

2011 Storm National Mixed Championships Rules & Regulations

The following rules and regulations apply to all events of the 2011 Storm National Mixed Tournament and the Festival of Bowling Tournament:

- The 2011 Storm National Mixed Championships Tournament is certified by USBC and will be conducted on the following dates:**
September 29 - October 2; October 6-9; 13-16; 20-23; 27-30; & November 3-6, 2011 at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada. On-site entries are allowed for all events. Entries will be accepted up to 45 minutes prior to the 2:00 p.m. Squad on November 6, 2011.
- Events conducted in the 2011 Storm National Mixed Championships include:** 4-person Mixed Team (2 men - 2 women), Mixed Doubles (1 man - 1 woman) & Mixed Singles (separate Men's and Women's Divisions), Handicap and Scratch All-Events will be available using the scores bowled in the 4-person Mixed Team and Mixed Doubles & Singles Events **ONLY. NO SCORES from the Festival of Bowling events will be used for Handicap and Scratch All-Events.** The bowlers first appearance in an event will count toward the all-events total (USBC Rule 315d).
- The Events conducted in the Festival of Bowling Tournament include:** Open Doubles (any combination), Open Singles (separate Men's and Women's Division); Senior Doubles (Age 50 and over as of the date of bowling - any combination), Senior Singles (Age 50 and over as of the date of bowling - Separate Men's and Women's Divisions), 6-Game Scratch Singles, Adult/Youth Doubles (1 USBC Adult Male or Female AND 1 USBC Youth) and Youth Singles. Bowlers may bowl 2 Festival of Bowling Events per squad time with the exception of the 6-Game Scratch Singles.
- Squad times:** Mixed Team Event - **6:00 p.m. only**; Mixed Doubles & Singles - **10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. only.** All Festival of Bowling events - **10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.** There will be no 10:00 a.m. squad time on Thursdays and no 6:00 p.m. squad time on Sundays, unless it is necessary. **There will be a special 9:00 a.m. squad and no 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. squads on Saturday, October 1 and 8 due to other scheduled events.**
- Entrants must be USBC members.** Canadian Tenpin Federation members must possess a USBC membership card or may purchase one on-site. Bowlers who are not USBC members can qualify for entry by purchasing an Associate membership (\$21 USBC Adult Membership or \$17 USBC Youth Membership) or pay a tournament participation fee (\$5 USBC Adult or \$2 USBC Youth). Participants who pay the participation fee are not eligible for USBC awards. Any individual who has participated in 10 or more PBA National events since October 2008 is not eligible. Unmarried grade or high school students under 18 years of age competing in adult division events must have parental approval. Parental Consent Form must be on file with Tournament Management one week prior to participation - unless such person is accompanied by parent or guardian, this form may then be filled out on-site prior to start of first event (USBC Rule 13).
- Entry Fees: All entries will be entered in the handicap division and pay the handicap division entry fee. For an additional fee, bowlers will be able to use the same scores bowled in that event for a scratch division prize fund.**
 - HANDICAP DIVISION:** Entry fee for all of the events (except Senior events, 6-Game Scratch Singles, Adult/Youth Doubles and Youth Singles) is \$30 per person, per event (\$18.00 prize fee, \$12.00 bowling/expense fee). All entries will be in the Handicap Division. The Optional All-Events fee is \$5.00 per person (\$4.50 prize fund, \$.50 expense fee).
 - SCRATCH DIVISION:** Bowlers may enter the optional Scratch Division for a \$20.00 entry fee (\$18.00 prize fee, \$2.00 expense fee). The Scratch Division All-Events fee is \$10.00 (\$9.50 prize fee, \$.50 expense fee).
 - SENIOR EVENTS:** Entry fee for the Senior Doubles and Singles event is \$25.00 (\$13.00 prize fee, \$12.00 bowling/expense fee).
 - ADULT/YOUTH DOUBLES:** Entry fee is \$40.00 per team (\$25.00 scholarship fee; \$15.00 bowling/expense fee). Bowlers may enter the optional Scratch Division for \$15.00 per team (\$15.00 scholarship fee). Scholarships will be awarded to youth bowler only. **Scholarships will be administered through the USBC SMART PROGRAM Account #9419 - 100% Returned.**
 - YOUTH SINGLES:** Entry fee for the Youth Singles event (Handicap Division) is \$20.00 (\$12.50 scholarship fee; \$7.50 bowling/expense fee). Optional Scratch Division entry fee is \$15.00 (\$15.00 scholarship fee) **Scholarships will be administered through the USBC SMART PROGRAM Account #9419 - 100% Returned.**
 - 6-GAME SCRATCH SINGLES:** Entry fee is \$60 (\$45.00 prize fee, \$15.00 bowling/expense fee).
 - Full payment of entry fees are due at the time of entry. Once confirmation letter of dates is received, there will be NO refunds of entry fees unless a re-rate of average by Tournament Manager on-site causes withdrawal (Rule 314)-NO EXCEPTIONS. A substitute may pay you for your entry if you desire.**
- On-Site Entries** will be accepted until 45 minutes prior to the squad time of each event, subject to lane availability. **Entry forms must be completely filled out. Advanced entries** must check-in at least one hour prior to scheduled squad time. Check-in begins two hours prior to each squad time. **If you have changes, which includes substitutions or average verification please check-in no later than 1 ½ hours prior to squad time.**
- Participation & Prizes:** Multiple participation (re-entry) is allowed in the Mixed Team event and all Festival of Bowling events with a maximum of three (3) entries per person in each event. Bowlers may enter the Mixed Doubles and Singles event only once. At the tournament site, a bowler will be able to bowl one additional time as a substitute in the Mixed Doubles Event to fill an unexpected vacancy. Participants may cash only with the same team combination once (USBC Rule 315). **USBC Youth members may participate in the Adult/Youth Doubles and Youth Singles events only. USBC Youth members cannot participate in any other division or event within this National Mixed Championships without risking possible suspension. All prize money won will be paid in the form of a scholarship deposited with USBC SMART PROGRAM, Account #9419 (USBC Rule 400).**
