



TOURNAMENT TIME 2019. HERE IS AN UPDATE!

By Tom Brendgord

State Tournaments Coming To Butte, Flathead Valley, Helena, and Missoula Slightly Revised Entry Forms Included In This Issue

This is the second E-issue of the Montana Strike Zone since major changes in its format and distribution were announced last November. E-issues for the most part will come out unannounced and in no particular routine. One of the main reasons for this issue is to clarify some poor wording on the entry forms for the 2019 Open State and Women's State tournaments.

The wording in the original entry forms that were mailed in late December was confusing and made it sound like a bowler had to be a member in a current league and have at least 21 games this year to be eligible to enter the Open and/or Women's State tournaments. That was listed as rule #11 on the back of those entry forms. In reality the intent of that rule was to explain what a non-Montana resident would have to do to be eligible to enter either of those tournaments. However, the rule never stated that it referred to non-Montana residents only.

Montana residents don't have to be in a current league to enter our tournaments, but they do have to purchase a current USBC membership card. They can use their 5-year state tournament average if they have at least 21 games in it. If not, then they can use their end-of-season average from last year or this year's January 1st average, whichever is higher. If none of those exist, then they can still enter if they have at least 21 games in a current league prior to bowling the state tournament.

Rule #11 has been omitted completely and rule #10 has been expanded to fully clarify what I just explained. The newly revised entry forms were posted on the websites, bowlmontana.com and mtusbc.com, in mid-February and are also included on pages 3-6 of this issue. Hopefully, those changes will help bowlers understand their eligibility for our state tournaments.

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The Montana USBC Open state tournament is being held in Butte this year at Star Lanes and runs for 8 big weekends from March 30 to May 19 including Easter weekend (April 19-21). There are also Friday night shifts scheduled starting April 19. Dave Martinich is the tournament director.

The 2019 Women's State tournament starts April 12th and runs for 4 weekends (skipping Easter weekend) ending May 12th. It will be held in the Flathead Valley this year with team event in Whitefish and doubles/singles in Bigfork. A Friday night shift at 6 pm is available for all four weeks of the tournament. Entry deadline is May 12th. Mary Kruse is the tournament director.

The Montana USBC Youth state tournament will be held for 3 weekends starting April 13th and ending May 5 (skipping Easter weekend) in Helena. Sleeping Giant Lanes will host all events - team, doubles & singles. Danielle Bolan is the tournament director.

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There are two major changes this year in all three of those state tournaments. First, entry fees may be paid with a credit or debit card through a PayPal invoicing system. A 3.5% fee will be charged to the invoice total so that the Montana USBC will be able to recover its costs, thus, allowing the bowler's prize fees to be returned 100% to the prize fund.

The second major change is to allow multiple entry in the doubles and singles events. A bowler will be allowed to enter doubles up to 3 times, but must change partners each time and must enter singles each time. You can cash multiple times in the doubles, but only once in the singles.

The Pepsi YBC state finals will be held April 6-7 in Missoula at Westside Lanes. Teri Hodges is the tournament director. This year a new 17 & Under division has been added allowing four divisions to send their champions to the Junior Gold Championships in Detroit in July. Those divisions are U12, U15, U17 & U20. An optional handicap event is again available this year.

Continuing this year is strict enforcement of the "no ball surface changes of any kind" rule, which is also rule #14 on the Montana USBC tournament standing rules. It states the "no ball cleaner of any kind, including ones marked USBC approved, will be allowed during competition in **all** state tournaments. Additionally, no ball surface changes of any kind are allowed once scoring has started." Announcements will be made prior to the start of a shift. No warnings will be given. Any violations will result in immediate disqualification.

