

TOURNAMENT RULES

**BOWLERS MUST
BE SANCTIONED**

1. ALL BOWLERS MUST HAVE A CURRENT USBC MEMBERSHIP

Those without can purchase an associate membership prior to bowling. Bowlers may be required to show proof of membership and/or photo id. USBC rule 13 in regard to student participation will be followed.

2. HANDICAP & AVERAGES

Handicap will be based on 80% of 230 scratch. Maximum handicap will be 84 pins per bowler per game.

Bowlers will use their highest sanctioned average (minimum 21 games) from the '23-'24 season.

If no average from the '23-'24 season, bowlers will use the highest average (minimum 21 games) from the '22-'23 season. If no average from the '22-'23 season, bowlers will use the highest current average of 21 games or more. A current league standing sheet with bowler name and average will be required for verification.

Any bowler whose highest average at the time of bowling is 10 or more pins higher, minimum 21 games, than the highest average from the previous season MUST report average before bowling.

All other bowlers will bowl scratch.

U.S.B.C rules 319c and 319e will be strictly adhered to. Reporting MUST be done prior to bowling. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.

Sport and Challenge adjustment charts will be used when necessary.

Tournament management reserves the right to adjust the entering average of ANY bowler and may also adjust entrant average based on past performances in the Annual Garden Center Tournament.

Falsification of averages will result in disqualification.

3. REPORTING

Any bowler who has either won or is in position to win \$600 or more in one event or tournament within the previous 12 months at time of bowling must report winnings to tournament management along with the actual score bowled, position, and the amount of the prize.

Tournament management may request all tournament scores bowled from the previous 12 months at time of bowling from any tournament participant.

Bowlers are required to report any average adjustments from other tournaments or associations, USBC rule 319c.

Any bowler who places in the top 5 (five) of any event or is in line to win a prize of \$600 or more will receive an Average Verification form. Form must be properly and completely filled out and returned to Garden Center within the designated time given. Failure to meet any of these requirements will result in disqualification.

4. PARTICIPATION & SIDE EVENTS

4 Person Team Event Bowlers may bowl more than once in the team, but must switch at least two (2) players each time.

Doubles & Singles Doubles & Singles can be entered up to four (4) times and bowlers must change partners each time for Doubles.

9 Game All Events can be entered one (1) time and must be entered before the first event bowled in the Annual Garden Center Tournament, USBC rule 315d. The All Events will consist of the first three (3) game series with handicap from the team, doubles and singles.

SR Singles can be entered four (4) times and bowlers must be at least 55 years of age at the time of bowling. Entrants may be asked to prove age. Their singles score counts.

Scratch Doubles can be entered each time you bowl doubles. This score will use the three (3) game total from each of the two (2) members of the pair and no handicap will be added.

Garden Center Lanes ownership will not be eligible to enter into the singles, All Events, or Senior Singles.

5. MISC ITEMS

Each individual bowler is responsible for the accuracy of the information given, his/her teammates and captain are also liable for this information.

Tournament management reserves the right to accept or reject any entry in the Annual Garden Center Tournament.

Tournament management reserves the right to move bowlers in the event of a mechanical failure.

All decisions by the Tournament Management regarding prizes will be considered final as published. No legal action for prize money may be brought after one year from the date that prize checks are issued.

Premature termination of the tournament brought about by war, national emergency or natural causes relating thereto or therefrom, fire, natural disaster or any other reason beyond the control of Garden Center's 86th Annual Handicap Tournament shall cause, to the extent required hereby, all advertised prizes, guaranteed or otherwise, to be pro-rated in accordance with the number of entrants who have bowled in each of the respective events up to the time of such termination.

Call anytime - 11 A.M. to 9 P.M. • Call 320-763-6565 • Fax 320-763-6348

NOTE NEW SHIFT TIMES:

FRIDAY 7 P.M. • SATURDAY 10 A.M. • 1 P.M. • 4 P.M. • SUNDAY 11 A.M • 2 P.M.

ALL CAPTAINS MUST CHECK IN 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO BOWLING.

All Shifts run on Central Time.