

GENERAL TOURNAMENT RULES

1. This tournament is certified by the USBC and shall abide by all tournament rules and regulations of the United States Bowling Congress. Current USBC membership or proof of membership must be presented at the check-in desk for all entrants.
2. The Association Manager will assign lanes for all entries.
3. All non youth members of the First Coast Bowling Congress are eligible to enter. Non-members living within the jurisdiction of this Association and who are not affiliated with another Association may enter by paying an unattached membership fee of \$23.00.
4. Cash prizes shall be awarded on a handicap basis, except those events listed as scratch events. There will be one prize for each 10 entries, or major fraction thereof, in each event of the tournament. Prize money will be returned 100%. In case of ties for first place, CO-CHAMPIONS will be declared, and cash prizes for the affected positions shall be combined and evenly divided. In all other cases, the prize money will be combined and evenly divided.
5. No entry fee shall be refunded after the schedule has been accepted and posted. Acts of God and situations beyond the control of the tournament committee excepted.
6. Tardy bowlers will start in the frame being bowled with a zero (0) given for each frame missed. Pacers will not be permitted.
7. Protests concerning eligibility or general playing rules shall be made in writing to the tournament director or an Association Officer within 24 hours after completion of that squad. The decision of the Tournament Director shall be final unless an appeal is made in accordance with USBC rule 329.
8. PARENTAL CONSENT: Unmarried Grade or High School students under the age of 18 must have written consent of parent or legal guardian to bowl in this tournament. Consent forms must accompany bowler, unless parent accompanies bowler; in which case parental consent form must be filled out before the student bowls.
9. **USBC Rule 319A, B, C and D is in effect for this tournament.** Misrepresentation will result in Disqualification.
10. Only one re-rack per game allowed per bowler.
11. Single and Doubles event will be bowled on the same pair of lanes. You must bowl in both Singles and Doubles. Doubles will be rolled first.
12. Entries received after deadline will be considered a re-entry/walk-in.
13. There is an optional scratch event in the Open Tournament for \$5.00 per person per event and will pay 1 out of 10 entries.
14. Only bowlers, officials, and scorekeepers will be allowed in the bowling circle.
15. Extremely boisterous and disruptive behavior shall provide the basis for disqualifying an individual from continued participation in the tournament and removal from the bowling center.

TEAM, DOUBLES, & SINGLES INSTRUCTIONS AND RULES

Check in for all events will be at least 30 minutes prior to scheduled bowling time. All substitutions must be made 30 minutes prior to scheduled bowling times. When more than two players bowl together more than once, the team on which they compete is eligible for only one position prize. You may only cash once with the same partner in doubles and only once in the singles event. **When bowlers compete more than once in any event, the first score bowled in the event shall count towards the ALL EVENTS score.** Re-entries will be accepted at tournament site, providing lanes are available.

AVERAGE RULES

1. Average on which to base handicap shall be the highest listed 2018-2019 yearbook average . If bowler does have a legal 21 game yearbook average, a bowler's current season average in the FCUSBC, minimum 21 games as of January 1, 2020, may be used. A bowler with no 2018-19 yearbook or current FCUSBC average, may use a FCUSBC 2019 summer league average (minimum 21 games); providing such average is on file at the FCUSBC Association office.
2. An FCUSBC Youth affiliated Association yearbook average for 2018-19 will be accepted as verified average for a bowler who is currently a member of the First Coast USBC.
3. Bowlers who have **just moved** to this area and have not established a First Coast USBC average may use a verified average from their previous Association, providing it was established in the immediate preceding season yearbook with 21 or more games bowled.
4. **THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE ANY OF THE ABOVE AVERAGES MUST BOWL SCRATCH.**

**** SQUADS WILL START AT TIME STATED, WARM UP WILL START 10 MINUTES BEFORE SQUAD TIME ****