



## TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

All adult members of the Great Falls USBC Association are eligible who have a 2011 – 2012 USBC Card membership.

Entrants may bowl in team events as many times as they wish. Average used will be the highest Fall/Winter final average from the 2010 – 2011 season (including adjusted Sport League average) with a minimum of 21 games from a Great Falls Certified League. If none, then the highest Spring/ Summer average from the 2010 – 2011 season (including adjusted Sport League average) with a minimum of 21 games from a Great Falls Certified League. (See Rule 319a(1)) Bowlers without a 2010 – 2011 average must use their highest current average (including adjusted Sport League average) as of Jan 1, 2012 with a minimum of 21 games from a Great Falls Certified League. All bowlers without a 2010 – 2011 or Jan 1, 2012 average from a Great Falls Certified League must bowl scratch 225.

- a. Bowl multiple teams. NO more than 2 bowlers on the same team may bowl more than once.
- b. Bowlers may bowl only once in Doubles and Singles.
- c. Handicap will be 90% of 225. Prize money and USBC Chevrons based on the same handicap.
- d. Sport league averages will be adjusted according to the USBC Rulebook before determining the highest average.

When previous Great Falls averages are used and at the time of bowling, an entrant has a January 1, 2012 average (including adjusted Sport League average) with a minimum of 21 games or more which is 15 pins or more higher than the previous average, then the current January 1, 2012 average must be used.

Entrants are cautioned to make themselves familiar with average adjustment requirements of **USBC Rule 319e**.

Bowlers are responsible for the correctness of their average. Failure to use the correct average shall disqualify score if submitted average is lower than the correct average, thereby resulting in a lower classification or more handicap. Prize winnings shall be based on the submitted average if it is higher than the correct average. However, corrections in averages may be permitted up to the completion of the first game of a series. USBC Rule 319a(3).

Team captains are to check in teams, doubles/singles and report any substitutions at least 30 minutes before shift times. USBCBA Cards must be shown when checking in. No score will be allowed for frames missed by a late or absent bowler. No blind scores allowed.

The events will be split into three divisions, (1, 2 & 3) to be split at 185 and above for Division 1; 184 to 166 for Division 2; and 165 and under for Division 3. All prize money will be returned 100% in each division for fees collected for each division. Payoff for team is 1 for 5 and doubles & singles 1 for 5, or any major fraction thereof.

Bowlers may purchase an unattached USBC Card for 18.00; however, that bowler must have had an average of 21 games or more in the 2010 – 2011 season in the Great Falls Bowling Association.

Bowlers who have qualified for prize of \$600.00 or more in any event in a tournament which has ended within the previous 12 month period (even though payment of prize has not been paid), must report actual score, position and amount won for possible re-rating. See USBC Rule 319d.

Bowlers in more than one (1) team event will use first team score in All Events.

Substitutes will be allowed. A substitute shall take the place of the original entrant in the line-up.

Doubles and Singles Scratch options must bowl doubles/singles event. Scores from the singles event will be used for the Singles scratch option. Singles Scratch option will be a \$5.00 entry fee. The Doubles scratch option must be the same partner as the regular doubles. Doubles scratch option will be a \$10.00 entry fee per team.

Entries close on Thursday prior to each weekend. Late entries will be accepted with a \$5.00 per person/per entry late fee, providing shift times are available.

There will be a 50/50 drawing during each squad.

**THE ASSOCIATION WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CASH LEFT AT LANES OR IN MAIL!**

**No Reservations will be accepted without payment of entries.**

**Make checks payable to the Great Falls USBC Association.**

Call **Mick Brown, Phone: 268-1939 or 868-6910** to make reservations.

Mail or arrange with your Bowling Center to affect delivery to: **c/o Mike Bowles, 803 Fox Drive Great Falls, MT 59404**