniors Events will only be 3 games. All events will be Single Events. All other rules listed for the regular Division apply to the Seniors Division with the following additions/deletions or modifications.

1. Open to men bowlers who will be 55 years of age and older during the bowling season, a member of the Metro East Men's 700 Club and current member of the United States Bowling Congress, USBC.
2. Handicap is 75% of difference in average from 225. Maximum handicap is 41 pins per game. Seniors will receive an additional One (1) pin per game handicap for each year of age over 55 as long as their previous years USBC League average or club tournament average is not over 225.
3. Senior may enter the regular schedule division brackets starting in game one of brackets.
4. The \$30 entry fee includes entry into a high game scratch side pot restricted to the seniors division only.
5. A point system will be set up for a Bowler of the Year Award similar to the Regular Division Bowler of the Year. A top 24-point system will be used for place of finish. If

Less than 24 bowlers participate in an event, the points will awarded to the bowlers where they finish in the TOP 24 points system. For example if there were 30 entries, 24<sup>th</sup> place would receive 4 points, but if only 18 bowlers participate in any event, 18<sup>th</sup> place will receive 10 points.

6. Senior Bowlers who have participated in 6 of the Club's scheduled events are eligible to participate in the \$1000 Year End Tournament by paying the tournament's \$40 Entry Fee. Their tournament average will be used to calculate handicap, but they will not receive the additional handicap for each year of age over 55 and they will be required to use no lower than 190 average for purposes of handicap.
7. The Senior Bowler with the highest point total will receive a plaque and a bowling jacket signifying him as the Club's Senior Bowler of the Year.

#### **POINTS FOR BOWLER OF THE YEAR-REGULAR SCHEDULE**

Points for placing in the TOP 30 positions of a Regular Singles Event shall be awarded in the following manner:

1 <sup>st</sup> 50	11 <sup>th</sup> 23	21 <sup>st</sup> 13
2 <sup>nd</sup> 45	12 <sup>th</sup> 22	22 <sup>nd</sup> 12
3 <sup>rd</sup> 40	13 <sup>th</sup> 21	23 <sup>rd</sup> 11
4 <sup>th</sup> 35	14 <sup>th</sup> 20	24 <sup>th</sup> 10
5 <sup>th</sup> 31	15 <sup>th</sup> 19	25 <sup>th</sup> 9
6 <sup>th</sup> 28	16 <sup>th</sup> 18	26 <sup>th</sup> 8
7 <sup>th</sup> 27	17 <sup>th</sup> 17	27 <sup>th</sup> 7
8 <sup>th</sup> 26	18 <sup>th</sup> 16	28 <sup>th</sup> 6
9 <sup>th</sup> 25	19 <sup>th</sup> 15	29 <sup>th</sup> 5
10 <sup>th</sup> 24	20 <sup>th</sup> 14	30 <sup>th</sup> 4

All other bowlers *NOT* finishing in the TOP 30 will receive one (1) point. No extra points will be given for bowling more than one shift in a tournament.

#### **SENIORS DIVISION**

Points for placing in the Top 24 positions of a Seniors Singles Event shall be awarded in the following manner:

1 <sup>st</sup> 40	13 <sup>th</sup> 15
2 <sup>nd</sup> 35	14 <sup>th</sup> 14
3 <sup>rd</sup> 30	15 <sup>th</sup> 13
4 <sup>th</sup> 25	16 <sup>th</sup> 12
5 <sup>th</sup> 23	17 <sup>th</sup> 11

6 <sup>th</sup>	22	18 <sup>th</sup>	10
7 <sup>th</sup>	21	19 <sup>th</sup>	9
8 <sup>th</sup>	20	20 <sup>th</sup>	8
9 <sup>th</sup>	19	21 <sup>st</sup>	7
10 <sup>th</sup>	18	22 <sup>nd</sup>	6
11 <sup>th</sup>	17	23 <sup>rd</sup>	5
12 <sup>th</sup>	16	24 <sup>th</sup>	4

All other bowlers *NOT* finishing in the TOP 24 will receive on (1) point. No extra points will be given for bowling more than one shift in a tournament.

#### YEAR END TOURNAMENT

In order to qualify for the Club's Year End Tournament a bowler *MUST* bowl in 50% Or more of the Club's scheduled events were points or awarded.

#### TOP 30 FINISHERS

Bowlers who finish in the TOP 30 points will receive prizes in the following manner:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Club's Ring	11 <sup>th</sup>	\$39	21 <sup>st</sup>	\$29
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$150	12 <sup>th</sup>	38	22 <sup>nd</sup>	28
3 <sup>rd</sup>	125	13 <sup>th</sup>	37	23 <sup>rd</sup>	27
4 <sup>th</sup>	100	14 <sup>th</sup>	36	24 <sup>th</sup>	26
5 <sup>th</sup>	75	15 <sup>th</sup>	35	25 <sup>th</sup>	25
6 <sup>th</sup>	65	16 <sup>th</sup>	34	26 <sup>th</sup>	24
7 <sup>th</sup>	55	17 <sup>th</sup>	33	27 <sup>th</sup>	23
8 <sup>th</sup>	45	18 <sup>th</sup>	32	28 <sup>th</sup>	22
9 <sup>th</sup>	42	19 <sup>th</sup>	31	29 <sup>th</sup>	21
10 <sup>th</sup>	40	20 <sup>th</sup>	30	30 <sup>th</sup>	20