- All-Events standings** will be determined by the bowler's first appearance in Mixed Team, Mixed Doubles/Mixed Singles Events. No Festival of Bowling events (Open Doubles, Open Singles, Senior Doubles, Senior Singles, 6-Game Scratch Singles, Adult/Youth Doubles, Youth Singles) scores will be used for All-Events standings.
- Prize Ratio** will be at least one for every six entries in each event with the exception of All-Events. Handicap and Scratch All-Events prize ratio will be one for every ten entries. The prize fees collected in each event and division will be returned 100%.
- In the event of a tie** for first place in any division, co-champions will be declared. Ties for other placing will result in equal prize money/scholarship being awarded to all teams concerned.
- All bowling events** will consist of 3 games bowled on the same pair of lanes except for 6-Game Scratch Singles. 6-Game Scratch Singles event will bowl six games (6) across six (6) lanes. Once a squad is started, no make-up frames will be allowed by tardy players. Zero score will be given for all frames missed.
- Tournament Manager** and the committee will have the right to accept or reject all entries and decide all questions or disputes arising in the tournament. All decisions made by the committee regarding prizes will be considered final unless a protest has been filed (USBC Rule 329). Appeals must be made in writing to either the tournament manager or USBC.
- The conditions** under which entries are accepted cannot be changed or modified after the tournament starts unless directed by USBC. This includes entry fees and rules governing competition (Rule 312).
- Handicap and Averages:** Handicap will be based on individual's entering average for the tournament and will be based on 80% of 230. **Entrant's tournament entering average will be the highest league average from the 2009-2010 AND 2010-2011 league seasons (winter and summer leagues included - based on a minimum of 21 games).** Example: If the bowler's highest 2009-10 season's average is 175 and 170 for the 2010-11 season, the tournament entering average will be 175. If none of the above, you may use your highest current 2011-2012 season average based on a minimum of 21 games as of the date of bowling, provided sufficient verification is supplied. All other entrants will bowl scratch (230). Canadian Tenpin Federation averages will be accepted with proper verification. Averages must be verified by the bowler's Association Secretary/Manager, a copy of the Average Book which includes a copy of the front cover, or printed average sheet from BOWL.COM. **League standing sheets are not acceptable forms of average verifications as they do not indicate all leagues bowled.**
Sport Bowling Leagues: Any person who has an average in a USBC designated Sports Bowling League must submit his/her adjusted Sport Bowling league average utilizing the USBC Average Adjustment Scale.
- When the previous seasons' average is used, and at the time of bowling an entrant has a current average for 21 or more games that is 10 pins or more higher than the prior season's average, the current average must be used (Rule 319a-2 (10-pin rule)).**
- Entrants who have qualified for a cash and/or merchandise prize of \$600 or more in the standings prize list in any tournament, including all-events, special features such as side pots and brackets, special prizes and donated prizes within the previous 12 month period must report their actual score, position, and amount won to the Tournament Management at time of bowling for possible re-rating. Failure to comply with either of these provisions shall be cause to forfeit tournament entry fee and prize winnings. It is the entrant's responsibility to report his/her scores in any tournament where the prize payment has not been made but in which he/she has qualified for \$600 or more.**
- Rule 319e shall apply to all participants in the tournament. If the bowler's cumulative tournament average of 21 games or more over the past 12 months is 10 or more pins higher than the entering average, the cumulative tournament average must be used. Tournament average to include prior events bowled in 2011 Storm National Mixed Championships. Ex: If a bowler has bowled 18 games in prior tournament(s) and bowls a 3-game event in the 2010 Storm National Mixed Tournament, the bowler has now 21 cumulative tournament games and could be subject an average re-rate according to Rule 319e. It is each bowler's responsibility, not the team captain, to keep records of each tournament including the names of the tournaments, dates, scores, and prize winnings.**
- Tournament Management reserves the right to re-rate a bowler's average prior to the start of any event (Rule 319c). It shall be each entrant's responsibility to verify the accuracy of his/her average whether originally submitted by the entrant, his/her team captain or other. Failure to use proper average shall **DISQUALIFY** score if submitted average is lower than actual average thereby resulting in a lower classification or more handicap. Prize winnings shall be based on the submitted average if it is higher than the actual average. In the case of teams of two or more entrants, the average shall be combined to determine whether the correct total is higher or lower than the submitted total (Rule 319a-3).
- It is the bowler's responsibility to report if he/she has ever been subjected to an adjusted or re-rated average or refused an adjusted or re-rated average prior to bowling in an event.
- All other USBC rules not covered herein shall apply. This tournament will be certified by USBC - Certification #4030.