

AMERICAN TURNERS NATIONAL HANDICAP BOWLING TOURNAMENT

P1 MEN and WOMEN

- 1.1 The name of the annual bowling tournament shall be the American Turners National Handicap Bowling Tournament for Men and Women.
- 1.2 The purpose of the annual bowling tournament shall be to foster the spirit of good fellowship, and to encourage bowling among members of the American Turner Societies.

P2 NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

- 2.1 The annual bowling tournament shall be governed by the National Bowling Committee (NBC), which may delegate functions to the National Bowling Chairman (NBChr) and the Committee's individual members. (See last bi-annual directory of the American Turners for names, addresses and telephone numbers of the members of the NBC).

P3 ORGANIZATION of the BOWLING COMMITTEE

- 3.1 The National Bowling Committee was authorized by the 45th National Convention, convened in Cleveland, Ohio, August 18th thru 21st, 1954.

P4 NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON BOWLING

- 4.1 The National Committee on Bowling shall consist of at least one (1) member who is an active bowler (a member who participated in National Bowling Tournaments) from each District of the American Turners, appointed by the National Council upon recommendation of their respective District. These members shall be known as District Members of the National Bowling Committee. The National Council upon recommendation of the Chairman of the committee may call meetings of the committee. The National Council shall keep, preserve, and have custody of the records and files of this committee.
 - 4.1A In the event the Chairperson is unable to carry out or fulfill their duties, the National Junior Bowling Director will assume those duties.
 - 4.1B The National Bowling Committee meeting will be held a weekend in June, every "even" year, in coordination with the hosting society, if needed.

- 4.2 The function of the National Bowling Committee shall be:
- 4.2A To formulate rules and regulations, subject to the approval of the National Convention, by which the Annual Bowling Tournament shall be governed. The rules of the USBC and the special rules of the American Turners National Bowling Committee shall govern the play and operation of all-American Turner National Handicap Bowling Tournament for Men and Women held by the American Turners.
 - 4.2B To enforce among the members of the American Turners all the bowling rules of the USBC, and to exercise and discharge all powers and duties required by the constitution, rules and regulations of the USBC and the American Turners.
 - 4.2C To conduct an annual tournament for the game of ten-pin bowling, the result of which shall decide the yearly championship of the American Turners in four (4) member team, two (2) member doubles, singles and all events competition for both men and women. Men only in the men's event's and women only in the women's events
 - 4.2D To encourage and foster among the members and bowlers of the American Turners, a feeling of good fellowship and to have general care and supervision over all American Turners National Handicap Bowling Tournaments of the American Turners.

P5 PARTICIPANTS

- 5.1 Only the National Turner members in good standing of the American Turners, their local district and their local societies shall be permitted to participate in the American Turners National Handicap Bowling Tournament. Members must be a member in good standing prior to the Event Registration Deadline.
- 5.1A. A card-carrying member of the American Turners.
 - 5.1B. The spouse of a member who has held membership in the American Turners prior to the event registration deadline.
 - 5.1C A member-at-large of the American Turners, who has held membership prior to the year of the Tournament.
 - 5.1D The National Tournament is for amateur bowlers only, with minimum age of eighteen (18).
- 5.2 The serial number of the member's card must be recorded on the entry form and must be available to show upon demand of the tournament officials. All entrants must have been a card-carrying member of a society of the American Turners, or meet the requirements of section 5.1.

- 5.3 Each individual bowler MUST present their current membership card at the time of check-in prior to bowling their first event. If card is unavailable, bowler will be listed as “to be verified”.
- 5.4 Eligibility of each bowler is to be certified, on entry forms by the society membership secretary.
- 5.5 No bowler shall enter more than once in each of the events, which compromise the schedule of any American Turners National Handicap Bowling Tournament. In the event of last-minute emergencies, the host society shall furnish a fill-in for team event and double event as required, if possible. All substitutes are subject to the eligibility as stated in Rules 5.1 through 5.1D. Any prize money won would be paid to the bowler originally entered on the entry form. Substitute’s all event score will be based on his or her original entry.
- 5.6 For failure to comply with the above provision, the entrant may be penalized by forfeiting all rights to bowl, as well as all rights to fees, prizes, and awards.
- 5.7 All-Events entries must be made at the time of entry at a fee of two dollars (\$2.00) for either handicap and/or scratch events, as per USBC rule 306.
- 5.8 All events shall be conducted with handicap or scratch divisions. Scratch will be by actual pin fall, Handicap will use the handicap as all other events.
- 5.9 The individual cost of participating in the Tournament shall be:
- \$7.00 for prize fund (to be returned 100%)-Increase of prize fund
- \$3.00 for tournament expenses-Increase of tournament expenses
- 5.10 The cost of bowling in each community to which the tournament is assigned shall be governed by Tournament rules, which provides that the cost of bowling in the Tournament shall not exceed the highest charge of local bowling.
- 5.11 No bowler or bowling team shall be eligible to bowl in the American Turners National Handicap Bowling Tournament who is under suspension or has been expelled from the American Turners or from the USBC, until such suspension has been removed, or such bowler has been reinstated in good standing by the Association from which they were suspended or disciplined the bowler of bowling team.

