

SACRAMENTO NISEI BOWLING ASSOCIATION

2024 SNBA INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT RULES

ELIGIBILITY

1. Open to all:
 - a) Nisei bowlers (Bowlers of Japanese ancestry).
 - b) Non-Nisei bowlers married to a Nisei.
 - c) Non-Nisei bowlers that are active members of a recognized Nisei league or association.

Where question of eligibility arises, the burden of proof is on the bowler and the decision of the tournament committee will be final.

GOVERNANCE

2. This approved tournament shall be morally sanctioned under USBC Rule 301. Unless otherwise specified, USBC rules and regulations will govern situations not covered by the tournament rules. Participants must be USBC members to qualify for USBC awards.
3. Specific notations regarding USBC Rules: USBC 319a, (1) and (3) apply. USBC 319a (2) and (4) do not apply. USBC 319d applies, USBC 319e does not apply.
4. Tournament committee decisions will be final. Appeals must be made in accordance with USBC Rule 329.

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE/HANDICAP

5. Tournament entering average shall be:
 - a) Highest 2022-2023 USBC book average
 - b) Highest 2021-2022 USBC book average, with 5-pin drop rule in effect (see Note)
 - c) Highest 2021-2022 USBC book average
 - d) Highest current league average, 21 games or more, as of the tournament entry deadline. Proof must be furnished.
 - e) Highest 2023 Summer League Average. Proof must be furnished.
 - f) If none of the above, entering average shall be set at 225.
 - g) Minimum entering average for men is 150, women is 125.

Note: 5-pin drop rule is applied as follows: If the bowler's current book average (2022-2023) is six or more pins below his/her book average for the previous year (2021-2022), the bowler's entering average shall be the 2021-2022 book average minus 5 pins. Otherwise, the current book average shall be used.

6. All bowlers who have been rerated or readjusted by a local City Association or USBC must report and use that average until such time that rerate or readjustment is no longer applicable.
7. THE TOURNAMENT CHAIRPERSON HAS THE RIGHT TO ADJUST THE ENTERING AVERAGE OF ANY BOWLER. Should an average readjustment be determined, the person who submitted the tournament entry shall be notified. The affected bowler(s) shall be given the option to withdraw from the tournament, with entry fees refunded.
8. Tournament event per-game handicaps shall be calculated as **80%** of **225** for each bowler. Doubles and Team handicaps shall be calculated as the sum of the individual bowler's handicaps.

ADDITIONAL ENTRY RESTRICTIONS

9. To participate in the Singles and Doubles Events, a bowler must register for both events.
10. Bowlers are only allowed to participate in one Singles/Doubles squad.
11. Bowlers are allowed to participate in multiple Team Event squads. A team may not bowl more than once (at least 2 bowlers in the lineup must be changed to be considered a different team).
12. The series score bowled in the first team squad bowled shall be used for calculation of a bowler's All Events score.
13. Each 4-bowler team shall consist of at least one (1) Nisei bowler.

MISCELLANEOUS

14. Entry forms not completely filled in and/or properly signed may be rejected. Entry fee must accompany all entries.
15. Entries from out-of-town bowlers that are postmarked at least one week prior to entry deadline shall have time preference. Bowlers within a radius of 50 miles shall be considered local, and those entries with earliest postmark shall have time preference.
16. The tournament prize list shall be posted prior to the start of the tournament. 100% of the prize fund shall be paid within 30 days of the close of the tournament. Ratio of prize distribution shall be at least one (1) per eight (8) entries, except for All Events, which shall be at least one (1) per ten (10) entries.
17. Captains of teams entered must report at least one hour prior to the scheduled squad start time to check in and to request any roster substitutions. No changes to the order of bowling shall be permitted.
18. ONE (1) LANE COURTESY WILL BE OBSERVED.
19. Indoor Mask Requirement – All participants and spectators must follow county indoor face covering mandates in place at the time of the tournament. Participants' failure to comply with the current mandates can, at the discretion of the tournament committee, be grounds for tournament disqualification.