

2022

USA LAS VEGAS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Team will consist of five members all men, all women, or mixed of any combination. Only one PBA/PWBA member allowed per team.

2. **Handicap will be 90% from 1100, based on team average.**

3*. There will be a maximum team average of 1095.

The average used by each team member to determine handicap for this event will be the higher of: **a)** highest 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 USBC league average of 21 games or more, **b)** 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 USBC composite average or **c)** USA Las Vegas composite average since July 30, 2017 with a minimum of 12 games.

***Bowlers must report any NON CERTIFIED average that is higher than their certified average on entry form and to management prior to bowling.**

No summer averages will be accepted.

If a team member does not have a 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 fall/winter average and is a bowler in the 2021-2022 season, they must use the highest 2021-2022 league average of 18 games or more, at the time of bowling.

No Youth averages will be accepted.

***PBA/PWBA bowlers who have won a title in the past 3 years will enter at a minimum average of 230.**

Bowlers without league averages listed above will bowl with a 220 average. It is the responsibility of each bowler to use the correct average, whether submitted by the team captain or others.

IF THE CURRENT 2021-2022 SEASON LEAGUE AVERAGE OF 21 GAMES OR MORE AT THE TIME OF BOWLING, IS 15 PINS HIGHER THAN THE SUBMITTED ENTERING AVERAGE, THEN THAT AVERAGE WILL BE USED. IT IS THE BOWLER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO SUBMIT THAT AVERAGE AT TIME OF TOURNAMENT CHECK-IN.

***Rule 319 (b), (c), (d) and (a) will apply in this tournament.**

A bowler who has qualified for a prize of:

- 1) \$300 or more in any event;**
- 2) Total combined prize winnings of \$500 or more in any one tournament;**
- 3) Total combined prize winnings of \$1000 or more in all tournaments within the last 12 months must report, in writing, the actual score, position and amount won to the tournament management prior to the time of bowling for possible average adjustment.**

This also includes monies not yet paid in the 12-month period.

Any bowler who has had their average adjusted/rerated in accordance with this rule, is required to report all previous assigned average adjustments/rerates, whether the bowler accepted the adjustment/rerate or not, at the time of bowling. The following information must be submitted prior to participation for possible average adjustment/rerate:

1. Name of each tournament average was adjustment/rerate was assigned.
2. The adjusted/rerated average.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE PROVISIONS IS CAUSE FOR FORFEITURE OF ENTRY AND PRIZE WINNINGS.

Tournament Director has the right to adjust a bowler's average prior to the start of any 3 game session of a scheduled squad.

4. Prior to scheduled squad, each team captain will submit to the Tournament Director the appropriate averages for each team member in accordance to rule 3. To be valid, the average verification form must be signed by the local association secretary or league secretary where league is not certified. Verification form will be emailed to each team captain.

5. The prize ratio will be at least 1 cash prize for each 4 entries.

6. Lane assignments for the first round (three game series) will be drawn in advance by the Tournament Director and the team captains will be notified when they check in. Team captains will draw lane assignments for the second round (three game series) upon check in. Teams will not be permitted to bowl both rounds on the same pair of lanes.

7. Winners will be determined on a team's total pins plus handicap for the two, 3-game sets.

8. Prize money will not be distributed at the tournament site. The average of each winning team will be verified and the prize checks will be sent to each team captain for distribution to each team. All prizes returned 100%.

9. Entry forms must be completed showing squad requests.

10*. Entry fees and deadlines: \$650 per team which must be postmarked no later than midnight June 15, 2022. Entries postmarked after May 15, 2022 the entry fee will be \$750. The additional \$100.00 collected will be added to the prize fund. No entry form will be accepted unless accompanied by the entry fee paid in full with a cashier's check or money order.

11*. **Entries close June 15, 2022.**

12. No entry fee will be refunded.

13. Each team must check in with the Tournament Director at least 30 minutes prior to the start of each squad.

14. Substitutions and team line-up changes in the original entry must be made with tournament management at least two weeks prior to their scheduled squad time. Emergency substitutions may be made up to (15) minutes prior to the start of the scheduled squad. Participating bowlers listed on teams from the same squad are not considered as eligible substitutes in an emergency situation.

Open substitution for first day squads (Thurs. and Sat.).

All substitutes for second day squads (Fri. and Sun.) must come from a random draw from the Tournament director's sub list.

15. Premature termination of the tournament brought about by war, national emergency or emergency causes relating thereto or therefrom, fire, natural disaster or any other reason beyond the control of the USA LV Team Championships shall cause, to the extent required thereby, all advertised prizes, guaranteed or otherwise, to be prorated in accordance with the number of entrants who have bowled in each of the respective events up to the time of such termination.

***16. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations will be determined by the Tournament Director and all decisions will be final, unless an appeal is made in accordance with Rule 329. USBC rules will apply where other rules are not specified.**

17. All participants are required to be a member in good standing of the USBC within 30 days of the tournament and to have in their possession a current USBC card.

18. Multiple entries by teams and individuals are permitted in the tournament. However, not more than three (3) players on the same team can place more than once in the prize list for position standings. When more than three (3) players bowl together more than once, the teams with which they compete shall be eligible for only one positions' standing prize.

19. Re-racks will be limited to one per person per squad bowled, unless approved by tournament management.

20. External music will not be allowed during competition. Personal music sources are allowed with headphones/earphones only.

21. Any bowler who arrives late after a game has started will be permitted to bowl, but they must start to bowl in the frame then being bowled and no score will be recorded for the frames missed.

22. Gold Coast employees are eligible to participate.

23. Rule 327a shall apply. The computer printout of the automatic scoring device shall be the official score sheet for each team. Any obvious errors are subject to change and correction by the Tournament Director. In the event a computer printout of a game is not available, due to a computer malfunction, that game shall be rebowled.