P6 TOURNAMENT SITE

- 6.1 The American Turners National Bowling Tournament shall be held annually on or after the last weekend in March to the end of May (Excluding Easter, Mother's Day, or Memorial Day).
- 6.2 The American Turners National Bowling Tournament shall be held at the same time, same city and same house, for both men and women.
- 6.3 Applications for American Turners National Handicap Bowling Tournament site must be sent to the National Bowling Chairman with a duplicate copy to the National office, postmarked on or before June 1st two calendar years before the scheduled tournament.
- 6.4 The America Turners National Handicap Bowling Tournament will be open to all societies. Society bidding for the Tournament must receive a majority of votes cast. If no majority is obtained on the first ballot, the society receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped on the succeeding ballot. If a tie, the Society who most recently had the tournament must drop out and this process continued until a majority is obtained. If no bids are received, a six (6) month limitation for re-bidding will be open to all societies and advertised in Turner Topics. The National Council will give final approval of tournament site as recommended by the National Bowling Committee.
- 6.5 The American Turners National Handicap Bowling Tournament shall be only in USBC certified bowling establishments suitable for ten pin bowling.
- 6.6 Each society making application must supply at least **twenty-four (24)** lanes in one establishment. Any exception to this rule can only be considered upon written request from the bidding society and only voted on by the National Bowling Committee with majority vote rule (i.e. 6.4).
- 6.7 Societies awarded a tournament must agree to furnish two (2) posters to all participating societies by November 1st of the year preceding the tournament. Poster size to be 8 ½" by 11" minimum.
- 6.8 Preliminary and final lane contract forms to be used at all times. These can be obtained from the N.B.CHR. Society awarded tournament must submit lane contracts in duplicate to the N.B.CHR.
- 6.9 One open lane shall be provided between open and tournament bowlers.
- 6.10 At all tournaments, ten (10) minutes of shadow balls shall be provided on each pair of lanes to be used in team event and first minor event each shift. In the event bowlers have to move due to lane breakdown, one shadow ball on each lane will be optional to the bowlers.

- 6.11 The society schedule booklet shall list the winners in team, doubles, singles and all events for the previous five (5) years, plus the all time high for each event for men and women.
- 6.12 The name and society of the bowler shall be printed in the schedule booklet, which every bowler participating in the Tournament is to receive upon arrival at the Tournament house.
- 6.13 The schedule booklet shall include for both men and women the following:
Number of participants, fees received, and total prize amount for team, double, single and all events.
- 6.14 The National Bowling Chairman shall be notified by March 1st of any changes in the opening date of the Tournament.
- 6.15 No bowling event are to be scheduled before 9:00am, except by agreement of bowling squads who desire an earlier start time for travel purposes and lane availability.
a) Squad times will be:
Saturday (Doubles & Singles) – 9 am & 1 pm
Sunday (Team) – 9 am & Noon
- 6.16 In minor events, the doubles will be bowled first and singles second, with three (3) bowlers per lane.
- 6.17 Schedule doubles and singles on the same pair of lanes and team on a different pair of lanes within gender.
- 6.18 There will be a recap sheet available to bowlers.
- 6.19 Tournament etiquette:
a) Only one lane courtesy on either side is permitted.
b) Smoking will be permitted between events only. Otherwise, a bowler will receive (0) zero pins for all frames not present while smoking.

P7 ENTRIES

- 7.1 All entries for the American Turners National Handicap Bowling Tournament for Men and Women will close at midnight, February 1st, prior to the opening of the tournament. Entries sent by mail or email, in order to receive consideration, shall be post marked/dated by the first Post Office business day after Feb 1st. No accepted entries shall be considered unless the full amount of the entry fees and names accompanies the entry. Entries received after the legal time for filing may be considered by the host society.**
- 7.2 Any and all requests for advanced reservations for any American Turner National Handicap Bowling Tournament shall be decided on a “first come, first serve” basis, and must be postmarked at least one day after the close of the present Tournament. No personal handing over the reservations. If more reservations come in on the same postmark than can be handled, then the society with the most distance to travel will be given first choice. All reservations will not be final until receipt of the official entry blank with fees.
- 7.3 The line-up submitted with the entry form shall not be changed. Any substitutions should be made one-half (30 minutes) hour before the scheduled time of bowling.**
- 7.4 All entry blanks must be accompanied with fees for four bowlers (for team event) regardless of the number of bowlers entered and also must have an even number of doubles paid. Fees must be by money order, certified check, or society checks. NO PERSONAL CHECKS.

P8 UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS

- 8.1 The American Turners National Handicap Bowling Tournament for Men and Women shall be by moral support sanctioned by the USBC with high score recognition.

P9 ENTRY FEES

- 9.1 The total prize fee shall be returned 100 % in prizes. The prize distribution shall be at a graduated ratio of approximately one prize to every eight **(1:8) for singles, doubles and team events**, except All-Events where the prize distribution shall be one in twelve**(1:12)**. An unofficial prize list must be posted prior to the start of the Tournament at the bowling lanes and at the society, and sent to participating society chairperson.
- 9.2 Host Society will determine a prize list. Bowl.com has a prize list tool that can be utilized.

