TOURNAMENT RULES

1. **ELIGIBILITY: Only members of the Nation's Capital Area USBC Association (NCAUSBCA) are eligible to bowl in this tournament.** Non-members living within the jurisdiction of this association who are not members of another association may enter by paying an affiliate membership fee of $21.00. Payment of co-association fees for membership will not be accepted at the tournament site. USBC Rules and Regulations will apply.

2. **PARTICIPATION:** Bowlers entered in the Doubles event must also enter the Singles event. Likewise, all Singles event entrants must also bowl in the Doubles event. Not more than two (2) players on a team can place more than once in a prize standing.

3. **AVERAGES:** Entrants shall use the following average:
   a. Highest NCAUSBCA-certified yearbook 2008-2009 winter average of at least 21 games.
   b. If there is no 2008-2009 winter average, a summer 2009 NCAUSBCA league average of at least 21 games may be used.
   c. If neither "3a" or "3b" applies, a bowler may use her highest current 2009-2010 NCAUSBCA average of a least 21 games or more as of December 31, 2009.
   d. If none of the above applies, entrant must bowl with a scratch 220 average.

4. **DIVISIONS:** This Tournament has 2 Divisions:

EVENT	DIVISION I	DIVISION II
Singles	175 and above	174 and below
Doubles	350 and above	349 and below
Team	700 and above	699 and below

   Note: To calculate your division for doubles and team, add the averages of the event bowlers together. The Doubles event will be bowled immediately following the Singles event.

5. **HANDICAP:** The handicap used is 100% of the difference between the individual's average and 220.

6. **BOWLER'S RESPONSIBILITY**: Each bowler is responsible to verify the accuracy of her average. Failure to correct averages shall disqualify score if submitted average is lower than the correct average. Prize winnings shall be based on submitted average if it is higher than the correct average. Correction of averages should be made prior to bowling but no later than the completion of your first game of your first event bowled. **USBC Rules 319c, 319d, and 319e will apply.** *Entrants must report any previous tournament prize winnings of $600.00 or more within the last 12-month period (USBC Rule 319d). If entrant has won $600.00 or more within the previous 12 months, she must submit all tournament scores (USBC Rule 319e).*

7. **ENTRY FEE:** Fees will be $26.00 per person, per event ($12.15 Prize Fund and $13.85 Expense Fee). Optional All Events fee is $5.00 ($5.00 Prize Fee). Scratch Singles fee is $20.00 ($20.00 Prize Fee). Expense fees include lineage fee of $3.95 per game.

8. **CHECK-IN**: Bowler must check-in and present her 2009-2010 USBC membership card no later than 30 minutes prior to her squad time.

9. **MULTIPLE PARTICIPATION**: An entrant may participate in the Team Event three (3) times; however, not more than two players on one team may bowl together more than once. The Singles/ Doubles Event may be entered three times; however, in each event, you must change partners in Doubles. All Events scoring will use the first series rolled in each event.

10. **LINEUP**: The bowling lineup shall be the same as entered on the entry form, and this may not be changed. A tardy bowler may enter the game at any point, but she will receive a zero (0) score for each frame missed (USBC Rule 322a).

11. **SUBSTITUTES**: Substitutes are permitted, provided they meet the eligibility requirements. Emergency substitutions will be permitted only for Team and Doubles events. If no substitute is available, only the actual frames bowled will be scored. A bowler's entry fee and rights to any prize money for any event is transferred to the substitute and shall not be reimbursed to the original bowler in the lineup. Once a substitute has entered an event, the original entrant may not bowl in that event. The All Events fee is only transferable to a substitute when she substitutes for all three events for the same bowler.

12. **SCHEDULE**: Entries will be scheduled in the order received. *Please circle both first and second choices for squad times.* No changes will be made after squad times have been confirmed, except for an emergency. Any scheduled squad with an insufficient number of entrants, may be rescheduled at the discretion of the Tournament Manager. If rescheduling occurs, team captains will be notified.

13. **GENERAL**: Checks returned for "Insufficient Funds" will incur a $25.00 penalty fee plus bank fees, which must be paid before the team will be permitted to compete in the tournament. The Tournament Manager reserves the right to refuse a check if the person submitting the check has previously had a check returned for "insufficient funds."

- Any appeal or protest must be in writing and submitted within fifteen (15) days after the event has been bowled.
- No eating or drinking will be permitted in the settee area.
- No unreasonable or excessive delay in the progress of any game is permitted and, in order to preserve the time limitations of each squad, a tournament official reserves the right to enter a score of zero for each framed missed.
- Bowlers must be suitably attired. *Leggings, spandex shorts, and halter tops are not permitted.*
- Co-champions will be declared if there is a tie for first place in any event. The prize money will be combined and divided equally and duplicate awards will be presented. For all other ties, prize money will be combined and divided equally among position winners. At least one (1) in every ten (10) entries will receive prize money in all handicap and scratch events. Checks and final prize list will be distributed to the team captains within forty-five (45) days of the tournament's last scheduled squad unless an extension has been granted. Team captains must distribute tournament checks to team members within fifteen (15) days from receipt.
- Premature termination of the tournament due to emergency situations, labor difficulties or other reasons beyond the control of the NCAUSBCA shall cause the prize list to be prorated in accordance with the number of entrants who have bowled in each of the respective events up to the time of the tournament is terminated.
- Any issues or questions not covered herein shall be directed to and decided upon by the Tournament Committee.

SQUAD SPONSORS CAN RECEIVE BOWLING BALL OF CHOICE OR A FREE ENTRY

- Enter twelve (12) or more teams into the Tournament and receive bowling ball of choice.
- Enter eight (8) or more teams into the Tournament and receive your entry free.
- Squad teams do not have to bowl on the same shift.
- Squad Sponsor is open to men, women, and youth.