

2019/2020 MRUSBC Open & Women's

Tournament Rules

Tournament Entry

- Participants must be members in good standing of the Mid Coast Region USBC.
- Unlimited entry is allowed in the team and doubles events, subject to:
 - No more than two (2) players can compete on the same team more than once regardless of which division the team was in.
 - Doubles entrants cannot bowl more than once with the same partner regardless of the division
 - Singles can bowl multiple times but can cash only once in the singles event.
 - All Events. Bowlers can enter only once in all events.
 - Youth bowlers will be allowed to participate in the Singles competition only and will not be allowed to enter side pots. Earned prizes shall be paid into the SMART program.
 - The first scores bowled, in each event, will be counted towards the bowler's all events score.

Re-Entry and Closing Date.

There will be no closing date. All entries will be accepted up to 30 minutes before squad time, pending lane availability and compliance with Tournament Entry rules. Entry forms must be completely filled out and accompanied with appropriate entry fees.

Tournament Dress/Behavior

Participants may wear any of the following: Casual slacks, trousers or jeans in good condition, capri pants (below the knee), shorts, skorts, culottes (knee length), shirts with butterfly type collar, mock collared or. Collarless shirts are not allowed excepts T-shirts will be allowed provided they are matching team T-shirts. Headgear of any type is not allowed except for medical reasons. Participants deemed in violations will not be allowed to bowl and determination shall rest with the tournament director and/or association officials. Team captains are responsible for the conduct of their team members. Courtesy and respect to fellow bowlers is expected.

Events:

Teams will be a 4-person team that can be made up of any combination of adult men or adult women in the open tournament. Women's tournament bowlers must be all women.

Open Doubles can be 2 adult men, 2 adult women, or one adult man and one adult woman. Women's Doubles must be both women.

Open Singles can be any MRUSBC member, including youth. Woman's Singles must be a woman.

Check In

All captains must check in their teams at least 30 minutes prior to their assigned squad times with all bowlers' USBC cards, if requested by the tournament director.

Lane Assignments

All games of each event will be bowled on one (1) pair of lanes. All attempts will be made to ensure that consecutive events are not scheduled on the same pair of lanes. The tournament director will assign lanes prior to starting time of tournament.

Prizes

All prize fees will be returned 100% in each event. Ratio of prizes shall be at least 1:10 for team, doubles, and singles and 1:20 for all events and/or a major portion thereof. Any entrant qualifying for both scratch and handicap awards will be awarded the prize of greater value, unless the prizes are of equal value, in which case the entrant will be awarded the scratch prize. All Events scratch and handicap winners in both divisions will also be awarded their portion of the entry fees into the State Open or Women's tournament, for one team, doubles, singles, and all events, regardless of the optional fee paid. The optional fee must be paid to be awarded the cash prizes in this event. The association will add \$750 to the tournament allocated to the events based on number of entries in each event except that each winner of each event will be guaranteed at least his or her entry fee in that event as a minimum cash prize.

Averages and Re-Rating

The tournament director reserves the right to adjust any entrant's average prior to bowling. If the entrant refuses the adjusted average, the entry fee will be refunded. Entrants must use their highest MRUSBC certified average from the 2018-2019 season based on a minimum of 21 games. If entrant has no 2018-2019 qualified average, the current average as of the start of the tournament may be used. USBC rule 319a applies. Entrants with no USBC certified MRUSBC average from previous year and no MRUSBC certified average for present year must bowl scratch. Verification of entering USBC averages for all prizes will be done through the local association manager prior to any issuance of prize checks. It shall be the

bowlers' responsibility to verify the accuracy of their averages, whether submitted by the bowler, team captain, or anyone else. Failure to use the proper average or to make a correction prior to or at the start of bowling shall disqualify scores if the submitted average is lower than the actual USBC average or to base winnings on the submitted average if it is higher.

Reporting Prior Prize Winnings

All entrants who have qualified for a prize of \$600 or more in any event of any tournament within the previous 12 month period, must report their actual score position and amounts won at the time of entry and are subject to possible re-rating. Failure to comply with the provisions shall be just cause to forfeit tournament entry fees and prize money. It is the bowlers' responsibility to report their scores in any tournament where the prize payment has not been made, but in which they have qualified for \$600 or more in any event. See USBC rule 319c, 319d, and 319e.

Handicap

Handicap will be 100% of 240 with no maximum and base on a 3 game series.

Entry Fees

No fees will be returned after the entries have been received. In the event of a returned check, the captain or individual will be required to reimburse the association using a money order or a cashier's check plus \$15 processing charge and any bank fees.

Rules

This tournament is governed by the above rules and the USBC rule book.

Disclaimer

The entrants whose names appear on the entry form or their authorized replacements hereby agree that the Mid Coast Region USBC and its officers and agents shall be liable to the extent of returning entry fees and when these entrants shall be prevented from bowling in any event in the tournament through premature termination of the tournament due to causes beyond the control of the Mid Coast Region USBC.

Tournament Director

All concerns should be brought to the tournament director immediately. The tournament director shall enforce all tournament and USBC rules and any decision, interpretation, and/or rulings shall be considered final.

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