Calendar of Upcoming Bowling Events

- MARCH:** Jeanette Martinich/Queens Ladies Scr, Star Lanes (Butte) 3/2-3/19
5th Annual Great & Greatest: Lucky Strike Lanes (Ronan) 3/9-10/19
Gary Gerhardt Memorial - The Bowl (Bozeman), March 16-17
Ringin' Ten Classic-Star Lanes, Butte - March 23-24
59th Annual Mission Valley Women's Invite: Lucky Strike (Ronan) 3/16, 23, 24/2019
- MT USBC Open Championships-Butte (Star Lanes)-
March 30-May 19 (8 weekends-including Easter wknd)**
Dave Evans Memorial-Westside Lanes (Msla) - March 30
- APRIL:** 20-Game Marathon-Lucky Strike Lanes (Ronan) 4/6-27/19
Pepsi YBC State Finals- Westside Lanes (Missoula) - April 6-7
MT USBC Youth State Champs-Helena Apr. 13-May 5 (3 wknds) skip Easter
MT USBC Women's State Champs (Flathead Valley) April 12-May 12 (4 wknds) skip Easter weekend. Team @ Whitefish, Dbls/sgls @ Bigfork
- MAY:** MT USBC Board Meeting - Butte, May 18
MT USBC Hall of Fame Banquet - Star Lanes (Butte), May 18
MT USBC Delegates Meeting & Election - Star Lanes (Butte) May 19
- SEPT/OCT:** MT USBC State Seniors - Evergreen Lanes (Forsyth) - 9/27-Oct. 20 (4 weekends), Dates yet to be confirmed.

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DEADLINES COMING SOON FOR LOCAL ASSOCIATION MANAGERS

By Tom Brendgord, State Association Manager

March 1st is the next important date for local association managers to know, at least for those that have youth leagues. The Montana Youth State tournament and the Pepsi YBC tournament both need March 1, 2019, averages for entering youths. So, it is essential that March 1st averages be emailed to Tom Brendgord as soon as they are available. It is preferred that the averages be sent in the form of a spreadsheet with 5 columns - one for name (last name first), one for bowler ID#, one for games, one for total pins and one for average. Once received, Tom will then forward them to the appropriate tournament directors.

Potential amendments to the Montana USBC bylaws need to be submitted by or before March 20, 2019, which is 60 days prior to the state delegate's election meeting at Star Lanes in Butte on May 19. Amendments must be submitted to either Tom Brendgord or to state association president, Fred Sadler, who resides in Great Falls.

A list of local association delegates' credentials should be sent to Tom Brendgord preferably by April 5. Based on total association membership, an association is allocated anywhere from two to six votes at the delegate's meeting.

Also due March 1st are scholarship applications from graduating seniors. The application is available on the website, www.mtusbc.com under downloads. It also needs to be sent to Tom Brendgord. It can be mailed, faxed or scanned and emailed. Tom's contact information is shown on the application.

Applications to the Montana State Hall of Fame are also due by March 1st. That application can also be found on the state website, mtusbc.com and needs to be sent to Nancy Collick in Helena.

The scholarship applications and Hall of Fame applications are not the responsibility of the local association managers.

January 1st averages for adults have already been received by Tom Brendgord from 95% of the local associations. A listing is now available on mtusbc.com and bowlmontana.com in conjunction with the Open & Women's tournaments.

QUALIFIERS FOR QUEENS & U.S. OPEN AGAIN THIS YEAR AT STAR LANES IN BUTTE

The U.S. Open Qualifier that for years was held at Five Valley Center in Missoula and then vanished 2 years ago due to its closure is being held again this year as a regional qualifier in conjunction with USBC. Bowlers entering the Ringin' Ten Classic at Star Lanes in Butte on March 23-24 will have the option to win a spot in the 2019 U.S. Open. This will be conducted as an optional event with a separate optional entry fee. The highest finisher, who paid for the optional event, will earn a spot in the U.S. Open. This year's U.S. Open will be held in North Carolina, October 23-30.

A similar situation exists for the women, who enter the Jeanette Martinich Ladies Classic March 2-3 also at Star Lanes. The only difference is that this event is in conjunction with the Montana Bowling Proprietors Association, not the USBC.