P10 HANDICAP

- 10.1 The Handicap's for Team and Doubles event are determined from the team average, not a sum of the individual handicaps.
- 10.2 The handicap for each man's entry in the tournament shall be 90% of the difference between 220 pins per game for singles, 440 pins per game for doubles, and 880 pins per game for team event dropping all fractions and **the highest USBC average of the preceding season, certified by the USBC or (current league standings). If a society allows its members to participate as non-members of the USBC, the league secretary must certify the averages entered. POSSIBLE AND HANDICAP AE**
- 10.3 The handicap for each woman's entry in the tournament shall be 90% of the difference between 200 pins per game for singles, 400 pins per game for doubles, and 800 pins per game for team event dropping all fractions and **the highest USBC average of the preceding season, certified by the USBC or current league standings. If a society allows its members to participate as non-members of the USBC, the league secretary must certify the averages entered.**
- 10.4 The National Bowling Chairperson shall keep a database to establish a tournament average, to be used if a bowler does not have a verifiable average as defined in the National Rules. For a bowler to have a qualified Tournament average they must have bowled eighteen (18) games in the American Turners National Bowling Tournament during the last five (5) years of data.
- 10.5 The bowler's last year's average of 21 games or more shall be used. (If the bowler's current years average of 21 or more games is ten pins higher than last year's average, the current year's average shall be used). If a bowler has no preceding season average, then the current average of twenty-one (21) games or more prior to the time of bowling shall be used. If neither average is available, the bowler may go back to the last active average (21 games or more) (but no further back than five (5) years). If no average in the last five (5) years, the bowler's qualified Tournament Average will be used. If no qualified Tournament average the bowler's average to use shall be one hundred seventy (170) for men and one hundred fifty (150) for women. According to USBC rule 319c, the tournament manager may rerate a bowler's average.
- 10.6 Special rules of American Turners and the USBC shall govern the play and operation of all National Bowling Tournaments (NOTE: USBC rules 319a – f shall apply).

- 10.7 The top five (5) winners for men and women in singles, doubles, (ALL-Events handicap)and team event will be verified for correct averages by Tournament Secretary.

P11 TROPHIES-Verbiage Change

The sponsoring society shall provide to the tournament champions from the tournament expenses fund awards with the American Turner emblem on as follows:

- Four (4) individual awards for team event for both men and women.
 - Two (2) individual awards for doubles event for men and women.
 - One (1) individual award for singles event for men and women.
 - One (1) individual award for all events for men and women.
- 11.1 The above awards shall be suitably engraved or labeled. The Host Society may request reimbursement from the American Turners.
- 11.2 The National Bowling Committee Chairman shall inspect and approve the selection of all awards. Engraving or labeling of awards shall not be done until awards have been approved.
- 11.3 A special trophy or plaque shall be given as an award by the host society for a weekly high game in singles or doubles event for both men and women. Minimum cost to be five (5) dollars.

P12 SCOREKEEPERS

- 12.1 When automatic scorers are used, a knowledgeable overseer in the operation of the scorers shall be used for each group of six (6) lanes.

P13 REPORTS

- 13.1 The sponsoring society shall IMMEDIATELY AT THE CLOSE OF EACH WEEK'S BOWLING send to each participating society's bowling chairman, the NBChr. and members of the National Bowling Committee (that are not participating chairpersons), and the team captains who have provided email addresses, the standings of the first ten (10) places in each event. This report shall also be sent after the last week's bowling and shall include still-in-the-money scores.
- 13.2 Final financial report shall be on the standardized report forms, available through the NBChr. This report shall be submitted to the NBChr, the National office and all members of the National Bowling Committee, part A of the report needs to be submitted within thirty (30) days after the close of the tournament for the purpose of closing the Tournament Sanction with USBC, part B needs to be submitted within 90 days of the close of the tournament for the permanent record and for the bowling files.
- 13.3 An unofficial prize list shall be given to the NBChr and all participating societies by the first weekend of the tournament.
- 13.4 Prize checks and final prize lists with society names shall be mailed or delivered within thirty (30) days after conclusion of the tournament. Trophies, plaques or jackets shall be mailed or delivered within sixty (60) days. Final prize list to be sent to the NBChr, National Office, the National Bowling Committee members, and to bowling chairpersons of participating societies.
- 13.5 The host society of each American Turner National Handicap Bowling Tournament shall issue checks made out to the individual bowlers with payment for all money won in all of the events.

P14 PUBLICITY

- 14.1 In order to create interest in each tournament and for plans of facilities, points of interest, entertainment, etc. the editor of Turner Topics should at each issue, before, during and after the close of the tournament, receive well prepared copy, and photos of the first-place winners, for use in Turner Topics and for distribution to local society publication, from the host of the American Turners National Handicap Bowling Tournament.

P15 EMERGENCIES

- 15.1 If a person has an injury or emergency during an event, excluding singles, and a substitute is not available, then he or she will receive a zero for all remaining frames in a partially completed game. They will also receive a zero for any remaining game(s) in that event per USBC Rule 322a & 322b.

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