

## 2026 Open Senior Tournament Rules

- 1) Only members of the Summit County USBC who are certified for the current season are eligible to compete in this tournament.
- 2) You must pay local association dues if not already certified in Summit County USBC. If not paid prior to bowling, bowler scores will be voided.
- 3) The tournament will be handicapped as follows: Singles - 80% of 240 scratch.
- 4) All bowlers must use their highest certified winter average of 21 games or more from the previous season. If there is no certified winter average from the previous season, bowlers will use their highest certified summer average of 21 games or more from the previous season. If there is no certified winter or summer average of 21 games or more from the previous season, bowlers will use their highest certified average of 21 games or more from the current season at time of bowling (bring league standing sheet). All others must use 240. USBC Rule 319a pertaining to 10 pin increase in current average does not apply.
- 5) Tournament Management reserves the right to re-rate a bowler's average if it is determined the bowler's average was not bowled on a "house shot".
- 6) Multiple participation is permitted. Games bowled in the Open Championship will be used for this special event.
- 7) Report all substitutions to the Tournament Office when signing in.
- 8) Entries will be scheduled according to requests if possible and in the order received. The schedule will not be changed by the tournament manager except for emergencies.
- 9) No refunds of entry fees paid. Entry fee is \$10 per event.
- 10) Event prizes will be based on the highest total pins with handicap.
- 11) Prize fees returned 100%. Prizes will be based on a minimum of not less than one prize for every ten (10) entries.
- 12) Entry fees must be paid in full with the submittal of the entry form.
- 13) Lanes will be assigned by the tournament manager. Check-in time is 30 minutes prior to bowling.
- 14) Protests and appeals must be in writing stating the grounds for protest or appeal. A protest involving eligibility or playing rules must be filed with tournament management within 72 hours of the infraction, or prior to tournament prizes being paid, whichever occurs first. The decision of the tournament management shall be final unless a written appeal is filed with the local association or USBC Headquarters within 10 days of notification of tournament management's decision.
- 15) Tournament play will begin at the stated times on the front of the entry form.
- 16) At the Tournament Manager's discretion, additional squads may be added during the Tournament prior to the last scheduled squad.
- 17) All Items not covered by these rules will be referred to USBC rules.

THE ENTRANTS WHOSE NAMES APPEAR HEREON OR THEIR AUTHORIZED REPLACEMENTS HEREBY AGREE THAT THE SUMMIT COUNTY USBC, ITS OFFICERS AND AGENTS SHALL BE LIABLE ONLY TO THE EXTENT OF RETURNING ENTRY FEES IF AND WHEN THESE ENTRANTS SHALL BE PREVENTED FROM BOWLING ANY EVENT IN THE TOURNAMENT THROUGH PREMATURE TERMINATION OF THE TOURNAMENT WHICH MAY BE BROUGHT ABOUT BY WAR, NATIONAL EMERGENCY OR EMERGENCIES, OR CASES RELATING THERETO OR RESULTING THEREFROM FIRES, STRIKES, LOCKOUTS, LABOR DIFFICULTIES OR OTHER CAUSES BEYOND CONTROL OF THE SUMMIT COUNTY USBC.

WEATHER: Summit County USBC reserves the right to cancel tournament or scheduled shifts due to inclement weather conditions.