The highest finishing Montana woman, who paid for the optional event, will win an entry into the USBC Queens, which is scheduled for Wichita, Kansas, in mid-May. If age-appropriate, the winner can elect to enter the Senior Queens, which happened last year at this tournament when Lisa Corbett of Ronan prevailed. The 2019 Senior Queens is scheduled March 15-18 at The Gold Coast in Las Vegas.

Final Weekend of Open State Tournament To Include Hall of Fame Banquet, Youth Awards and Delegate's Election

By Tom Brendgord

This year's Spring meeting weekend of the Montana State USBC is set to be as exciting as ever. Not only is it the final weekend of the Open State Championships, but it also will feature the state Hall of Fame banquet, the state youth awards presentations and the state delegate's election meeting. This will all happen on Saturday, May 18th and Sunday, May 19th in Butte at Star Lanes in their banquet room.

The state delegate's meeting will be kicked off by our memorial service, which has become very popular throughout the years and a must-see event, and will probably include a presentation from David Prange of USBC national headquarters.

And, of course, our elections are always special any time there might be a changing of the board. This year there are 3 board members, who are terming out. They are 1st vice-president, Don Warner of Miles City, district #1 board member, Leroy Thom of Libby and district #3 board member, Mark Hodges of Butte.

There will be a Montana USBC board of directors meeting on Saturday morning and committee meetings all day Friday.

Tickets for the Saturday night banquet can be obtained from Nancy Collick 439-9855, email: nancy.collick@mtusbc.org or Tom Brendgord 252-3220. The cost of a ticket was \$30 last year and will probably remain unchanged this year. The HOF inductees are yet to be determined.

The Delegate Meeting will start at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday. Applications for the MTUSBC board are available on the state website, mtusbc.com, and must be sent to Sandy True by May 1.

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MASTER/MASTERETTE'S SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT 2019 RESULTS

The Master/Masterette's Scholarship Tournament was held in Helena at Sleeping Giant Lanes on Saturday January 19 and Sunday January 20. There were 56 youth entries in the preliminary qualifying rounds on Saturday – 34 in the Handicap Division and 22 in the Scratch Division. The top 16 from each division moved on to match play finals on Sunday. Four awards were given out for Saturday – High Scratch Game and Series to Nolan Croskrey (Great Falls) with a 252 and 810 for four games, High Handicap Game to Skyler Ingraham (Helena) with a 256 with handicap and High Series went to Toby Ottenbacher (Billings) with a 878 series with handicap.

Scratch Division:	City	Scholarship
1st - Caylor Cox	Helena	\$300
2nd - Austyn Martinich	Great Falls	\$200
3rd - "Seth" Kleeman	Helena	\$100
4th - McKenzie Ostermiller	Billings	\$ 50
Handicap Division:		
1st - Devin Petersen	Helena	\$300
2nd - Skyler Ingraham	Helena	\$200
3rd - Sarah Morand	Helena	\$100
4th - Nathan Dupler	Helena	\$ 50

Tourney High Games (boys): Caylor Cox 222, 221; Cameron Larimer 235, 224; Austyn Martinich 235, 224; Evan Hinds 228; Nolan Croskrey 252, 235; Justin Cavazos 223.

