**MINNESOTA ELKS STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT RULES**

TEAM, DOUBLES, SINGLES PAYOFF IS 1 OF 4

ALL EVENTS PAYOFF IS 1 OF 10

ALL PRIZE FEES RETURNED 100%

It shall be the bowler’s responsibility to verify the accuracy of his or her average in this tournament, whether originally submitted by the bowler, the team captain, or others. Failure to make an average correction prior to the completion of the first game of a series shall cause such bowler to bowl scratch if the submitted average is lower than the actual average. If submitted average is higher than actual average, the submitted average will be used.

A bowler may bowl more than once in a Team event, but only once in Doubles and Singles.

Bowlers entering the minor events must bowl in both Doubles and Singles.

A bowler who bowls more than once in a Team event shall count his/her first score in the Team event toward his/her All Events score.

Not more than two (2) players on the same team can place more than once in the prize list for position standings.

When more than two (2) players bowl together more than once in the Team event, the teams with which they compete shall be eligible for only one position standing prize.

Teams and individuals will roll all three games of the series on a pair of lanes designated for that series. Two or three persons on each lane in the minor events.

No resin or foreign substance will be allowed on the lanes, runways, or for use on a ball or bowler’s shoes. Violation of this rule will cause forfeiture and expulsion.

No entry money will be returned after being received, with the exception of a verified emergency.

Entry blanks must be filled out in detail. Names must be the same as they appear on the USBC membership cards.

**ATTENTION**

USBC rules 319A-1-2-3, 319D and 319C automatically apply to this tournament.

If an entry’s current season average of 21 or more games is 10 pins higher than the previous season’s average, the bowler must use his/her current average at the time of entry in this tournament.

1. **ELKS MEMBERS AND SPOUSES** are eligible. It is not necessary that all members of a team belong to the same Lodge. Current membership cards must be shown at check-in. This will be checked. All USBC members may participate in a moral support tournament with high score protection automatically extended to USBC members.

Eligible members can qualify for high score protection at their option by purchasing an affiliate membership of $20.00 USBC in advance. The USBC will then issue an unattached membership card.

If an affiliate membership is not purchased, a tournament participation fee of $5.00 USBC as required will be collected. (USBC Rule #30 ic)

2. Use your highest USBC sanctioned average of 2015-2016 based on minimum of 21 games or more. If no 21 game average for 2015-2016 is available, use current average as of January 1, 2017. If there is no January 1, 2017 average, then the bowler will use 175. USBC rule 319a-2 also applies. No other tournament prize winnings need to be reported.

3. **Scratch – 220, Handicap 90%.** Handicap based on individual average for each event, using USBC three game handicap chart. *NO LIMIT.*

4. All prize fees to be returned 100%. One for every four entries in Team, Doubles, and Singles. One for every ten entries in All Events.

5. Violation of any entry blank rules constitutes forfeiture of entry fees and prize money.

**CERTIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

The undersigned certifies that all bowlers whose names are shown on this entry blank are bona fide members of a MINNESOTA ELKS LODGE or affiliated with another Elks Lodge of the United States.

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Lodge Secretary

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Averages Verified by USBC Association, League Secretary or Bowling Proprietor

**ABOVE MUST BE SIGNED**