

# Eastern Maine USBC Tournament Rules 2016

## 1. Entry:

- a. Open Tournament
  - i. Entry is open to all eligible members of EMUSBC.
  - ii. Youth entrants may bowl singles event only.
- b. Women's Tournament
  - i. Entry is open to all eligible women members of EMUSBC.
  - ii. Youth entrants may bowl singles event only.
- c. Youth Tournament
  - i. Entry is open to all eligible youth members of EMUSBC.
- d. Other guidelines
  - i. Participants **must be members in good standing** of the **United States Bowling Congress** and **EMUSBC**;  
Non-USBC members may also qualify for entry and receive all USBC® services by paying an Associate membership fee of **\$20.00** for any entrant prior to bowling, for which USBC and EMUSBC membership will be issued and they must bowl scratch.  
**(USBC Rule 300c.2)**
  - ii. No one may bowl in this tournament except those originally entered or such replacements that may be authorized by the tournament manager.  
**(USBC Rule 305 and 324a)**

## 2. Participation:

- a. Unlimited entry is allowed in the team and doubles events, subject to:
  - i. Team
    - 1) Women and Open Tournaments
      - a) No more than three (3) players can compete on the same team more than once
    - 2) Youth Tournament
      - a) No more than two (2) players can compete on the same team more than once
  - ii. Doubles entrants cannot bowl more than once with the same partner
- b. An entrant bowling more than once in the team and doubles events must count their first scores toward their all-events score.
- c. In order to **re-enter** an event you **must have already entered** that event **before the entry deadline**.
- d. **Re-entry in the team and doubles events will be allowed** on a space available basis only and must be requested one hour prior to the scheduled squad time.
- e. Substitution
  - i. If a duly entered and scheduled entrant is unable to bowl, a person qualified to bowl in the event under tournament rules may be used to take that bowlers place provided the change is provided to the Tournament Manager at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled shift.

If a bowler in team or doubles event(s) becomes disabled after the game has already started, a substitute will be allowed if one is available and their scores are to count. The handicap of the injured bowler will be prorated and the other games completed by the substitute using their handicap.

## 3. Game Play:

- a. Late/Tardy Bowlers
  - i. Bowlers arriving late will be allowed to bowl starting in the frame of their arrival. A '0' will be scored for each frame the bowler was not present to bowl.
- b. Bowling order will be as listed on the entry form/recap sheet.
- c. Any team scheduled alone on a pair of lanes must bowl as though another team is present. The first bowler cannot bowl on the adjoining lane until the last bowler has completed the current frame. **(USBC Rule 325)**
- d. No more than **(4)** players can be scheduled on a lane for doubles and singles.
- e. All games of each event will be rolled on one (1) pair of lanes. Consecutive events cannot be scheduled on the same pair of lanes unless the lanes are dressed between events. The Tournament Manager **will assign lanes** prior to tournament start.
- f. Scores are considered official when the bowler(s) and or team captain signs the recap.

## 4. Classes:

- a. Tournament will consist of scratch and handicap, including All-Events with equal prize distribution.
- b. All Prize fees will be returned 100% in each event as cash, scholarship, or awards.
- c. Prize ratio will be at least 1:10 for teams, doubles, and singles and 1:20 for All-Events
- d. **Youth Tournament Divisions**
  - i. Scratch
  - ii. Division 1; Team – 390 and up,  
Doubles – 260 and up, Singles – 130 and up
  - iii. Division 2; Team – 389 and below,  
Doubles – 259 and below, Singles – 129 and below

## 5. Averages:

- a. Entrants must use their highest Eastern Maine USBC sanctioned average from the 2014-2015 season based on minimum of 21 games, unless their current Eastern Maine USBC sanctioned average as of January 1, 2016 (21 game minimum) is ten pins or more higher. **(USBC Rule 319a)**
- b. Entrants with no EMUSBC sanctioned average from previous year and no EMUSBC sanctioned average for present year will bowl scratch.
- c. Average verification for all prizes will be accomplished by the Eastern Maine USBC Association Manager prior to the issuance of any prize checks.

