

# **CBT TOURNAMENT RULES**

1. Playing Rules: Rules of Competitive Bowling Tournaments (hereinafter referred to as "CBT Bowling" or "CBT") stated herein, will govern all participants. USBC rules may apply at director's discretion. The CBT owners and/or directors will have the right to resolve all questions and disputes which may arise. All decisions shall be final and binding.
2. Decisions of the Tournament Directors are final, including but not limited to eligibility of players, equipment, conduct and any other factors that may lead to a player's disqualification or rerating of a player's average. Directors reserve the right to declare any player ineligible.
3. CBT Tournaments are same day payouts event (or, last day of the event for multi-day tournaments). It is the responsibility of the bowler to verify accuracy during the event. The Bowler must provide any scoring disputes to a tournament director immediately and prior to the start of any semi-finals or finals. Scores will be considered FINAL at this time. Any disputes which arise after the completion of a tournament and payouts will be null and void. Director reserves the right of final call on any and all disputes during and after any event.
4. Eligibility: The following USBC Rules WILL APPLY to all bowlers: 319a, 319a-2, 319a-3, 319c, 319e and 202a.
5. Entering Average: Highest USBC Book average within the last three years will be taken. This includes but is not limited to all Winter Leagues, Summer Leagues, Tough Shot Leagues, PBA Leagues, Sport Shot Leagues, Challenge Shot Leagues or ANY sanctioned Leagues provided it is 18 or more games. Sport Shot averages will be adjusted upon director's discretion. Combined averages are not permitted when a bowler has a book average with 18 or more games within the last three years. Bowlers without a previous year USBC Book average will be eligible to bowl under the following provisions which apply in the order listed:
  - i. Highest averages for the last three years combined to make at least 18 games or more.
  - ii. A current league sheet with at least 28 games. Tournament Director has the right to deny average used on league sheet.
  - iii. If no book or league sheet within the last 3 years, the bowler will come with an average of 230 (scratch).
6. Bowlers may be re-rated to a higher average based on, but not limited to, past scores, director's knowledge of bowler's tournament scoring and/or bowler performance. Should a bowler win any tournament, he/she will be adjusted to a higher average for the next event bowled with CBT. The bowler will maintain the new average. Bowlers may request a re-rate on any bowler. Final decisions are up to the Tournament Directors.
7. Bowling Balls must be within compliance of USBC specifications for tournament play. All bowling equipment must be altered before the first ball in the first frame of the squad. Any alterations during tournament play will result in a disqualification with no refund.
8. Event cancellation caused by any act of God, war, catastrophe, or legalities, etc. determined by Tournament Directors will result in the return of any unused entry fees.
9. No exchanges or refunds will be given on pre-paid entries if you are unable to bowl. Squad time changes will be permitted on same day only.
10. Average Recalculation: Bowlers will have the opportunity to have their average recalculated after bowling 12 games with CBT. Each recalculation shall be limited to a 3 pin drop max.
11. Handicap is calculated as follows: 90% of 225. There shall be no team maximum entering average. Handicap shall be applied PER GAME, not on the series total.
12. Minimum average is 140 for men, 130 for women and 120 for Super Senior (65 years and older).  
*Exception: Youth/Junior bowlers under the age of 15. Age verification must be presented upon request of any director. Upon the approval of a director, a youth/junior bowler under the age of 15 may use their current league and/or book average and handicap will be based on 90% of 225 with no maximum pins. Director reserves the right to rerate any youth/junior bowler during tournament play if deemed necessary.*
13. Max Handicap is 76 pins for men, 85 pins for women and 94 super senior.

14. Maximum per game score is 300. Maximum series score is 900 for three game series, 1200 for four game series and 1500 for five game series. When a bowler posts a score over the 300 max (including handicap) the score for that game will be reduced and the remaining handicap shall be forfeited. Remaining handicap will NOT be applied to the total series.
15. Bowling out of turn or on the wrong lane: On the bowler's first offense, a warning shall be given. On the bowler's 2<sup>nd</sup> offense, bowler shall keep score obtained except for when a strike is thrown. In the event of a strike, the bowler shall receive a 9/ for the frame.
16. **CBT Memberships:** Bowlers are not required to purchase a membership package upfront however any bowler who cashes \$150.00 or more in any main event or any guaranteed side action pot shall be assessed a basic Open Membership of \$40.00 and the winnings adjusted accordingly. This method of membership purchase shall be referred to as a "retroactive membership" and shall be valid for one full year from prize winning date. Bowlers may also purchase their membership package at any time upfront at the current price offered and the membership shall be valid for one year from purchase date. The Strike and Spare Membership packages shall include discounts and merchandise as determined by CBT tournament directors. An Open Member may choose to upgrade their membership to Strike or Spare status 3 ways: 1) same day of assessment receiving \$40.00 towards the current package pricing; OR 2) within 60 days of the original assessed date at a \$20.00 discounted rate with the same expiration date; OR 3) after 60 days, pay full membership price at the current offered rate and receive a new expiration date of 12 months from date of purchase. All member bonuses as described on any tournament event flyer, website, social media or otherwise discussed shall require the bowler to purchase a Spare or Strike Membership package prior to throwing ANY BALL (including practice time) of the squad entered in order to receive said bonus in that event. Open Memberships shall not qualify for member bonuses. Any giveaways as determined by CBT tournament directors shall be limited to Spare & Strike Members.
17. Bowlers may cash once in the top 3 in any Singles event. Bowlers may cash once in the top 3 in any Doubles event with the same partner. You may multi-cash after 3<sup>rd</sup>.
18. A bowler who cashes over \$150.00 in any given event is required to complete a IRS W9 form. At the end of the calendar year, CBT shall report a bowler's winnings of \$600 and up to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) via 1099. A copy of same will be mailed out to the bowler as well. Any fraudulent completion of forms shall be cause for immediate removal from CBT as well as a fraud report to the IRS and FBI.

#### **AVERAGE ADJUSTMENTS:**

*Upon cashing in the Top 5 of Doubles or Singles at any CBT Tournament, the bowler will have their average adjusted according to the following rules.*

1. **Win Doubles and Singles:** Bowler will increase by twelve pins on their current CBT average.
2. **Win in Doubles or Singles:** Bowler will increase by seven pins on their current CBT average.
3. All **Top 5 "Cashing"** Bowlers in Doubles and/or Singles shall be adjusted as follows per event. **(IE: Cash 2nd in Doubles = 4 pins AND Cash 5th in Singles = 1 pin for a total 5 pin adjustment on that tournament.)**
  - a. **2nd Place:** Bowler will increase by four pins on their current CBT average.
  - b. **3rd Place:** Bowler will increase by three pins on their current CBT average.
  - c. **4th Place:** Bowler will increase by two pins on their current CBT average.
  - d. **5th Place:** Bowler will increase by one pin on their current CBT average.

**BONUS PINS:** *Bowlers who have not cashed in any squad shall gain an additional handicap pin known as "Bonus Pin(s)". Bonus Pin(s) will be applied at the next tournament bowled. Bonus Pin(s) will be removed once the bowler has cashed in any tournament event and the bowler will return to their normal CBT average.*