

READ THESE IMPORTANT RULES

1. This tournament will be governed by the USBC rules, MTCBA bylaws, and as hereafter set forth.
2. Only members of the Mass. Tri-County Bowling Association may participate in this tournament. Members of another association who are current members of the MTCBA may enter this tournament if they have bowled 21 or more games in a MTCBA league.
3. No more than **two** individuals who are members of, or have applied for membership to, a bowling organization identified as "professional" as of date of participation in this tournament may compete on the same five man team. Also no more than **one** bowler in the above category may compete on the same **doubles** team.
4. Multiple participation is allowed in the team event. Participants may enter this tournament with as many teams as they wish, however, not more than three (3) members in a five (5) person team bowling together may place more than once on the prize list for position standing.
5. Minor events are the doubles & singles events. Any bowler bowling doubles must bowl singles and any bowler bowling singles must bowl doubles on their first participation in the minor events.
6. Multiple participation is also allowed in minor events, but a bowler must have a different partner whenever entered in the doubles event unless it is a reentry, and may place on the prize list only once with the same partner wherever qualified. The individual may be listed on the singles prize list only once. **A bowler's first participation score counts towards all events.**
- 6a. **SINCE MINOR EVENTS ARE SCHEDULED AT THE SAME TIME AS TEAM EVENTS; USE EXTREME CAUTION IN REQUESTING TIMES.**
7. Reentries will be allowed on a 1st come 1st served basis depending on lane availability and at the tournament director's approval. Reentries must be made of bowlers already submitted and previously verified based on the tournament bowler roster prior to the closing date. The reentry fee is \$30.00/person/event and the entry fee must be paid in full by cash to be accepted
8. Prize fees returned 100 percent; 75 percent to handicap, 25 percent to scratch. Prize ratio is 1 in 8. Bowlers qualifying for both handicap and scratch prizes will be awarded the greater amount. If amount is the same, bowlers will be placed on the handicap listing.
9. USBC championship magnets will be awarded to scratch and handicap winners.
10. ENTERING AVERAGES: (Averages are assigned in order based on the criteria below)
 - 1- Entrants will use the highest regular league average based on at least 21 games for the 08–09 season. NOTE: current average based on 21 or more games as of January 1, 2010 shall be used if that average is ten pins or more above 08-09 season.
 - 2- If there is no regular average based on 21 or more games for the 08-09 season, the highest current average based on 21 games or more as of January 1, 2010 may be used.
 - 3- Bowlers without an average from above may use a 2009 regular summer league average based on at least 21 games.
 - 4- Bowlers without a regular league average may use a sports league average from the 08-09 winter season or the 09 summer season based on 21 or more games. This average will be converted to a regular average from a sport average.
 - 5- All others bowl with a scratch 230.
11. **It shall be the bowlers responsibility** to verify the accuracy of his/her average whether originally submitted by the bowler, the team captain or others. Failure to use the proper average shall disqualify score if the submitted average is lower than the actual average thereby resulting in more handicap. Prize winnings will be based on the submitted average if it is higher than the actual average. Correction of average can be made up to the completion of the first game of the first series bowled in this tournament.
12. Team captains must check in team lineups (team event only) at least 30 minutes before squad time and be prepared to show USBC membership cards for any or all members. (See rule 2). Each individual (minor events) must check in at least 30 minutes prior to squad time and be prepared to show cards. Substitutions may be made at this time.
13. Handicap is based on 90 percent of 230 scratch with no maximum. (Three game series).
14. Trophies will be awarded to both handicap and scratch champions. Scratch winners will be declared Association Champions. The Handicap champions will be declared City Tournament Champions.
15. All participants must comply with USBC rule 319d and 319e
16. Any unmarried grade or high school contestant under 18 years of age must furnish the tournament director with a signed parental consent form one week before competing, unless accompanied by parent. Failure to do so disqualifies all scores the bowler rolled or helped to establish, as well as prize monies in connection with these scores.
17. Entry must indicate 1st and 2nd choice of dates and squad time for each event
18. **ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST WEAR A COLLARED / MOCK COLLARED SHIRT (NO T-SHIRTS). FULL LENGTH PANTS, SKIRTS OR NEAT DRESS SHORTS ARE PERMITTED. HATS OR TORN JEANS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.**