

2012 CITY OPEN HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT: RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. USBC will certify the CFUSBCA 2012 City Open Handicap Championship Tournament. USBC Tournament Rules and Regulations will be the source of reference for all rules covered below. The decision of tournament management shall be final except where an appeal is made in accordance with USBC (Rule 329).
2. Participation is opened to all current members of the USBC Association, Inc. Current is defined as having a 2011-2012 USBC Membership Card (including affiliate, unattached and inter-association) issued through the Cape Fear USBCA, Inc. Membership card or receipt stub signed by the league secretary must be presented at check-in. If membership card or receipt cannot be presented, you must purchase one at check in. Any unmarried grade or high school student who has not attained the age of eighteen (18) years old, must have the written consent of their parents or guardians. Consent must be filed with the Tournament Director at least one (1) week prior to the scheduled time, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian at the time of bowling at which time; consent will be attained in accordance with USBC Rule 13.
3. Handicap will be based on 95% of the difference between a bowler's average and 220 for three (3) games series.
4. Entry fee for each event is \$20.00 divided as follows: Prize Fund \$11.50, Lineage \$7.50 and Ashley Tate Scholarship Fund \$1.00. The optional entry fees for the All-Events (Handicap): \$4.00; and Scratch Events: \$3.00. Both Optional Events will be returned 100%. To enter every event, the total entry fee per person is \$67.00.
5. A team will consist of 4 players. Entrants may bowl up to three (3) times in the Team event, subject to these conditions: (a) No more than three (3) players on one team can enter again on another team. (b) A bowler participating more than once in the Team event must count his first score toward his All-Events. A bowler may enter only once in the Singles and Doubles event. A bowler must enter both Singles and Doubles event if either is entered. No more than one (1) bowler in each event can be a member of a professional bowling organization.
6. All prizes in the tournament will be returned 100% on a handicap basis with at least one (1) prize for every six (6) entries in the team, singles and doubles. All-Events prizes will be returned at a ratio of at least one (1) for every six (6) entries.
7. Each bowler entering must use their highest 2010-11 Yearbook average consisting of a minimum of twenty-one (21) games. If no 2010-11 Yearbook average, a 2011 Summer Yearbook average consisting of a minimum of twenty-one (21) games or more can be used. A bowler without either a 2010-11 Yearbook average or 2011 Summer Yearbook average must use their highest 2011-2012 average (minimum of 21 games) as of January 1, 2012. A bowler who has neither shall bowl scratch without handicap (USBC Rule 319b).
8. **It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of the average used in the tournament regardless of who submits that average** (USBC Rule 319a-3). Failure to use the proper average or to make a correction prior to the completion of the first game bowled will disqualify the bowler if submitted average is less than the actual average. Prize winnings will be based on submitted average if it is higher than the actual average. Average cutoff date is January 1, 2012.
9. The ten-pin rule (USBC Rule 319a-2) **will not apply**. Report of prior winnings of \$600.00 or more (USBC Rule 319d) **will not apply**. Average adjustment based on prior tournament games (USBC Rule 319e) **will not apply**.
10. Divisions for this tournament, based on the bowlers average will be as follows:

	<u>Team</u>	<u>Doubles</u>	<u>Singles</u>
Division 1:.....	720+.....	360+	180+
Division 2:.....	719 & below	359 & below	179 & below

11. **You must check-in at least 30 minutes prior to your team and single/doubles squad time.** Substitutions may be made up to 30 minutes prior to your scheduled time to bowl.
12. **Entries close at midnight on Saturday, February 5, 2012 to bowl in either weekend.** No entries will be accepted after the closing date. **(NO EXCEPTIONS)** All entry forms must be filled in completely in the order in which they are to bowl, certified by the Team Captain signature, and accompanied by all necessary fees before the entry can be accepted.
13. Bowling times will be assigned according to the order the entries are received as near as possible to the times to the specified on your entry. Team captains will be notified by phone as to the assigned times. The Tournament Director reserves the right to put any number of teams on a pair of lanes in the Single and Doubles Event.
14. Any individual failing to appear at the scheduled time, or who is not ready to bowl when play is scheduled, shall receive a zero (0) until he /she bowls their first frame. If a team refuses to start because a full line-up is not present, they shall forfeit all games that they fail to or decline to bowl, subject to the discretion of the Tournament Director.
15. Tournament dress code. All participants must wear appropriate attire with no vulgar or obscene depictions. Participants will not be allowed to wear tank tops or hats during tournament play. Shorts or skirts should be no shorter than 2" above the knee. No electronics will be allowed to be in use in the bowling area during competition.
16. Please pay entry fees by cash or money orders. Personal checks will not be accepted. Please make money orders payable to CFUSBCA. Mail advance entries to: Tournament Manager, 156 Bellhammon Forest Dr., Rocky Point, NC 28457. Entries may also be placed in the Local Association mailbox located in each bowling establishment. **DO NOT submit entries to the counter personnel in the bowling establishments. Entries must be received by February 5, 2012.**
17. If any questions should arise, email questions to kathy.tolley@starnewsonline.com.