Tourney High Games (girls): McKenzie Ostermiller 228, 223

2019 Open Championship Tournament Rules

1. **Tournament Format** – The tournament is USBC certified and will consist of two bowled events – a four (4) person Team event and a combined two (2) person Doubles event and an individual one (1) person Singles event. Bowlers may participate in either the Team or the combined Doubles/Singles events or both events. Bowlers participating in the Doubles event must bowl in the Singles event.
2. **Team Composition** – In the Team event, teams may be comprised of any combination of men and women, totaling four (4) bowlers. In the Doubles event, teams may be comprised of two (2) men or women or one (1) man and one (1) woman totaling two (2) bowlers.
3. **Divisions** – The tournament is divided into three divisions. Each division is based on the total team average of the participants competing in the event as shown on the front of this form.
4. **Handicap** – Handicap for all divisions will be based on 90% of 235 and computed using the team average method.
5. **Phone or E-mail Entry Reservations** – Squad time reservations will be accepted, however, entry form and fees must be received by the tournament director not later than 14 days of the reservation or the squad time will be vacated. Incomplete entry forms or fees will be accepted but not scheduled until all entry information and/or fees are received.
6. **Prize Ratios** - The prize ratio will be at least one (1) to five (5) or major fraction thereof for the Team event; the prize ratio will be at least one (1) to eight (8) or major fraction thereof for the Doubles/Singles events. Prize money will be returned 100%. Last paid place on the prize list will be equal to the prize fee paid. Championship awards in each division will be presented to each member of the Team, Doubles, and Singles events bowling the highest score. Championship awards will not be presented to winners in the optional events. The cost of the awards will be from the expense fees paid. Duplicate awards will be made in case of ties.
7. **Special Events** – The following optional special events are offered in this tournament. The entry fees for these events will be included in the prize fund for the event and returned 100%.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Entry Fee</u>	<u>Prize Ratio</u>	<u>Event Description</u>
All-Events	\$ 5.00	1:20	Combined scores from first Team event and Doubles /Singles event with handicap by division.
Scratch Team as a	\$ 28.00	1:8	Scratch score of all team entrants in any Team event. Must enter team.
Scratch All-Events	\$ 5.00	1:20	Combined scratch scores of first Team event and Doubles /Singles event; all entrants combined in a single division.
Scratch Doubles	\$ 7.00	1:8	Combined scratch scores of event entrant and partner in Doubles portion of the Doubles/Singles event. <u>Both partners must enter.</u>
Scratch Singles	\$ 7.00	1:8	Scratch score of event entrant in the Singles portion of the Doubles/Singles event.

8. **Entries Close (USBC Rule 310)** – Entry deadline is Sunday, May 19, 2019, prior to the start of the last scheduled shift, which is 3:00 pm. for team event and 3:00 pm. for doubles/singles. Any entry forms not accompanied by the fees required for the events entered will be accepted but not scheduled until all fees are received.
9. **Multiple Participation (USBC Rule 315)** – A bowler may participate in the Team event an unlimited number of times but at least two (2) players must be different to cash. A bowler may participate in the combined Doubles/Singles event up to 3 times, but must change partners each time to cash and must also bowl singles each time. A bowler can cash **only once** in singles.
10. **Entering Average** – A bowler must use his/her **Montana USBC state tournament average (21 game min.) as listed on the website, www.bowlmontana.com**. If no such average exists, then bowler must use his/her 2017-18 final season average (summer leagues included) or their January 1, 2019, average, whichever is higher. A bowler without a certified 2017-18 winter or summer league average, or a January 1, 2019 average may use their current average as of the date bowled. **Non-Montana residents are required to have at least 21 games in a 2018-19 Montana league to be eligible to enter. All averages are for a 21 game minimum.** To verify an alternate average, an average verification letter from the participant's league secretary or local Association Manager will be required. **A current season (2018-19) USBC membership is required to enter this tournament or must purchase one onsite prior to bowling.**
11. **Assigned Averages (USBC Rule 319b)** –A participant without an entering average will be assigned an average of 235.
12. **USBC Rules 319a(2) & 319d are waived.** Current averages that are 10 pins or more higher than the entering average do not need reporting, nor do any prize winnings need reporting. All other aspects of USBC Rule 319 are in effect.
13. **USBC Rule 319c Average Adjustments** is only in effect for bowlers, who have been rerated nationally by USBC and only when the adjusted average is higher than their Montana USBC state tournament average.
14. **NOTICE: MONTANA USBC STANDING RULES, which are applicable to ALL Montana State tournaments, can be found and downloaded on the website: BowIMontana.com, then select this specific tournament.**

Tournament Director: Dave Martinich 2000 Hancock Butte, MT 59701 (406) 782-2755
 Montana State USBC Association Manager: Tom Brendgord t.brendgord@att.net (no entries, please)
 Phone Reservations will be taken **no earlier than January 1, 2019** by calling (406) 782-2755 (No collect calls). Email reservations may be made and are encouraged at: martinichd@yahoo.com. **NOTICE:** There **will** be bowling Easter weekend (Apr. 19-21, 2019).

