

2018 MUSIC CITY CLASSIC TOURNAMENT RULES

1. United States Bowling Congress (USBC) rules and regulations will govern this tournament. Tournament shall be open to all bowlers who are members of the USBC and an individual membership card must be shown by each entry upon request to establish bowler's eligibility to participate. Bowlers not in possession of a current USBC membership card, may establish eligibility to bowl in this tournament upon payment of affiliate membership fees of \$15.00. This is a USBC sanctioned tournament.
2. Unmarried grade and high school students under the age of 18 must have written consent of a parent or guardian before participating in this tournament. Such consent must be on file with the tournament committee at least one week before participation, unless the student is accompanied by a parent or guardian, in that case, the consent must be filed prior to the start of bowling. The Tournament Director is not eligible to bowl in this tournament.
3. PBA Rule: No Touring 1 players are eligible to participate. All other classifications are eligible to participate. Only 1 PBA member PER DOUBLES.
4. The tournament shall be a combined handicap-actual tournament with 80% of the prize money being paid as handicap prizes and 20% paid as actual prizes. At least one prize for each seven entries in each event and all events will be awarded with entries being permitted to win both ways. Handicap champions and prize winners shall be determined by adding the individual's actual series for three games to a handicap based on 90% of the difference of the individual's entering average and 220 per game for three games.
5. Bowlers submitting averages from Sport League must report this information and conform to rules 202 A & B for adjusting as per USBC sport bowling chart.
BOWLERS SUBMITTING INCORRECT AVERAGES ARE SUBJECT TO DISQUALIFICATION.
6. A bowler's highest average based on 21 or more games in any sanctioned league rolling during the 2016-17 season will be used. Bowlers with sport or challenge averages must report them for adjustment in accordance to USBC rules. **If a bowler's average is 10 pins or more higher in any league as of the time they bowl in the Music City Classic, with a minimum of 21 games, bowler must use that average.** Current standing sheet or bowler record will be required.
7. Bowler's who have not bowled 21 or more games in any sanctioned league during the 2016-17 season, but have a current 2017-18 league average with 42 or more games in any sanctioned league may submit most recent average verification to the Tournament Director for their approval.
8. A bowler with no previous league or tournament experience shall use 220 as an average and receive 0 pins handicap.
9. USBC Rule 17 and USBC Rule 319 shall apply to all entrants and be strictly enforced. According to USBC Rule 319 bowlers must adjust entering average and submit the adjusted average to the Tournament Director if the accumulated average for all but not less than 21 tournament games, exceeds the average to be used by 15 or more pins in that case, the adjusted average will be used as tournament average.
10. Bowlers will be REQUIRED to report tournament winnings of \$600.00 or more in accordance with USBC Rule 319D.
11. The Tournament Director reserves the right to rerate, prior to bowling of any three game set, the average of any bowler whose entering average is not comparable to his/her past tournament's average or does not reflect the bowler's true ability. If this rerated average is not acceptable to the individual the entry fee will be returned to the bowler. Bowlers rerated in accordance with USBC Rule 319 are not eligible for refund of entry fee. Any bowler who has accepted or rejected a rerate for any tournament must notify the tournament director.
12. In the Team Event, you will bowl three games on the pair assigned. You may only cash one time with the same team members in actual and handicap. You will have to change two team members to place more than one time.
13. In Doubles Event you will bowl three games on the pair assigned. You may only cash one time with the same partner in actual and handicap. Bowlers may bowl UNLIMITED Doubles Events.
14. In Singles Event you will bowl three games on the pair assigned. You may only cash one time in actual and handicap. Bowlers may bowl UNLIMITED Singles Events.
15. After a double series has started no change can be made in the order of the players, but the captain can replace any player with a qualified substitute. A player removed during a game cannot return to bowl in that game. No substitution can be made on a singles event after the series has been started.
16. Bowlers will receive ten minutes of practice before each squad time. If players have to change pair of lanes during a three game series, they will receive two practice balls on each of the new lanes and resume bowling from point of the interruption. Bowlers entering both Doubles and Singles will bowl all six games on the same pair with no practice in between events.
17. If it is necessary to disqualify a participant for violation of the tournament or USBC rules, a written notification will be given to the team captain and/or bowler who may appeal the decision to USBC bowling headquarters. The notice of appeal of the disqualification must be filed within ten (10) days from the date of notification with the appeal made in writing to USBC bowling headquarters with a copy of appeal being sent to the Tournament Director.
18. Entry fee is \$35.00 per bowler per event with \$18.00 for bowling, fees and tournament expenses and \$17.00 will be returned 100% in prizes. NO ENTRY ACCEPTED WITHOUT COMPLETED ENTRY BLANK AND ENTRY FEE. **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO STRIKE AND SPARE.** ENTRIES PRESENTING BAD CHECK WILL BE CHARGED \$39.00 TO COVER BANK CHARGES AND EXPENSES PER BAD CHECK. ENTRIES ISSUING BAD CHECKS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO BOWL UNTIL CHECK IS MADE GOOD.
19. The automatic scorers are the official scorekeepers for the tournament. All team captains and participants MUST CHECK in with Tournament Committee at least 60 minutes prior to their scheduled time of bowling. All entries, excluding those requesting to be paired together at time of entry, will be paired by the Tournament Director. Tournament computer program and/or Tournament Director will assign lanes for each event. Squad shall be started on time or immediately thereafter when lanes are available. Tardy bowlers will not be permitted to "Catch-Up" frames missed and will start to bowl and their score count in the frame being bowled. Bowlers must be ready to bowl when it is their turn or receive "zero" for frame missed. S & S is a family bowling center, proper attire is required. No profanity of abuse to equipment will be tolerated. Bowler will be dismissed and receives 0 for the remaining frame and no re-funds will be given.
20. Tournament Director reserves the right to accept or reject any or all entries and will decide all questions or disputes arising in the tournament and their decision will be final, subject to USBC appeal.
21. The contestants whose name appears on the entry blank or their authorized substitutes hereby agree that the management of the Tournament and its agents shall not be liable if and when entry shall be prevented from bowling in this tournament through delay, unexpected yet necessary scheduled changes, or premature termination of the Tournament brought about by war, fire, strikes, lockouts, labor difficulties or other causes, then foregoing prize lists to be prorated in accordance with the respective events rolled up to time of termination.
22. Squad organizers: If you bring 20 bowlers to bowl 5 teams, 10 doubles and 20 singles, you will receive \$50.00. Official price list and checks will be distributed within 30 days after the completion of the tournament. All prize checks will be mailed to team captain/squad organizer. If just individual, straight to you.