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2024-2025 Open Championship Tournament Rules

1. Eligibility

a. The tournament is open to all adult Northwoods USBC members. If not a member of the NWUSBC, a membership must be purchased, prior to entry, of 1 of the following

i. Full membership - \$25

ii. Local only membership - \$10 (current full membership must be in place with another association)

b. Bowlers are permitted to bowl only 1 time in a Doubles/Singles event regardless of division.

c. Substitutes must meet the eligibility requirements.

d. Pacers are not allowed.

e. This tournament is certified by the USBC, and all USBC tournament rules will apply

2. Entering Average

a. Leagues designated as Sport/Challenge will be adjusted using the USBC average adjustment scale, if it is the only average available (USBC Rule 201c)

b. Bowlers must report any re-rated/adjusted average from any other tournament or association

c. Averages used for tournament eligibility apply in this order

i. Highest USBC league average

1. 2023-2024 winter season for 21 or more games

2. 2023-2024 summer season for 21 or more games

ii. If no average, bowler will use a 230 average

iii. If the current average (21 games or more) is 15 or more pins higher than the entering average, the current average must be used at the time of bowling the 1st event

d. It shall be the bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average, whether originally submitted by the bowler, the team captain, or others. Failure to use the proper average or make a correction prior to the completion of the first game of a series, shall disqualify the score if the submitted average is lower than the actual average (USBC Rule 319a-3)

e. Tournament management reserves the right to adjust an entrant's average. If the adjustment is refused, entry fee will be refunded and the bowler will not bowl the event. (USBC Rule 319c).

f. Bowlers must report all score corrections within 72 hours or scores stand (USBC Rule 327b)

3. Format

a. Bowlers will bowl as follows:

i. Doubles & Singles Event - Bowl 6 games on the same pair of lanes

b. Handicap will be 90% based on the bowlers assigned division

4. Awards and Prize List

a. All prize money will be returned 100%

b. A cash prize list will be based on the following:

i. Doubles & Singles Event - at least 1 in 5 ratio

ii. All Events & Optional Scratch Events - at least 1 in 7 ratio

5. Entry Fees

a. Entries must be accompanied by the full amount of fees

b. Fees can be made via check, or cash

c. Entry fees consist of:

i. Handicap Prize Fee - \$12; Scratch Option Prize Fee - \$ 5

ii. Bowling Fee (Lineage) - \$11.00

iii. Expense Fee - \$2.00

6. Standard Tournament Items

a. The association reserves the right to extend the closing date. Additional squads may be added during the course of the tournament as deemed necessary by the tournament management.

- b. Re-racking will be permitted only with the express approval of a tournament official. Any re-racking without approval will result in a 0 (zero) score for that frame.*
- c. All winners must meet eligibility and average requirements listed above and will be subject to verification.*
- d. Entries close December 29, 2024, unless extended.*
- e. Fees for reservations are due January 4/5, 2025. After this date, entries are first come first served.*

*****Please don't mail entries as mail service may delay the Sunday deadline and entries may not be accepted if after 12-28-24. Scan and email the entries and bring money for the tournament fees if other arrangements aren't made.***

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