Entries close Sunday, May 19, 2019

To pay by credit card: First obtain reservation number from tournament director. Then indicate method of payment on front & ensure your email address is correct & legible. Then mail form to tourney director, who will assign invoice number & email you PayPal instructions. Payment must be made within 7 days of receipt of tournament manager's email reply.



2019 Women's Championship Tournament Rules

1. **Tournament Format** – The tournament is USBC certified and will consist of two bowled events – a four (4) person Team event and a combined two (2) person Doubles event and an individual one (1) person Singles event. Bowlers may participate in either the Team or the combined Doubles/Singles events or both events. Bowlers participating in the Doubles event must bowl in the Singles event.
2. **Team Composition** – In the Team event, teams will be comprised of four (4) women bowlers. In the Doubles event, teams will be comprised of two (2) women bowlers.
3. **Divisions** – The tournament is divided into three divisions. Each division is based on the total team average of the participants competing in the event as shown on the front of this form.
4. **Handicap** – Handicap for all divisions will be based on 90% of 225 and computed using the team average method.
5. **Phone or E-mail Entry Reservations** – Squad time reservations will be accepted, however, entry form and fees must be received by the tournament director not later than 14 days of the reservation or the squad time will be vacated. Incomplete entry forms or fees will be accepted but not scheduled until all entry information and/or fees are received.
6. **Prize Ratios** - The prize ratio will be at least one (1) to five (5) or major fraction thereof for the Team event; the prize ratio will be at least one (1) to six (6) or major fraction thereof for the Doubles/Singles event. Prize money will be returned 100%. Last paid place on the prize list will be equal to the prize fee paid. Championship awards in each division will be presented to each member of the Team, Doubles, and Singles events bowling the highest score. No championship awards presented to scratch optional events. The cost of the awards will be from the expense fees paid. Duplicate awards will be made in case of ties.
7. **Special Events** – The following optional special events are offered in this tournament. The entry fees for these events will be included in the prize fund for the event and returned 100%. The first place scratch all-events winner will receive entry fee to the 2017 or 2018 Queens.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Entry Fee</u>	<u>Prize Ratio</u>	<u>Event Description</u>
All-Events	\$ 5.00	1:20	Combined scores from first Team event and Doubles /Singles event with handicap by division.
Scratch All-Events	\$ 5.00	1:20	Combined scratch scores of first Team event and Doubles /Singles event; all entrants combined in a single division.
Scratch Team	\$ 28.00	1:8	Scratch score of all team entrants in any Team event. Must enter as a team.
Scratch Doubles	\$ 7.00	1:8	Combined scratch scores of event entrant and partner in Doubles portion of the Doubles/Singles event. Both partners must enter.
Scratch Singles	\$ 7.00	1:8	Scratch score of event entrant in the Singles portion of the Doubles/Singles event.

