

# RULES

All bowlers must be members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers in good standing and must belong to the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) or Canadian Tenpin Federation (CTF.)

The IBEW Bowling Tournament shall be a **Moral Support Tournament** sanctioned by and conducted under the rules and regulations of the USBC. No team or individual bowling in any non-sanctioned league will be eligible to participate in the tournament.

IBEW bowlers who are non-members of the USBC may qualify for USBC awards recognition by paying USBC associate membership dues (\$21.00) before participation under USBC Rule 301a.

Bowlers shall use their HIGHEST previous winter season final average based on 21 or more games.

IBEW bowlers with no previous average may use their highest average as of January 1, 2008 (21 game minimum). If this method is used, the secretary of the league must certify averages involved.

Bowlers who do not have a previous season or a current average as specified above may use their last recorded USBC sanctioned league average provided that it does not pre-date three (3) seasons and provided that the average submitted is certified by the home town USBC secretary.

Bowlers who have no average in accordance with the above rules, will use there IBEW International Tournament Average if that still not available than they must use 170 scratch as their entering average.

Local USBC Secretaries shall verify all entering averages on official entry form and Local Financial Secretaries shall verify membership in good standing. Entries without verification will be returned.

Current averages that are ten (10) pins or more over previous season average must be used.

Bowlers that have bowled 21 games or more in tournament or non-league competition in the past twelve (12) months should check USBC Rule 319e to determine if they are subject to re-rating.

All Bowlers who have qualified for a prize of \$600.00 or more in any event in a tournament within the last twelve (12) months must report actual score, position, and amount won.

Any team or bowler submitting an incorrect average on the official entry blank and does not correct it at the time of bowling shall forfeit all rights to prize money and trophies and shall be disqualified.

Handicaps will be based on 90% of the difference between an entering average and scratch. 1,050 is scratch for Team Event, 420 is scratch for Doubles, and 210 is scratch for Singles. Actual pin fall plus any applicable handicap will determine the scores for contestants in all competitions. All bowlers entered in Team, Doubles and Singles are eligible for All-Events trophies. Only bowlers who paid the All-Events entry fee are eligible for All-Events prize monies.

Bowlers will bowl only once in each event. Exception: Host Local may provide Local bowlers as often as needed in Team and Doubles Event to insure full lineups. However, a bowler's first appearance counts toward All-Events total.

ALL PRIZE FEES WILL BE RETURNED 100% IN EACH EVENT. For the Singles, Doubles, and Team Events, there will be at least one (1) prize paid for each ten (10) entries. For All-Events, at least one (1) prize will be paid for each twenty (20) entries.

FIRST PLACE TIES. If there is a tie for first place in any event, duplicate trophies will be awarded. Money will be divided equally for the tying the contestants for all places involved.

Team Captains, and bowlers in the Doubles and Singles events must register with the Tournament Bowling Committee thirty (30) minutes prior to there starting time. Team Captains shall be responsible for all bowlers' entering averages.

The President's Trophy presented by the President of the IBEW must be won by a Local three (3) times before it can be retired by that local and become their permanent possession.

May 1, 2008 will be the closing date for entries and no entry fees will be returned after entries close.