

12th EAST TEXAS OPEN TOURNAMENT RULES

1. The participants in the EAST TEXAS OPEN must be a member of the USBC. Proof of membership must be provided if not shown on Bowl.com or bowler will be required to purchase new membership. The tournament shall consist of Open **FOUR**-member team event; doubles event; singles event; and all-events. Teams may be comprised of 4 Men, 4 Women or any combination (mixed). Doubles may be 2 Men, 2 Women or Mixed. No singles only entries permitted; singles *must* be bowled in conjunction with a doubles entry and shall be bowled with first scheduled doubles of tournament (if multiple doubles with same paid entry, singles shall be bowled with first doubles). The tournament will be bowled with doubles event first; then singles. There shall be 10 minutes practice prior to team and doubles events, no practice before singles.
2. Team, Doubles, Singles and All-Events will be on a handicap basis. Optional Scratch events are available see rule 14 & 15 below. Handicap will be based on 80% of the difference in each bowler's average and 220.
3. Averages to be used will be the highest winter league of 21 games or more, or composite average for 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 season. If a bowler does not have a legal average, he or she may enter the tournament with a scratch average of 220. Only USBC certified averages may be used. Averages will be verified using Bowl.com, if composite average is higher than league average it will be used. If average is not listed on Bowl.com bowler must provide proper verification or bowl on a 220 average. If average is from a Sport League, it may be re-rated based on official USBC average adjustment chart.
4. The Tournament Director reserves the right to re-rate any average before the time the bowler participates in the tournament. USBC RULE 319A; USBC RULE 319C for rerating of bowlers may be enforced. USBC 319D will also be enforced and all prize winnings greater than \$600 must be reported (please send winnings information with entry form). USBC RULE 319E may also be used for average adjustments.
5. It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of his or her average whether submitted by the bowler, the team captain or others. Failure to use the correct average will disqualify their score if submitted average is lower than actual verified average. If the submitted average is higher than required, prize winnings shall be based on the submitted average. **USBC RULE 319A-3**
6. Entrants may bowl more than once in **Team event**, subject to the following conditions:
 - A. No more than (2) two players may compete on the same team more than once.
 - B. A bowler may only participate on a maximum of 2 teams
 - C. A bowler participating more than once in the team event must count his highest team score for All-Events.
7. Entrants may bowl more than once in **Doubles event**, subject to the following conditions:
 - A. Multiple entrants must have a change in doubles partner.
 - B. A bowler may participate in a maximum of 2 doubles entries.
 - C. A bowler participating more than once in the Doubles event must count his highest doubles score for All- Events.
 - D. Doubles must be bowled during doubles squads only
 - E. Doubles and singles will have 4 bowlers per pair of lanes; all effort will be made to have full lanes and never less than 2 bowlers on a pair. If entry results in one bowler for singles event, then entry may be split to allow minimum 2 bowlers. If split is not possible individual singles may be required to bowl on different pair of lanes
9. NO CHANGES in original submitted line-up for TEAM and DOUBLES may be made once entry is submitted to tournament director.
10. If entry for SINGLES and DOUBLES is not completed, the DOUBLES pairings will be carried over from the TEAM line-up. (i.e. Bowler 1 with Bowler 2 and so forth)
11. The prize ratio for handicap events will be at least 1 for 10 in Team, Doubles, Singles and 1 for 15 for All-Events.
12. Team Captains must check their teams in at least 30 minutes before the scheduled time of bowling.
13. A substitute shall not participate in the "ALL-EVENTS" prize money, unless they bowled all three (3) events as a substitute for the same person.
14. Bowler must bowl handicap event to be eligible to bowl in the scratch event. No scratch only entries accepted. See rule 15 below for fees.
15. Entry fee into scratch singles, doubles, team and all-events shall be \$10 per bowler. Monies shall be distributed based on \$8 for prize fund and \$2 expenses. No trophies or awards will be provided for scratch events. (Totals of \$40 for team, \$20 for doubles, \$10 for singles and \$10 for all events). Prize fund will be based on at least 1 for 15 entries.
16. 100% of prize fund for Handicap events shall be returned in cash.
17. Tournament entry deadline shall be June 10, 2017. All entries must be post marked and paid in full by entry deadline.
All fees must be paid by cash, money order or cashiers check. Personal checks will not be accepted and will be returned for proper payment unless approved in advance by tournament management.
18. RESERVATION RULE: Reservations must be received prior to June 1, 2017. **IF payment for reserved entries is not received by June 12, 2017 the reservation may be considered void and entries will be assigned based on first received, first scheduled basis.** Reservations for Doubles and Singles only and multiple entries will not be guaranteed.
19. Squads may be cancelled or added by tournament management based on participation.
20. In addition to the above, USBC RULES WILL GOVERN.

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES

A doubles entry must be complete with two bowlers and fully paid for.

DO NOT SPLIT DOUBLES FEES ON TWO SEPARATE ENTRY BLANKS.

HANDICAP TEAM () @ \$100.00	\$ _____		SCRATCH TEAM () @ \$40.00	\$ _____
HANDICAP DOUBLES () X \$50.00	\$ _____	PLUS	SCRATCH DOUBLES () X \$20.00	\$ _____
HANDICAP SINGLES () X \$25.00	\$ _____	OPTIONAL	SCRATCH SINGLES () X \$10.00	\$ _____
HANDICAP ALL-EVENTS () X \$5.00	\$ _____	SCRATCH	SCRATCH ALL-EVENTS () X \$10.00	\$ _____
HANDICAP TOTAL	\$ _____		SCRATCH TOTAL	\$ _____

TOTAL DUE (HANDICAP + ANY OPTONAL SCRATCH) \$ _____

ENTRY FEE BREAKDOWN	ENTRY FEES PAID	FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
<u>\$25 PER PERSON PER EVENT</u>		
Prize Fee \$11.00	Bowler 1 \$ _____	ENTRY # _____
Lineage \$9.50	Bowler 2 \$ _____	RECEIVED _____
Expenses \$4.50	Bowler 3 \$ _____	AMT REC'D _____
Total \$25.00	Bowler 4 \$ _____	CASH _____
	Total \$ _____	CASHIER'S CK _____
		M/O _____