8. **Entries Close (USBC Rule 310)** – Entry deadline is Sunday, May 12, 2019. All entry forms not accompanied by the fees required for the events entered will be accepted but not scheduled until all fees are received.
9. **Multiple Participation (USBC Rule 315)** – A bowler may participate in the Team event an unlimited number of times, but at least two (2) players must be different. A bowler may participate in the combined Doubles/Singles event up to 3 times, but must change partners each time to cash and must enter singles each time. A bowler can cash **only once** in singles.
10. **Entering Average** – A bowler must use her **Montana USBC state tournament average (21 game min.) as listed on the website, www.bowlmontana.com**. If no such average exists, then bowler must use her highest final 2017-18 certified winter or summer league average or January 1, 2019 average, whichever is higher. A bowler without a certified 2017-18 winter or summer league average, or a January 1, 2019 average may use their current average as of the date bowled. **Non-Montana residents are required to have at least 21 games in a 2018-19 Montana league to be eligible to enter. All averages are for a 21 game minimum.** To verify an alternate average, an average verification letter from the participant's league secretary or local Association Manager will be required. **A current season (2018-19) USBC membership is required to enter this tournament or must purchase one onsite prior to bowling.**
11. **Assigned Averages (USBC Rule 319b)** – A participant without an entering average will be assigned an average of 225.
12. **USBC rule 319c Average Adjustments** is only in effect for bowlers, who have been rerated nationally by USBC and only when the adjusted average is higher than their Montana USBC state tournament average.
13. **USBC Rule 319a(2) & 319d** are waived. Current averages that are 10 pins or more higher than the entering average do not need reporting, nor do any prize winnings need reporting. All other aspects of USBC Rule 319 are in effect
14. **NOTICE: MONTANA USBC STANDING RULES, which are applicable to ALL Montana State tournaments, can be found and downloaded on the website: BowlMontana.com/tournaments, then select this specific tournament.**

Mail, phone or email entries to:

Tournament Director: Mary Kruse 790 Egan Rd Kalispell, MT 59901 (406) 250-4070 Email: mkruse59901@yahoo.com

Montana State USBC Assn. Mgr: Tom Brendgord t.brendgord@att.net (no entries please)

ENTRIES CLOSE SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2019.

The Grand Duchess Award will be presented to the eldest woman entered. A woman is allowed to win this award only once in a lifetime. Please enter and highlight the date of birth of your eldest entrant over 80 in a vacant average box on entry form. Must be submitted by April 8, 2019 to be eligible.

To pay by credit card: First obtain reservation number from tournament director. Then indicate method of payment on front & ensure your email address is correct & legible. Then mail form to tourney director, who will assign invoice number & email you PayPal instructions. Payment must be made within 7 days of receipt of tournament manager's email reply.



MONTANA STATE YOUTH

**MONTANA USBC ASSOCIATION
YOUTH STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
April 13, 2019 to May 5, 2019
Helena, MT**

(EXCLUDING EASTER WEEKEND)

Tournament Entry Form

Contact Name: _____ Bowler ID# _____ Email: _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____ Ph # _____

Team Name: _____ List bowlers in roster order.

Division 5 Yes No

Mail entries to: Danielle Bolan, 3355 Tricia, Helena, MT 59601

DOB Gender 3/1/19 Avg 17-18 Avg Current Average (if nec.) 12 gm min.

ID#	Last Name	First Name	Phone				
Address		City	Zip	M-F			
ID#	Last Name	First Name	Phone				
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ID#	Last Name	First Name	Phone				
Address		City	Zip	M-F			
ID#	Last Name	First Name	Phone				
Address		City	Zip	M-F			

USBC Certified Event - Handicap: 90% of 225
Prize Ratio: 1:6 for Team, Dbls, Sgls, All Events
Entry Deadline: **May 5, 2019**

Youth participants will not wear apparel or use bowling equipment depicting alcohol, tobacco, gambling, an illegal substance or inappropriate language/gestures during competition (Rule 19)

Div	Team	Doubles	Singles
1	560 & up	280 & up	140 & up
2	440-559	220-279	110-139
3	340-439	170-219	85-109
4	339 & under	169 & under	84 & under
5	Age 8 & Under as of 8/1/18 - 2 games bowled per event		

TEAM - SLEEPING GIANT LANES			TIMES	DBLS/SGLS - SLEEPING GIANT LANES		
10:00 AM	1:30 PM	5:00 PM	SATURDAYS	10:00 AM	1:30 PM	5:00 PM
8:00 AM	11:30 AM	3:00 PM	SUNDAYS	8:00 AM	11:30 AM	3:00 PM

Tournament Dates:	Team		Doubles/Singles	
Sat: Apr 13, 27, May 4 Sun: Apr 14, 28, May 5	Date	Time	Date	Time
1st Choice				
2nd Choice				

