

## **TOURNAMENT RULES**

1.) The Alamo City Tournament (ACT), beginning on Friday January 13, 2012 and running through Sunday January 15, 2012 is an IGBO affiliated tournament, open to men and women by invitation only. The Tournament will be a mixed Handicap competition, certified by USBC, and will be adhering to USBC rules. Participation is limited to 52 teams (single shift) of four (4) participants of any mixture of men and/or women each. The Tournament Director(s) have the right to refuse any entry submitted and will resolve any issue that is not covered by the following rules and/or USBC rules.

2.) **CERTIFICATION:** Pursuant to Rule 300c, all participants to the Tournament must be members of USBC and provide proof of membership (I.D. card or signed statement from League Secretary). Non-USBC members may qualify for entry by paying a participant fee of \$5.00 to become Tournament certified. Participants who pay the participation fee are not eligible for USBC awards. If the participant is not a member of IGBO, he/she must pay a \$25.00 Associate Membership fee; which must be paid at the time of registration.

3.) **TOURNAMENT EVENTS:** The Tournament shall consist of Handicap Singles, Doubles, Teams, and Individual All Events Competition. The number of games per event shall be three (3). Men and women shall compete on an equal basis in Handicap and Scratch Events. Doubles partners must come from the same team. Bowlers are permitted to bowl only once in each Tournament event.

4.) **OPTIONAL SCRATCH COMPETITION:** The Optional Scratch competition event fee shall be twenty - five U.S. Dollars (\$25.00) per person; 100% of the Optional Scratch entry fee will be paid out. Optional Scratch entry fees MUST be paid by registration. There will be five Divisions in the Optional Scratch competition. Optional Scratch event scores shall be based on all scratch scores bowled in the nine (9) games comprising the Handicap Tournament. Cash position prizes for Optional Scratch competition will be awarded for **High Scratch Game, Series, and All-Events** scores bowled by participants in each Division, who have paid the Optional Scratch entry. Only one (1) award won per participant. **Optional Scratch shall pay a minimum of 1 in 10 entries in each Division.**

**Division A: Avg. 0 – 139**

**Division B: Avg. 140 – 159**

**Division C: Avg. 160 – 179**

**Division D: Avg. 180 – 199**

**Division E: Avg. 200 & Above**

5.) **ENTERING AVERAGE:** Any bowler entering the Alamo City Tournament must establish a ten-pin average acceptable to USBC, excluding USBC Sport and PBA Experience leagues or any league that promotes itself as having more difficult lane conditions. If a bowler competed in more than one league, the bowler MUST submit the highest average of all leagues bowled. The following rules shall be used to determine the entering average.

A. The highest 2010-2011 Book average (minimum of 21 games) as of May 31, 2011

B. If none, the highest average between the 2011 USBC Summer League average (minimum of 21 games) or the 2009-2010 USBC Book average (minimum of 21 games)

C. If none of the above exists, a tournament entering average of 225 will be used.

### **OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:**

a) If a bowler's current League average (minimum of 21 games) as of 12/31/2011 is 1 (one) pin or more than the submitted entering average for this tournament, the bowler must submit, use and send verification of that average as per USBC rule 319a-2.

b) If a bowler has a verifiable IGBO Tournament average (minimum of 21 games) as of 01/13/2012 that is 1 (one) or more pins higher than their entering average for this tournament, then this average will be used.

c) If the submitted and verified entering average for the tournament is 10 or more pins less than the next verifiable past USBC book average, the new entering average shall be the previous of the two averages less 10 pins.

d) Any bowlers who have qualified for a cash and/or merchandise prize of \$600 (US) or more in a single event must report: the name and date of the tournament, the event and position in which the prize was won, and the actual scratch scores for the entire tournament.

e) Failure to report and/or submit average verifications before the beginning of tournament play for any of the above information shall result in automatic disqualification and loss of winnings. USBC Rule 319e is enforced and applies in its entirety.

f) The Tournament Committee shall have the authority to adjust the entering average of any bowler.

6.) **HANDICAP:** Each bowler's tournament handicap shall be based upon 90% of the difference between a scratch score of 225 and the bowler's entering tournament average.

7.) **FEES / REFUNDS:** The Tournament entry fee shall be eighty-nine U.S. dollars (\$89.00). Tournament entry fees must accompany the Tournament entry. Once payment has been processed, no refunds will be allowed without the approval of the Tournament Committee. Petitions for refunds must be made in writing, including the reasoning for the refund, and presented to a Tournament Committee member.

8.) **ENTRIES / VERIFICATION:** Tournament entries shall close on **January 2, 2012** (latest postmark date) or when all 208 individual spots have been filled, which ever comes first. All entries must be accompanied by full payment for each individual's entry fee(s). The tournament accepts cashier checks or money orders (made payable to Alamo City Tournament) or through our online PayPal services; no cash or personal checks will be accepted. Entries should be mailed to: Alamo City Tournament, 604 Rittiman Rd., San Antonio, Tx. 78209. Entries shall be processed in the order in which they were postmarked. Partial team entries shall be accepted and the Tournament Directors shall make every effort to fill the vacancies, provided that all necessary information has been submitted for verification. Entries must be accompanied by a copy of the League Standing Sheet, a photocopy of the USBC Book Average or a letter of introduction; each signed and dated by either the President or Secretary of the League from which the entering tournament average was submitted. It is each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average, whether submitted by them, their team captain or others. It is also each bowler's responsibility to submit via mail, or email all League and Tournament documentation for entries submitted online through PayPal services by the 1/2/2012 postmark date. Failure to submit proper average verification will result in disqualification of all positions and prizes, if the correct average is discovered by the Tournament Committee to be higher than the submitted average. If the correct average is discovered to be lower than the submitted average, the submitted average shall continue to be used to award positions and prizes. Average corrections can be made by the bowler up to the start of practice for the Singles Event.

9.) **CHECK-IN TIME AND PRACTICE BALLS:** Check-in time for all bowlers is thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of their scheduled event(s) each day. Team Captains will check-in for the Team Event, after all bowlers are present. Bowlers shall have ten (10) minutes of practice on the assigned lanes prior to each event.

10.) **LATE BOWLERS AND SUBSTITUTIONS:** It shall be the sole responsibility of each bowler to be present at the assigned lane at the time of bowling. Each bowler shall have the responsibility to arrive in time to bowl without regard to transportation irregularities, improper directions, mechanical failures, or any other reason. Late bowlers shall begin bowling in the frame in which they are ready with prior frames scored as zero (0). If a team member is not present, the team may use an authorized substitute per event. If no substitute is available, a zero (0) score will be used for the missing bowler. Substitutes will be allowed at the discretion of the Tournament Director(s) after meeting with the Team Captain. Substitutes must complete an entry form prior to bowling and adhere to all tournament rules.

11.) **PRIZES:** Each event will have its own prize list, with at least 100% cash return for all prize fees. Team, Doubles, and Singles Events shall pay a minimum of 1 in 8 entries. Individual All Event will pay a minimum of 1 in 10 entries. **All monies will be mailed out within 30 days.** A tie in any position will result in equal division of prizes.

12.) **Protests:** A protest or appeal involving eligibility or playing rules must be filed with the Tournament Management, the local association or USBC before tournament prizes are paid, by only a participating tournament bowler with 72 hours from the close of the tournament. The protest or appeal must be in writing and the grounds for the protest or appeal briefly stated. An appeal regarding the decision of the Tournament Management or local association may be made to USBC. The decision of USBC is final and binding on all involved parties. Prizes for the positions affected will not be distributed until the protest or appeal is resolved.



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