*It shall be the bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average, whether submitted by the bowler, team captain or anyone else. Failure to use the proper average or to make a correction prior to or at the time of bowling shall disqualify the scores if the submitted average is lower than the actual USBC average or to base winnings on the submitted average if it is higher.*

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- d. Handicap will be:
- i. 100% of 235 for the Open, with no maximum and based upon a three-game series.
  - ii. 100% of 210 for the Women, with no maximum and based upon a three-game series.
  - iii. 90% of 200 for the Youth Open, with no maximum and based upon a three-game series.
- e. Average Adjustment:
- i. The Tournament Manager reserves the right to adjust any entrant's average prior to bowling. If the entrant refuses the adjusted average, the entry fee will be refunded.

6. **Dress code:** Participants may wear any of the following: casual slacks, trousers or jeans (in good condition); Capri pants (below the knee); shorts/culottes (knee length); butterfly-type collared shirts, 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. Questionable items or special circumstances will be addressed by the Manager on Duty. and participants deemed in violation will not be allowed to bowl.

7. **General:**
- a. All entrants who have qualified for a prize of \$600 or more in any event of any tournament within the previous 12 month period, must report their actual score position and amounts won at the time of entry and are subject to possible re-rating. Failure to comply with the provision shall be just cause to forfeit tournament entry fees and prize money. It is the bowler's responsibility to report their scores in any tournament where the prize payment has not been made, but in which they have qualified for \$600 in any event.

**(USBC Rule 319c, 319d, and 319e).**

- b. In the event of a tie for the team, doubles or singles championship, co-champions will be declared. There will be no roll-offs to determine a single champion.

**(USBC Rule 326a and 326b)**

- c. Any entrant qualifying for both scratch and handicap awards will be awarded the prize of greater value, unless the prizes are of equal value, in which case the entrant will be awarded the scratch prize.

- d. The Association Tournament Scratch and Handicap Champions will be recognized with USBC awards.
- e. No fees will be returned after entries have been received. In the event of a returned check, the captain or individual will be notified via mail and or e-mail prior to the start of the tournament. They will be required to reimburse EMUSBC using a money order or cashier's check plus \$25.00 processing fee.
- f. All captains must check-in their teams at least one (1) hour prior to their assigned squad times with all bowlers USBC cards. USBC cards will be checked on the initial registration of each participant.
- g. The Tournament Manager reserves the right to have each bowler's equipment checked for compliance with USBC rules. If any bowling equipment is determined to be in non-compliance, that entrant will be permitted to bring their equipment into compliance. Should an entrant refuse the equipment check or fail to bring their equipment into compliance, the result will be automatic disqualification and forfeiture of all entry and prize fees, as well as any possible prizes won.
- h. All USBC rules will govern this tournament.
- i. Team Captains are responsible for the conduct of their team members. Courtesy and respect to fellow bowlers is expected.
- j. Any appeal or protest must be made in writing to Tournament Management prior to submitting a protest to USBC. **(USBC Rule 329)**
- k. Relatives may not monitor or make corrections or adjustments for relatives who are bowling.
- l. Spectator coaching is not allowed.

The Tournament Managers (listed below) will address all concerns immediately. All completed tournament entry forms and fees should be mailed or given to the appropriate Tournament Manager.

***No cash accepted***

***Please Make Checks Payable to: EMUSBC***

**Submission of application deadlines Midnight:**

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| <b>Youth:</b>   | <b>Jan 24, 2016</b> |
| <b>Women's:</b> | <b>Feb 15, 2016</b> |
| <b>Open:</b>    | <b>Feb 15, 2016</b> |

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## ***Tournament Managers Listed Below***

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***EMUSBC Annual Meeting ~ March 26, 2016 at Family Fun beginning at 10 A.M.***  
***FREE Blind Draw Scotch Doubles 9 Pin No Tap Tournament immediately follows for attendees of the annual meeting!***