NOTE: The optional Scratch Dbls/Sgls event is available in every division. An entrant's average determines his/her division - see rule #17

Entry Fee:	Divisions 1-4	Division 5
Lineage	\$11.10	\$ 7.40
Trophy Fee	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Expense Fee	\$ 6.90	\$ 5.60
Total per person per event	\$20.00	\$15.00

Doubles/Singles Event - List bowlers in roster order			Special Event	
ID#	Name	Average	Scr Dbls/Sgls	
1			Yes	No
2			Yes	No
1			Yes	No
2			Yes	No

Reservations & Entries to:
Danielle Bolan, Tournament Director
Sleeping Giant Lanes, 3355 Tricia → Phone: (406) 431-7753 or Email: dcbolan@outlook.com

Indicate payment type: ___ Credit Card (instructions on back) ___ Check (to Montana USBC) ___ Cash

Entry #	Reserve #	Invoice #	Date Rec'd	Cash Rec'd	Cks Rec'd	C.C. Rec'd	Total Rec'd	Conf. Date

Entry Fee Submission:

___ Team	@ \$.00 = \$ _____
___ Doubles	@ \$.00 = \$ _____
___ Singles	@ \$.00 = \$ _____
___ Scr Dbls/Sgls	@ \$ 2.00 = \$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

Montana USBC Youth Tournament Rules

(**NOTICE:** No ball surface changes can be made once scoring has started. See rule #14 of Montana Tournament Standing Rules on website).

