

MORRIS COUNTY NJ USBC ASSOCIATION 87th ANNUAL OPEN TOURNAMENT

April 14, 20-21
BOONTON LANES

TOURNAMENT RULES

1. All USBC rules will prevail during this tournament.

2. ELIGIBILITY

This tournament is restricted to members of the Morris County NJ USBC Association who possess a 2023-2024 USBC sanction card issued to them **by the Morris County NJ USBC Association prior to March 17, 2024**

3. **AVERAGES** – Must be established in leagues sanctioned by the MCNJUSBC and shall be used in the following order: **A.**

Highest **2022-2023 MCNJUSBC Winter League Average** for 21 Games or more (USBC Rule 319a1).

B. If no 2022-2023 Winter League Average, bowlers will use their highest **2023 MCNJUSBC Summer League Average** for 21 Games or more (USBC Rule 319a1).

C. If no average from last year (Winter or Summer), bowlers will use their highest current MCNJUSBC Average this year, for 21 games or more as of April 1, 2024

D. If none of the above, bowler may enter at a 220 average.

E. Sport League Averages will be adjusted per USBC Rule 201.

F. Composite Averages will be waived throughout this Tournament (USBC Rule 319a1b).

The 10 Pin Rule (USBC Rule 319a2) Is Waived for This Tournament.

4. PARTICIPATION – TEAM EVENT

A bowler may bowl in The Team Event as often as desired with no limitations except as noted below:

A. In order to place more than once in the prize list for position standings:

Four player team event, at least two players in the lineup must be different. (USBC Rule 315b1)

B. When a bowler is a member of two or more teams entered in this tournament, the first score shall count towards the ALL EVENTS SCORE (USBC Rule 315d.)

5. PARTICIPATION – SINGLES and DOUBLES

A. An individual **may bowl twice** in the Singles/Doubles event of this tournament (see 5E below).

B. Bowlers must bowl BOTH Singles and Doubles (USBC Rule 303 and 315).

C. When a bowler is a member of two Singles/Doubles entries, the first score shall count towards the ALL EVENTS SCORE (USBC Rule 315d).

D. A bowler participating twice in Doubles (with a different partner) may cash twice (once with each partner) in both the Handicap and Scratch Divisions.

E. A bowler entered twice in the Singles Event may cash only once in each of the Singles Handicap and Singles Scratch Divisions based on the highest score bowled (USBC Rule 315c).

6. **SUBSTITUTES** - May be used when necessary, providing such substitutes meet all the rules of eligibility. See Rule 2 above.

Sub change forms must be completed a minimum of 30 minutes prior to bowling. A substitute may pay for All Events providing the bowler they are replacing has **not already** bowled in **any** of the events of the Tournament

A. No more than two (2) substitutes will be allowed in a team event and no more than one (1) substitute on a doubles team after entry has been accepted (USBC Rule 303.)

B. Once a substitute has started any game of an event, he/she must complete the remaining games of the event. Events are identified as Teams (3 games), Singles and Doubles (6 games).

C. Any bowler substituting for another bowler in the paid All Events must sign a form indicating the change is prior to bowling of **either bowler** in any event in the tournament. Forms may be obtained from the Tournament Director prior to the time of bowling (USBC Rule 306c).

D. An **injured** bowler may be replaced during any event (USBC Rule 324b).

7. **ALL EVENTS** - shall be conducted in three divisions on a NET SCORE basis ONLY as follows:

Class A - Entrants with an average of 210 or higher;

Class B - Entrants with an average of 181 – 209;

Class C - Entrants with an average of 180 or lower;

Pay All Events Fee on the team event entry form by indicating yes in the last column next to your name.

- A. Participation in the All Events prize list is optional (USBC Rule 306).
- B. Only bowlers entered and paid in the All Events fund may collect from this fund.
- C. Non-participants who score high in their class in any of the three divisions will receive the trophy and official title only, no cash prizes (USBC Rule 306d).
- D. All Events participants ***must be pre-paid*** by tournament closing date (April 1, 2024 (USBC Rule 306b)).

8. PRIZES AND HANDICAPS

- A. Prize fees in the Team, Singles and Doubles Events shall be apportioned 60% for gross score and 40% for net score prizes. All bowlers shall be entitled to place and cash on both prize lists.
- B. Handicaps shall be on a per game basis and shall be 100% of the difference between the scratch basis and the total entering MCNJUSBC averages for each event in accordance with the following table:

Event Scratch	Maximum Handicap	
Team	1000	No Maximum
Singles	250	No Maximum
Doubles	500	No Maximum
All Events	Net Score Only	Scratch

- D. In the event of a tie for first place in any division (USBC Rule 326a and 326b) will apply.

TOURNAMENT BOWLERS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPEN BOWL AT TOURNAMENT SITE ON THE DAY OF THEIR TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION.

CAUTION – CAREFULLY READ RULE 9. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH PROVISIONS OF RULE 9 SHALL CAUSE ENTRY TO FORFEIT TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES AND PRIZE WINNINGS.

9. ENTRANT’S RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. It is the responsibility of the bowler to verify the accuracy of their MCNJUSBC average reported for use in this tournament. Failure to use correct MCNJUSBC average or failure to make a correction prior to completion of the first game shall disqualify their scores from all prizes if their submitted MCNJUSBC average is lower than their actual average. Prize winnings shall be based on submitted MCNJUSBC average if it is higher than their actual average (USBC Rule 319a3). **NO CORRECTION OF MCNJUSBC AVERAGE WILL BE MADE AFTER THEIR FIRST GAME (USBC Rule 319a4), UNLESS APPROVED BY TOURNAMEN DIRECTOR.**
- B. (USBC Rule 319d), concerning merchandise and/or cash tournament prize winnings of \$300.00 or more, is waived for this tournament.
- C. Bowlers must be familiar with USBC Average Adjustment (rerating) Rule 319c.

10. LANE ASSIGNMENT – Lanes will be pre-assigned by the tournament director. A maximum of **ONE (1) lane** courtesy each side per bowler while bowling (USBC Rule 303).

11. After entries have been received, if dates assigned by the Tournament Director are not refused by the team or individual entrant prior to the preparation of the schedule, no fees shall be refunded (USBC Rule 314).

12. Tournament Director reserves all rights (USBC Rule 303).

13. If lane breakdown should occur, Tournament Director decision will prevail (USBC Rule 303)

14. If a bowler wins \$600.00 or more in tournament(s) within a calendar year (January 1 to December 31) they must be issued a 1099 misc. tax form. In order for our Association to comply, the bowler must submit their Social Security Number when requested.

Awards to Champions Will Be Presented at SITE&DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED