

## Preamble to Tournament Rules

The following is an explanation of each section of the entry fee:

**Bowling Fee:** The dollar amount paid the bowling center for each game bowled;

**Tournament Manager's Salary:** The salary shall be seventy cents (\$.70) for each event bowled excluding all-events;(an event consists of three games bowled)

**Monitor's Salary:** The dollar amount paid to monitors shall not exceed twenty-five cents (\$.25) for each event bowled excluding all-events. Any salaried position may not receive compensation, in any form, for lane monitoring. ;(an event consists of three games bowled)

**Scholarship Fund:** The dollar amount of ten cents (\$.10) from each entry is to be donated to the Joseph C. Mizda Scholarship Fund.

**Prize Fund:** The dollar amount collected from each entry will be designated to the prize fund, all of which is to be returned to the bowlers;

**Expense Fee:** The dollar amount used to cover the expenses of the tournament. This money is to cover all awards, necessary phone calls, postage, computer paper, discs and any other legitimate tournament expenses. Receipts for all expenditures are required for auditing purposes. These are the only items to be paid out of the expense fund. If the tournament manager wishes to hire any assistants, he/she must pay for them from his/her salary, not the expense fund. The state association president must approve any other unusual expenses.

<b>Article I      OBJECTIVE</b>
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The Maine State USBC Board of Directors shall be responsible for conducting an annual Open, Women's, Youth and Pepsi tournament, establishing its rules, and selecting the tournament site. These tournaments are a function of the MSUSBC; local associations are allowed to host the tournament in order to showcase their home lanes and area. These tournaments are to support the MSUSBC and, therefore, must be controlled by it.

a) This document shall establish the criteria for such a tournament and may be modified by a majority vote of the board of directors at any meeting of the board.

<b>Article II      TOURNAMENT MANAGER</b>
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The manager will be from the host association, approved by the MSUSBC Association Manager, whose duties shall be:

- a) Receive, collect, and be responsible for all tournament entry fees and shall deposit such fees in an accredited financial institution;
- b) To keep a financial record of all monies received and disbursed and shall file a copy of such record with the MSUSBC Association Manager for the state records;

- c) To file all appropriate forms after the completion of the tournament to the MSUSBC Association Manager;
- d) To prepare and post a prize list prior to the start of the tournament in accordance with USBC® rules;
- e) To prepare and post a complete schedule prior to the start of the tournament. Complete schedules will be forwarded to all bowling centers and association managers;
- f) To send an unofficial top five (5) leader listing in each category to all local association managers after each week of bowling;
- g) To be responsible for the preparation of all materials necessary to conduct the annual tournament and shall be authorized to purchase any supplies or items as required for official tournament use;
- h) To be paid seventy cents (\$.70) per each event bowled excluding all-events entry, from the general account, upon completion of payment of the tournament prize list and all paperwork to the MSUSBC® Association Manager;
- i) Monitor's salary shall not exceed twenty-five cents (\$.25) per event bowled excluding all-events and shall be paid out of expense monies;
- j) To dedicate ten cents (\$.10) per entry to the Joseph C. Mizda Scholarship Fund;
- k) Lane assignment is at the discretion of the tournament manager and may be assigned prior to the starting date of the tournament;
- l) All cash prizes shall come from the tournament prize fund;
- m) In the event there is a balance in the tournament account after payment of all expenses, said balance, will go into the general account; and
- n) All USBC® rules shall apply unless specifically stated in the tournament rules.
- o) Failure to comply with all the duties prescribed above may result in a 10 % reduction of the total Tournament manager's salary for each infraction. Infractions will be determined by a 2/3 vote of the board. Fines assessed will be applied toward the Joseph C. Mizda Scholarship Fund.

<b>Article III    <i>EVENTS TO BE HELD</i></b>
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The Open tournament shall consist of five-player, two-player, and an individual contest. An All-Events champion will be declared. The Women's tournament shall consist of four-player, two-player and an individual contest. An All-Events champion will be declared.

- a) **Tournament Class:** The tournaments shall be a scratch and handicap event, including all-events, with equal prize distribution;
- b) Ratio of prizes shall be at least 1 for 10 in the team, doubles, and singles events, and 1 for 20 in the all-events;
- c) The tournament committee shall acknowledge and post all entries to the tournament in the order received. They may change such schedule when it is in the best interest of the tournament or bowlers to do so, with proper notification to the entrant; and
- d) Choice of times and dates shall be given until fifteen (15) days before the closing date; bowlers traveling the greatest distance will be given first choice. Board members and delegates attending the annual meeting during the Open tournament shall be given priority for that weekend until fifteen (15) days before the closing date. All other entries shall be on a first come basis.

<b>Article IV    <i>PARTICIPATION</i></b>
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- a) No **re-entry** is allowed.
- b) Multiple entries into the *team* and *doubles* events will be at the discretion of the tournament manager, but entrants may not bowl more than once with the same doubles partner. Five player teams may not have more than three (3) of the same members (unlimited cashing) and subject to Article IV(c) and (d). Four player teams may not have more than two (2) of the same members (unlimited cashing) and subject to Article IV(c) and (d).
- c) When a bowler competes more than once, the first appearance in each event shall count towards that bowler's all-event score;
- d) No more than four (4) bowlers can be scheduled on a lane for the doubles and/or singles event;
- e) Handicap: 100% of 240 with no maximum and based on a three-game series;
- f) Entrants must use their highest MSUSBC® average from the previous year based on 21 games unless their current MSUSBC® sanctioned average as of January 1 is ten (10) pins or more higher than the previous year's entering MSUSBC® average. USBC Rule 319a will apply. Entrants who do not have a minimum of 21 games must bowl scratch;
- g) Teams or individuals may cash only once in each event. Any entrants qualifying for both handicap and scratch awards will be awarded the greater prize, unless the prizes are of equal value, upon which the entrant shall be awarded the scratch prize;

- h) State champions shall be recognized with USBC® awards. In the event of a first place tie for All-Events Scratch, the determining tiebreaker shall be the individual bowlers highest three-game series rolled that counted towards his all-events score. In the event that the individuals involved have recorded the same three-game series total, then the highest single game rolled (that counted towards the all-events score) would be used. Should the single games be the same, and then National tournament rules would apply.
- i) The bowlers who place first in all-events are entitled to USBC awards, excluding cash awards, regardless of whether they have paid the optional fee. The all-events scratch, or second place, winner will receive a paid entry to the next USBC Masters®/Queens tournament, will be given a bowling shirt and will receive \$100 for expenses with the provision that he/she will participate. If neither can participate in the USBC Masters/Queens tournament, then the scratch winner will receive a paid entry into the next year's Maine State Open/Women's tournament in lieu of the Masters/Queens payment;
- j) Prize fees shall be returned 100% in each event. The prize fees shall be divided 50% to scratch and 50% to handicap. The cost of all awards and shall come from the tournament expense fee only;
- k) All games, in an event, shall be bowled on one pair of lanes. Every attempt will be made to avoid bowling consecutive events on the same pair of lanes.
- l) The tournament manager shall verify the entering averages of all winners prior to awarding any prizes; and
- m) Dress Code and Suitable attire:

Men and women participants may wear any of the following: Casual slacks, trousers or jeans (in good condition); Capri pants (below the knee); shorts/culottes (knee length); shirts with a butterfly-type collar, mock collared or collarless dress shirts; appropriately designed Team-sponsored T-shirts. Ordinary T-shirts will not be permitted. Hats or headwear of any type will be allowed only for medical reasons.

The dress code will be enforced by designated tournament staff members. They will make judgment calls relative to dress code questions or concerns, while any questionable items or special circumstances will be addressed by the Manager on Duty.

<b>Article V      <i>REPLACEMENTS</i></b>
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A team captain may make a replacement in the team according to USBC Rule 305. If a duly entered and scheduled entrant is unable to bowl when scheduled in the two-player and individual events and will sign a replacement affidavit, a person qualified to bowl in the event may be used to take that entrants place. Such affidavit must be presented at the office of the tournament manager at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the time the entrant is scheduled to bowl.

- a) If a replacement request is made too late to secure the affidavit prior to bowling the scheduled games in question, the tournament manager may, at his/her discretion, furnish blank affidavits and allow a replacement to be made, in accordance with the team captain's authority; and
- b) A replacement may be made in the all-events providing the replacement is made before the original entrant or the replacement has bowled.

<b>Article VI    <i>TOURNAMENT SITE REQUIREMENTS</i></b>
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Each center to be considered to host the state tournament shall have, as a minimum, sixteen (16) bowling lanes, adequate parking facilities, and a snack bar or other form of providing food acceptable to the site selection committee. The lanes shall be certified by USBC®.

- a) The state board shall, at its discretion, require the center to apply dressing to the lanes in a specified manner and the lanes shall be dressed the same for the complete tournament;
- b) The center shall be required to have at least one mechanic on duty while the tournament is in progress;
- c) The center shall be required to sign an agreement of compliance assuring that all conditions shall be maintained; and

<b>Article VII    <i>AUDIT</i></b>
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The state board shall require the audit committee, to audit the state tournament financial records and file a report with the state board within 60 days of the end of the tournament.

- a) The audit committee will use the MSUSBC tournament report as the basis for the audit. They may conduct any calculations required to verify the number of entrants' vs. the monies received and/or disbursed.