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## 83<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL SOUTHWEST TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Participants must be members of the USBC and hold a current sanction card.
2. The tournament will be sanctioned by the USBC and will be conducted under the rules and regulations of that organization except as modified herein by these Tournament Rules.
3. Competition will be conducted in two (2) separate divisions of play – an Open Division that is open to all bowlers and a Women's Division open to just women bowlers. All rules, events, fees, and formats will be identical in both divisions. Each division shall include competition in team, doubles, and singles events. Bowlers entering all three events in one division may participate in **Handicap All Events** prizes by paying a fee of \$5.00. Bowlers entering all three events and **Handicap All Events** may enter Scratch All Events by paying in an additional fee of \$10.00. A bowler's first score in the team event will count towards both All Events totals. Both All Events fees shall be returned 100% in the prize fund. Bowlers must enter **Handicap All Events to be eligible for Scratch All Events**.
4. Any bowler who place first in the **Handicap All Events** but has not entered and paid the extra fee is eligible only for the championship trophy or medal.
5. There will be one cash prize for each eight (8) entries in the team, doubles, and singles events, and one cash prize for each fifteen (15) entries in the All Events. Trophies will be awarded to the winners of each event. **The prize fund will be returned 100%** in each event.
6. **TEAM EVENT:** Teams shall consist of five (5) bowlers but no more than two (2) Professional Bowlers shall be entered on any one (1) entry. Bowlers holding professional cards will be classified as Professional Bowlers.  
**DOUBLES:** Shall not have more than one (1) professional bowler entered on any one entry.  
**SINGLES:** All Professional bowlers must furnish proof of entering average.
7. The winner in each of the events will be declared the Southwest Bowling Association Champion. Bowlers may **enter the team event three times**, providing that not more than three members of the original team bowl on the second and/or third entry. Doubles and singles must be entered together and not as separate events. No split entries. No bowler will be permitted to enter more than once in the singles and doubles events. **Event fee** will be \$26 per event (Prize fund \$12.75 – Bowling Fee \$7.50 Expense Fee \$4.75 & \$1.00 Floating Fund). Entry fee must accompany Entry Applications. No entry fee will be refunded except when Entry Application is rejected.
8. **Handicap** for Team, Doubles, and Singles will be **80% of 220**. It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of average. Failure to use the proper average or make a correction prior to or at the time of bowling shall disqualify the score if the submitted average is lower than the actual average or base prize winnings on the submitted average if it is higher.
9. The **Entering Average** of contestants shall be their highest sanctioned Fall-Winter or Summer league average (minimum 21 games) for the immediately preceding season. Bowlers without sanctioned Fall-Winter or Summer average shall use their January 1, 2017 average, or current average at the time of bowling, in that **preference order**, provided it is based on a minimum of 21 games. All others will bowl with a 220 average. The Executive Director of the Southwest Bowling Association or the Designated Tournament Manager reserves the right to rerate the average of any bowler entering based upon information available to the Southwest Bowling Association. Any rerating under this rule must be made prior to the time the bowler participated in the Tournament. (USBC Rule 319c & 319e). "10 pin increase (Rule 319a2) is in effect in this tournament and is based on bowler's average as of January 1, 2017. Use of 10 pin increase, January 1<sup>st</sup>, or current average require average verification with league standing sheet.
10. No change in Team or Doubles line-ups will be permitted even though substitutions are involved. Substitution changes and corrections must be reported to the Tournament Manager at least one (1) hour prior to the time scheduled to bowl.
11. A **Substitute** shall be eligible for All Events prize money only if they bowl all three events in the same division.
12. The Team Event will be bowled on one (1) pair of lanes, with 10 minutes practice allowed. The Doubles Event will be bowled on one (1) pair of lanes, with 10 minutes practice allowed. The Singles Event will be bowled on the same pair of lanes, with no practice allowed.  
**The Doubles Event will be bowled before the singles.**
13. All team captains and also bowlers in the doubles/singles event shall report to Tournament Check-in Desk at least 45 minutes prior to the time the team is scheduled to bowl.
14. A tournament official will rule on all alleged **fouls** after consultation with bowlers in the area.
15. In the event of a mechanical failure, it is hereby agreed that bowlers affected shall be moved to the next available pair of lanes.
16. Early reservations may be made in writing, by fax or by telephone, however, the entry deadline is February 6, 2017 at midnight. If payment for reserved entries has not been received on or before February 1, 2017 the reservations will be declared void and will be used to accommodate the next request received for that date and times. **No entry will be accepted unless accompanied by the entry fee. No entry fee will be returned after February 1, 2017.**