

## 2013 FRESNO BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

## TOURNAMENT RULES FOR MEN AND WOMEN

**There will be a separate division for men and women. Competition will be on a handicap basis.**

**Eligibility:** Any team or individual affiliated with American USBC will be allowed to participate. No bowler under suspension by any Local Association or USBC will be allowed to bowl. Women are not eligible to participate in men's events. Women bowl women's division only.

Optional scratch rules on back page.

**Handicap:** Men's Handicap will be 90% of 230 with a maximum of 180 pins. (based on a 150 average).

Women's Handicap will be 90% of 230 with a maximum of 234 pins. (based on a 130 average).

**Multiple Entries:** Team event must change 2 bowlers. Not more than two bowlers on one team can place more than once in prize fund.

**RULE 315: Doubles event:** In no case shall the same 2 bowlers on a doubles team place more than once in the prize fund.

**Singles event:** An individual can place only once in the prize fund.

**ALL EVENTS:** An individual can place only once in the prize fund.

**Tournament Dates:** Tournament will begin Aug. 10 thru Dec. 8. No tournament will be held during the Senior State Tour held October 26 - November 24, 2013.

**AVERAGES:** All averages must be submitted in writing by your association secretary. You must use your highest average as of April 20, 2013 of 21 games or more. Any bowler without a current book average may use a current league average of 21 games or more and must have written verification of such average. Bowlers without either a 2012 book or 2013 book or current 21 game or more average will bowl scratch. **NO BOWLER WILL BE ALLOWED TO DROP MORE THAN 5 PINS FROM THEIR 2011 AVERAGE AND THEIR 2012 AVERAGE.** Any average which is disputed, and all substitute averages must be verified in writing within 15 days. RULES 319A, 319C, 319D, AND 319E APPLY TO ALL BOWLERS.

Rated bowlers must report related average prior to competition or face disqualification.

**Captains Responsibility:** Team captains are asked to read rule 305 regarding their authority and responsibility. All bowlers who participate in the tournament agree to abide by all rules of the USBC and the FRESNO BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

**Tournament Check-In:** Check-In will be 1 hour prior to squad time. Team captains will check team members in when entire team is in bowling center. Singles & Doubles: Check-In will be 30 minutes prior to squad time. Bowlers may check in individually.

**Prize Money:** All prize money will be returned 100% to the winners in the various events. There will be a separate prize fund for men and women. Prizes will be awarded on a handicap basis with at least one prize for each ten entries. **All events prizes will be awarded to one in each fifteen entries. All prize money will be sent to the tournament or team captain listed on the entry, who is responsible for the distribution to the bowlers. THIS WILL INCLUDE ANY MONEY WON BY SUBSTITUTES, unless advised otherwise.**  
**Exception:** Fresno substitute money will not be mailed to director or captain. Prize fund will be distributed within 30 days after end of the tournament.

**Line-Ups and Substitutions:** Team and doubles line-ups must be listed on the entry in the order of bowling. Doubles and singles entrants must enter both events. Substitutes will be allowed provided they meet all requirements. Team captains are responsible for the verification of the subs average. Substitutes will bowl in the spot vacated by the original entrant. **There will be no change in line-up for any reason.** Any bowler arriving after the completion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> frame must wait until the next game to bowl.

**Entry Deadline:** Entries will close on August 9, 2013. Entries postmarked after August 9, 2013 will not be accepted unless a reservation was already made. Entry blanks must be filled out in full with all the information on all the bowlers.

No personal checks will be accepted.

Make cashier checks or money orders payable to Fresno Bowling Championship

Mail entries to : 5835 East Hamilton | Fresno, CA 93727 | JoAnn Christian