

All Games in this tournament shall be played in strict compliance with regulations of the UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS governing tournament play.

**ONLY MEMBERS OF THE NIAGARA FALLS USBC ASSOCIATION ARE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN THIS TOURNAMENT**

**YOU MAY BOWL MORE THAN ONCE IN ANY EVENT OF THIS TOURNAMENT, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:**

A.) The same four persons may not bowl together more than once in the Team event. B.) The same two persons may not bowl together more than once in the Doubles event.

**Entry Fee Breakdown**

Membership cards must be available upon request of the Tournament Manager. This tournament is open to bowlers that have paid their NFBA sanction fee and have bowled a minimum of 3 games (League and/or Tournament) during the 2018-19 season.

All Doubles entrants must also enter Singles at least once and vice-versa. If bowling Doubles/Singles on the same day, Doubles are bowled first. Singles may be bowled on a separate day. Restrictions may apply.

Any team or individual entered in this tournament failing to appear on the lanes when scheduled to bowl shall forfeit the entry unless the Tournament Manager finds sufficient reason for granting a postponement.

	Team	Doubles	Singles	Combine	All-Events
Prize Fund (100%return)	\$65.00	\$32.50	\$16.25	\$5.00	\$5.00
Lineage	\$33.00	\$16.50	\$8.25	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tournament expenses	\$2.00	\$1.00	\$0.50	\$0.00	\$0.00
Handicap Only Entry Fee	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Scratch Prize Fund	\$40.00	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Hcp & Scratch Entry Fee	\$140.00	\$70.00	\$35.00	\$10.00	\$10.00

Any team or individual arriving late shall begin bowling with the score counting from the frame then being bowled and receive zero for missed frames.

**\*\* Adjusted prize fund for Early Bird Pricing:** Team - \$45.00, Doubles\$22.50, Singles \$11.25

**Entering Average Requirements**

**Awards**

Entrants must use their highest USBC-certified average of 21 games or more from these 2 seasons (2016-17 any association: 2017-18 any association). A bowler who attains 21 games in a league in any association before April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 may use that 21 game average if they do not have a 2016-17 or 2017-18 average: documentation will be required.

All handicap and scratch champions will receive association awards, presented at our annual awards dinner held at the end of the 2018-19 season. Scratch winners must have paid the scratch entry fee with the exception of All-Events (USBC Rule 306d).

**It will be at the tournament manager's discretion to rate a bowler at a higher average if any current or previous season USBC or non-USBC average is discovered to be higher. Anyone with only a sport/challenge average ( USBC or non-USBC) will be adjusted per the conversion charts on a per season basis.**

**Cash Prizes**

Cash Prizes will be awarded in all five events of the Open and Women's Tournament on the basis of scores with handicap, and also scratch scores in the Open Tournament. Prizes will be distributed in the ratio of one prize for every eight entries in the Team, Doubles, and Singles events. The first scores bowled in each event will count toward All-Events. Six-game Combine and All-Events prize ratio will be one prize for every ten entries. One scratch prize of minimal amount will be awarded in each event of the Women's Tournament. Entrants may cash only one time in the Singles and Combine events in each tournament they enter.

**Re-Rating Requirements**

**Lane Assignments and Check-In**

See USBC rule 319e. Any bowler who has been re-rated by any tournament or association must inform the Tournament Manager of this re-rating. See USBC Rule 319c. The average of a bowler may be adjusted upward before participation in any event. If the assigned average is not accepted by the bowler, the entry fee shall be refunded.

Captains should submit an entry blank with the exact line-up to be used. Order of bowling will not be changed thereafter.

Lane Assignments will be made by tournament management. Each individual bowler is required to check-in 30-60 minutes prior to the squad time.

**Post Early-Bird Entries**

**Early Bird close March 29<sup>th</sup> unless extended. Additional entries shall be accepted after Early Bird date if lanes are available and at Regular prices, but spots must be reserved at least one day in advance of the squad.**

**Handicap Rules**

**Foreign Substances (powder, rosin, etc.)**

Handicap will be based on 90% of the difference between bowler's entering average and 230 with no maximum handicap. Handicap for Team event and Doubles event will be computed by adding the individual handicaps of the bowlers on that team or doubles pairing.

The use of foreign substance that detracts from the possibility of other players having normal conditions is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, talcum powder, pumice, resin on shoes, and/or soft rubber soles or heels that rub off on the approach ( USBC Rule 12).

<u>Squad Dates &amp; Times</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Dbls/Sgls</u>	<u>Split Dbls</u>	<u>Split Sgls</u>
Mon., April 1st @ 630pm	✓	NA	NA	NA
Thurs., April 4th @ 630pm	NA	✓	✓	✓
Sat., April 6th @ 1pm	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sun., April 7th @ 2pm	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sun., April 7th @ 6pm	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mon., April 8th @ 630pm	✓	NA	NA	NA
Wed., April 10th @ 630pm	✓	✓	✓	✓
Thurs., April 11th @ 630pm	NA	✓	✓	✓
Sat., April 13th @ 1pm	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sun., April 14th @ 2pm	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sun., April 14th @ 6pm	✓	✓	✓	✓

**\*\*\*Those who choose to split their D/S times may be moved 90 minutes later than squad-start time. Tournament manager reserves the right to designate additional split squads if needed. Split Singles can not be bowled on fresh oil. Split singles dates and times must be confirmed by tournament manager**