

**40TH ANNUAL MONMOUTH COUNTY MIXED DOUBLES HANDICAP BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIPS
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. THIS TOURNAMENT IS AN OFFICIAL FUNCTION OF THE MC USBC BA
 2. **ELIGIBILITY:** PARTICIPATION IS OPEN TO ALL CERTIFIED BOWLERS CURRENTLY BOWLING IN CERTIFIED LEAGUES IN MONMOUTH COUNTY AND CERTIFIED BY USBC
 3. **HANDICAP:** HANDICAP IS BASED ON 100% OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TEAMS HIGHEST ENTERING AVERAGE AND A SCRATCH FIGURE OF 460 PER TEAM
 4. **ENTERING AVERAGES:** ALL BOWLERS WILL USE THEIR HIGHEST CERTIFIED USBC AVERAGE FOR 21 GAMES OR MORE IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER
 - (A) WINTER OR SUMMER SEASON FROM PREVIOUS YEAR
 - (B) WINTER SEASON 2007-2008
 - (C) CURRENT SEASON, EFFECTIVE DATE FOR USING CURRENT AVERAGE IS OCTOBER 31, 2009***RULE 319A*** IF CURRENT SEASON AVERAGE IS THE ONLY AVERAGE AVAILABLE IT IS THE BOWLERS RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE PROOF OF AVERAGE AT THE TIME OF BOWLING. ALL OTHERS WILL BOWL SCRATCH (230) USBC YOUTH ARE PROHIBITED FROM THIS TOURNAMENT USBC **RULE 319A2** TEN PIN INCREASE IS WAIVED. **RULES 319D** AND **RULE 319E** ALSO WILL NOT APPLY
 5. **QUALIFYING AVERAGE:** IT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH BOWLER TO VERIFY THE ACCURACY OF HIS OR HER AVERAGE, WHETHER SUBMITTED BY THE BOWLER, PARTNER, OR ANY OTHER REPRESENTATIVE. FAILURE TO USE PROPER AVERAGE OR TO MAKE PROPER CORRECTION PRIOR TO THE COMPLETION OF THE FIRST GAME OF A SERIES SHALL DISQUALIFY SCORE, IF SUBMITTED AVERAGE IS LOWER THEN ACTUAL AVERAGE, PRIZE WINNINGS WILL BE BASED ON SUBMITTED AVERAGE. IF HIGHER **RULE 319E** APPLIES
 6. **MULTIPLE ENTRY:** EACH TEAM SHALL CONSIST OF 1 MAN AND 1 WOMAN. ANY BOWLER MAY BOWL UNLIMITED TIMES AS LONG AS IT IS WITH A DIFFERENT PARTNER. IF BOWLING MORE THEN ONCE, PLEASE NOTE ON THE APPLICATION SECOND OR THIRD ENTRY
 7. **RE-RATING:** USBC **RULE 319C** ALLOWS THE TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADJUST A BOWLERS AVERAGE UPWARD PRIOR TO THE BOWLERS PARTICIPATION IN ANY EVENT.
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1. ALL TEAMS WILL BOWL 3 GAMES ON 1 PAIR OF LANES, TOTAL PINFALL BOTH SCRATCH AND WITH HANDICAP INCLUDED WILL DETERMINE FINAL POSITIONS STANDINGS
 2. TEAM MAY WIN A PRIZE IN BOTH DIVISIONS. NO PREVIOUS TOURNAMENT PRIZE WINNINGS NEED TO BE REPORTED
 3. A MAXIMUM OF 4 TEAMS WILL BE SCHEDULED TO A PAIR OF LANES
 4. EACH BOWLER WILL BE ALLOWED TO PRACTICE DELIVERIES ON EACH LANE
 5. HANDICAP AND SCRATCH PRIZE LIST WILL BE POSTED AT THE TOURNAMENT SITE. AT LEAST 1 PRIZE PER 10 ENTRIES
 6. BOWLERS ARRIVING LATE WILL BOWL IN THE SAME FRAME AS THE TEAM IS BOWLING. NO SCORING FOR UNBOWLED FRAMES.
 7. GROUPS WANTING TO BE SCHEDULED TOGETHER MAY MAKE PARTY RESERVATIONS WHILE SPACES REMAIN AVAILABLE PRIOR TO NOV 8TH, 2009
 8. ANY PROTEST AFFECTING ELIGIBILITY OR GENERAL PLAYING RULES MUST BE CONFIRMED IN WRITING TO A TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL IN ACCORDANCE TO USBC **RULE 329**
 9. ALL DECISIONS OF THIS TOURNAMENT ARE FINAL UNLESS AN APPEAL IS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH **RULE 329**
 10. ANY PROTEST INVOLVING SCORING ERRORS MUST BE MADE WITHIN 48 HOURS.
 11. NO REFUNDS OF ENTRY FEES WILL BE MADE
 12. FIRST PLACE TIES WILL BE ROLLED OFF WITHIN 10 DAYS, THREE GAMES SHALL BE PLAYED IN BREAKING A TIE. TOURNAMENT RULES WILL STILL APPLY FOR OTHER THEN A FIRST PLACE TIE. PRIZE MONIES WILL BE COMBINED AND DIVIDED EQUALLY AMONG ALL OTHER POSITION TIES.
 13. THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RESCHEDULE ENTRIES TO AN ALTERNATE SQUAD IF THERE IS INSUFFICIENT ENTRIES IN A PARTICULAR SQUAD TIME
 14. PRACTICE BOWLING IS PERMITTED UNTIL 1 ½ HOURS PRIOR TO SQUAD STARTING TIMES
 15. CONDUCT: ANY INDIVIDUAL THAT IS CHARGED BY THIS TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE WITH MISCONDUCT, AS DESCRIBED IN USBC **RULE 178**, DURING PLAY OF THIS TOURNAMENT MAY BE PENALIZED BY ALL OR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING, LOSS OF PRIZE WINNINGS FOR THIS EVENT, SUSPENSION FROM PARTICIPATION IN THIS EVENT, REFUSAL OF FUTURE PARTICIPATION IN THIS EVENT. MISCONDUCT INCLUDES, BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING, OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE, DISTRACTING OR LOUD BEHAVIOR AND /OR BEHAVIOR THAT PUT ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL IN A POSITION OF PHYSICAL HARM.