

# Tournament Rules

1. The *IBC* Open shall be conducted under the certification of the United States Bowling Congress. These rules govern. All bowlers must be U.S.B.C. members, or must acquire membership through the tournament by paying his/her dues prior to bowling. Non-members living within the jurisdiction of this association who are not members of another association may enter by paying a participation membership fee of \$5. Youth bowlers may bowl in the singles event only, provided they complete the waiver form. Any winnings for the youth shall be issued as a scholarship with the SMART account.
2. All handicaps will be figured at 100% of the individual average and **240**. No maximum handicap.
3. Averages: All bowlers will use their highest final certified U.S.B.C. average for the 2016-2017 SEASON INCLUDING SUMMER LEAGUES with a minimum of 21 games unless a bowlers average as of November 25, 2017 in a certified league with 21 games or more is **10 pins higher** than the previous season average. Any bowler not meeting any of the previous requirements will be required to bowl scratch. U.S.B.C. Youth averages will be considered a previous average.
4. Rules 319a, 319b, 319c and 319e shall be used in accordance with determining bowler's average. Bowlers are not required to report prior prize winnings in accordance with rule 319d.
5. It is the individual bowlers responsibility to verify his/her average when checking in to the tournament prior to each squad. Whether your average was submitted by yourself or another member of your team, you are personally responsible for accuracy of your average. If your average is determined to be incorrect you will be disqualified from all events bowled.
6. Any change in line-up must be reported 30 minutes prior to scheduled time of bowling. Teams or individuals arriving late shall be permitted to bowl with the score to count from the frame then being bowled. They will forfeit all scores for each frame missed. Full handicap will be credited. U.S.B.C. Rule # 322 (a). Teams or individual failing to appear at their scheduled time shall forfeit their entry fee unless sufficient reason is given. The Tournament Director will determine eligibility for any substitute.
7. All lanes shall be assigned 15 minutes prior to squad times.
8. Any bowler ineligible for U.S.B.C. certification will not be permitted to bowl in the tournament.
9. All prizes will be returned 100% on a ratio of 1 to 10 in teams, singles, and doubles. All events ratio 1 to 20. All bowlers are automatically entered in both scratch and handicap divisions unless the following: **If total team averages are a sum of 1200 or more, doubles 480 or more, singles 240 or more those respective teams, doubles, and singles shall be eligible in the scratch division only. An individual with an average of 240 or more shall be entered in only**

**the scratch all events.** If a bowler places in both handicap and scratch divisions, he/she shall receive only the prize with the highest monetary value. If equal value, bowler will receive scratch placement.

10. Multiple participation/Re-entries are permitted provided bowlers are entered in at least one event prior to the deadline of entries and are as follows: players may roll as many 5 person teams as desired and teams may enter more than once, but not more than 3 players on any team may place more than once in the prize money. In the two-person event multiple participations is permitted but you can only place once in the prize list with the same partner in the prize list for position standings. Multiple participation is permitted in the singles event but you can place only once in the prize list for position standings. For all above highest scores shall be used towards position standings. In all instances, when a bowler competes more than once in any event, his first appearance in each event will count toward their all-events score.

11. **All-event fee entry must be paid prior to the first ball rolled in first event.**

12. No entries accepted without entry fee.

**.NOTE:** Premature termination brought about by war, national emergency or emergency causes relating thereto or therefrom, fires, strikes, lockouts, labor difficulties or other reasons beyond the control of the Sparetime Recreation Tournament shall cause the foregoing prize schedule to be prorated in accordance with the number of entrants who have bowled in each of the respective events up to the time of the termination.

**NOTE:** Any bowler or individual who makes the standings board, is responsible to pick up an average verification form.

13. All employees of Sparetime Recreation are eligible to participate under the same rules governing this tournament.

14. **Dress Code: All bowlers must wear a collared shirt, mock collars shall be permitted. No hats or head gear of any kind will be allowed.**

Entries Close: **Midnight – November 27th, 2017**

<b>~ Entry Fee Breakdown ~</b>	
<b>Bowling Fee</b>	<b>8.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>1.50</b>
<b>Prize Fund</b>	<b>15.50</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>
<b>All Events (Optional)</b>	<b>5.00</b>