

# RULES FOR ANNUAL NM STATE ELKS TOURNAMENT

## ONLY ONE ENTRY PER EVENT

- 1. ELIGIBILITY:** Teams will consist of Five(5) members, with a minimum of 3 Elks (in good standing and an USBC sanction card), per team. Women may bowl in Men's division, but must have a USBC sanction card. Any bowler that is not sanctioned with USBC may purchase an Affiliated USBC sanction card for \$30.00. The bowler has the option to pay a \$5.00 participation fee, good only for this tournament. **SPOUSES WITH ELKS CARD ARE CONSIDERED ELKS FOR THIS TOURNAMENT.**

**HANDICAPS AND AVERAGES:** The Annual NM State Elks Bowling Tournament shall be conducted on a handicap basis. Each bowler shall receive a handicap of 90% of the difference between his average and 220 pins in each event entered. Entrants shall use their highest ABC sanctioned league average based on a minimum of 21 games or more in the **2017-2018 season**. If no such average, use current USBC average of 21 games or more as of January 1, 2019. **You will be allowed to use a summer 2018 average, if none of the above apply to you. All others must bowl scratch. If your January 1, 2019 average is 10 pins or higher, you must use your current average (319a2).** The penalty for reporting incorrect average, USBC rule 319a states in part: Bowlers are responsible for verifying their average, whether submitted by the bowler, the team captain or others. If the submitted average is lower than required and results in a lower classification or more handicap, the bowler's score is disqualified. If the submitted average is higher than required, prize winnings will be based on the submitted average. Average corrections can be made up to the end of the bowler's first game of a series. Average Adjustments (319c) Rerating reads: The average of a bowler may be adjusted upward before participation in any event. If the bowler does not accept the assigned average, the entry fee shall be refunded. USBC rule 319d (reporting of winnings) and 319e (tournament averages) are not in effect for this tournament.

- 2. VERIFICATION OF AVERAGE:** Published Association average book will be accepted; if none association or league secretary must verify average before tournament date (319a5).
- 3. PRIZES:** The prize fund shall be paid back 100% on the handicap basis. Ratio is at least 1 in 5 entries. All prize money collected in an event will be returned to the participants in that event.
- 4. SUBSTITUTES AND LINEUP CHANGES:** A substitute in the singles must also substitute for the same bowler in the doubles. A substitute in the doubles must also substitute for the same bowler in the singles. No substitutes or changes in lineups will be accepted within 30 minutes before the scheduled time of bowling. You may bowl only 1-time in Team, Single & Doubles Events. All scores count toward All Events.
- 5. GENERAL:** All USBC rules and regulations governing tournaments will be strictly enforced. All squads will start promptly at the time set forth in the official schedule. A copy of the official schedule will be mailed to each team captain. Any individual or group of individuals arriving late to bowl as scheduled must start bowling and count their scores as of the frame in which those who started on time are bowling. Squad times will be assigned based on receipt date of entry. All entries must be mailed to the address (front side), and postmarked by **JANUARY 12, 2019**. Upon any violation of these rules and regulations, or misconduct that results in delaying the schedule, the tournament management will rule the violators off the lanes immediately.

**EACH TEAM CAPTAIN IS TO CHECK HIS ENTIRE TEAM IN 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO SCHEDULED SQUAD TIME AND PRESENT ELK MEMBERSHIP AND USBC CARDS. DOUBLES/SINGLES ENTRANTS ARE TO CHECK IN 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO SCHEDULED SQUAD TIME AND PRESENT THEIR ELK MEMBERSHIP AND USBC CARDS.**

**PLEASE NOTE: INCOMPLETE ENTRIES WILL BE RETURNED, NO ENTRY WILL BE ACCEPTED UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY THE ENTRY FEE. TEAM CAPTAINS SHOULD VERIFY AVERAGES. THE ENTRY FEES SUBMITTED SHOULD BE \$110.00 PER TEAM AND \$88.00 FOR EACH SINGLES AND DOUBLES TEAM, PLUS \$5.00 PER PERSON FOR ALL EVENTS (OPTIONAL). A DOUBLES ENTRY MUST BE COMPLETE WITH TWO BOWLERS AND THE \$44.00 ENTRY FEE PAID WITH THIS ENTRY.**

**ALL DECISIONS OF THE TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT ARE FINAL UNLESS AN APPEAL IS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 329.**

**IF YOU NEED A SUB, PLEASE CALL Bob Thurston 505-328-2057**

**WE WILL TRY AND KEEP A MAXIMUM OF 5 BOWLERS PER LANE FOR SINGLES AND DOUBLES.**