TOURNAMENT RULES

1. **Only members of the Nation's Capital Area USBC Association (NCAUSBCA) are eligible to bowl in the tournament.** Non-members living within the jurisdiction of this association who are not members of another association may enter by paying an affiliate membership fee of $21.00. Payment of co-association fees for membership will not be accepted at the tournament sites.
2. **Bowlers entered in the Singles event must also enter the Doubles event and vice versa.**
3. Bowlers must present USBC 2013-2014 membership cards and confirm lineup ***as shown on entry form*** at the lanes at least 30 minutes prior to scheduled time. Team or bowlers failing to appear on the lanes prepared to bowl at the scheduled time shall forfeit their entry unless sufficient reason is given to warrant postponement.
4. The Team Captain or his/her legal representative has the privilege of substituting other bowlers for those originally entered. Once a substitute has started competition, the original entrant may not replace the substitute.
5. In the Doubles event, the names of both entrants must be given. Entries with the word "PARTNER" will not be accepted.
6. **The Doubles event will be bowled immediately following the Singles event.** In both events, bowlers ages 55 and older (born on or before March 29, 1959) may enter the optional 55+ Singles and/or 55+ All Events, while bowlers ages 65 and older (born on or before March 29, 1949) also may enter the optional 65+ Singles.
7. The schedule will show the lane number on which teams will start. All entrants will bowl 3 games on one pair of lanes in each event, unless mechanical failures dictate otherwise.
8. The entry fee is $30.00 per bowler per event. All optional events include a $1 expense fee. No entry money will be refunded if it is discovered that a team or individual has failed to comply with all rules of the United States Bowling Congress and all rules and requirements of this tournament.
9. Each bowler must use highest **of either** NCAUSBCA yearbook average of 21 games or more from the **2011-2012 or 2012-2013** season. If a bowler does not have a 2011-2012 or 2012-2013 NCAUSBCA yearbook average, the bowler may use the higher average between (1) the highest 2013 NCAUSBCA summer league average of 21 games or more, provided it is documented at the NCAUSBCA office; or (2) the highest current NCAUSBCA-certified average of 21 games or more as listed on the latest league standings sheet distributed the week of Saturday, March 22, 2014 through Friday, March 28, 2014 (excluding scores bowled during that week). If using a current average, the appropriate league standings sheet must be presented to Tournament Officials at check-in. If none of the above applies, the bowler must enter with an average of 230. ***USBC RULES 319c, 319d, and 319e WILL APPLY.***
10. **Handicap will be 90% of the difference between the bowler's entering average and 230. All handicaps will be calculated on a 3-game basis. It shall be the responsibility of each bowler to verify his/her average. Failure to use proper average shall disqualify scores bowled if submitted average is lower than actual average. Prize winnings will be based on submitted average if it is higher than the actual average. Average corrections must be made prior to the completion of the *first* game. *USBC RULE 319a (2) — THE "10-PIN" RULE — WILL APPLY.***
11. The prize ratio for each event will be one prize for each six entries. ***PRIZE MONEY WILL BE RETURNED 100%.***
12. In the event of ties for first place (Team, Doubles, or Singles), the tied contestants will bowl 3 games in accordance with the rules of the tournament at such time and place as decided by the Tournament Director. Total pins, including handicap, for the 3 games will determine the winner. In the event of a tie for first place in the All Events, USBC Rule 326a will apply.
13. **Entrants must report any previous tournament prize winnings in the last year of $600.00 or more (USBC Rule 319d). If entrant has won $600.00 or more, he/she must submit all tournament scores (USBC Rule 319e) *with official entry form*.**
14. **PARTICIPATION RULE**
    Bowlers may enter Singles and Doubles two (2) times, as long as Doubles partners change. Bowlers may only cash once in Singles. Bowlers may enter the Team event three (3) times, as long as two (2) members of the team change. First score in each event will count towards All Events total.
15. All Events is not transferable unless substitute is replacing a bowler in all three events and it is so stated in writing before bowling any event as a substitute.