1. **Tournament Format** – The tournament is USBC certified and the events shall consist of a four (4) person Team event, two (2) person Doubles and an individual Singles event. Bowlers may participate in Team, and/or Doubles/Singles.
2. **Team Composition** – In the Team event, teams will be comprised of four (4) youth. In the Doubles event, teams will be comprised of two (2) youth. Three (3) games will be bowled in each event, with the exception of those bowlers bowling in Division 5, who will bowl 2 games in each event. **Any member eligible to bowl in Division 5, who chooses to bowl in Divisions 1-4, will also be eligible to enter any Division 5 events separately.** Lineup shall be the same as shown on the entry forms. All Events is optional.
3. **Handicap** – The tournament will be handicapped with 90% of 225 per person per game in each event.
4. **Prize Ratio** – The trophy ratio will be at least one (1) to six (6) or major fraction thereof for the Team, Doubles and Singles events; the trophy ratio will be at least one (1) to six (6) or major fraction thereof for All Events. Trophy fees will be returned 100%. Divisions with less than five (5) entries may be combined with another division. Games shot for the handicap division will be used for the corresponding scratch division. One All Event plaque will be awarded in each division for scratch. If an individual qualifies for both, the scratch award will take precedence and the bowler will be awarded the scratch All Events plaque only. One plaque will be awarded for overall scratch high game and series, boy and girl.
5. **Tournament Eligibility (USBC Rule 300c)** – All entrants must be youth members whose dues have been paid to the national association no later than March 1, 2019 and must reside in Montana and/or bowl at a certified Montana bowling center.
6. **Team Captains (USBC Rule 304)** – Team captains are to have their team members present no later than thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled squad time. Proof of current USBC membership must be provided if requested.
7. **Prize Fund Distribution (USBC Rule 309)** – A prize list will be posted on the website, bowlmontana.com. Plaques will be mailed to association managers for distribution.
8. **Entry Closing (USBC Rule 310b)** – Entries must be received no later than the last scheduled shift on May 5, 2019. Additional shifts will be added if needed, but not past the last shift of the tournament.
9. **Submitting Entries (USBC Rule 311)** – Entries will be scheduled according to requests in the order received, if possible. The tournament schedule will not be changed by the tournament director except for emergencies. Confirmation of squad times and dates will be made via email, if available, or by regular mail to the person designated on the entry form. **ANYONE RESERVING 4 TEAM SPOTS OR MORE ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE ALL ENTRY FORMS AND FEES TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR BY OR BEFORE MARCH 5, 2019.**
10. **Entry Refunds (USBC Rule 314)** – Entry fees will not be refunded except when an alternate time, other than requested, has been assigned and the entering team has been notified of the new time. The entering team has ten (10) days from the date stamped/transmitted on the confirmation letter to refuse the alternate time.
11. **Multiple Participation (USBC Rule 315)** – A bowler may participate in the Team event unlimited times but at least two (2) players must be different to cash. Entrants who sign up for doubles must bowl in the singles event. Entrants are allowed to bowl in doubles and singles up to 3 times, but must change partners each time **to cash** and also must bowl singles each time. A bowler may cash **only once** in singles. **Exception:** Bowlers may sub one time for an absent bowler in doubles without having to enter singles again. If a bowler was not previously scheduled to bowl in the tournament, he/she is eligible to bowl singles. First Score in each event will count towards all events score.
12. **Entering Average (USBC Rule 319a)** – The previous season's average and the highest March 1st certified league average with a minimum of twelve (12) games for bowlers bowling in Division 1-4, and a minimum of ten (10) games for bowlers bowling in Division 5 must be submitted and the **higher of the two will be used.** If a participant does not have the required games as of March 1st, nor a previous season's average, he/she may use their current average up to the date bowled providing the minimum number of games is met and average is verified in writing by a coach or association manager. All others must bowl scratch.
13. **Assigned Averages (USBC Rule 319b)** – A youth participant without an entering average will be assigned an average of 225 in divisions 1-4. Participants in division 5 without an entering average will be assigned an average of 140.
14. **Lineup Changes (USBC Rule 324a)** – Substitutes are allowed. Substitutions must be made to the tournament director as early as possible, but in any case, no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of assigned squad time. Average verification must accompany substitutions. In emergency situations, the substituting bowler must take the lineup place of the original bowler and will not be required to reimburse the original bowler's entry fee.
15. **Scoring Errors (USBC Rule 327b)** – Errors in scoring must be reported to the tournament director within 48 hours of the completion of the squad bowled.
16. **Protests and Appeals (USBC Rule 329)** – The MT USBC Board of Directors and the Tournament Manager shall have the power to hear and act on all protests and appeals arising from or under construction of the rules of the MT USBC Youth Tournament. The joint committee shall also decide any questions not covered by tournament rules. All protests and appeals concerning eligibility or general playing rules must be confirmed in writing to the tournament manager before tournament plaques are determined.
17. **Special Feature Event** – Only bowlers who pay the \$2.00 fee for Scratch Doubles/Singles Event will be eligible for this event. This event is based on the total **scratch** score of the doubles and singles event. First scores in each event will count toward total score. **THIS IS AVAILABLE IN EVERY DIVISION (including Division 5).** The top finisher in this event in each division will receive a scholarship; the amount will be based on the number of entries in each respective division.
18. **Scholarships** – All Events Scholarship Event is based on Team, Doubles and Singles scores, combined with handicap. First scores bowled in each event will count toward the All Events score. There are five divisions in this event, based on the bowler's average. Scholarships in the amount of \$100.00 for first place and \$50.00 for second place will be awarded in this event. Additional scholarships will be awarded one for every fifty (50) entries in each division, or *major fraction thereof if needed.*
19. **Dress Code** - Youth participants will not wear apparel or use bowling equipment depicting alcohol, tobacco, gambling, an illegal substance or inappropriate language/gestures during competition. Knee length shorts are allowed, appropriate dress must be worn, no hats. All final decisions regarding attire will be at the discretion of the tournament director. Penalty: First offense will result in a verbal warning and apparel change or removal of equipment. Failure to comply will cause the bowler's scores to be disqualified and the bowler to be removed from the competition.

To pay by credit card: First obtain reservation number from tournament director. Then indicate method of payment on front & ensure your email address is correct & legible. Then mail form to tourney director, who will assign invoice number & email you PayPal instructions. Payment must be made within 7 days of receipt of tournament manager's email reply.