

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE POLISH ROMAN CATHOLIC UNION OF AMERICA

82nd NATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

ELIGIBILITY: Entrants **MUST** be PRCUA members in good standing as of April 5, 2019. Membership will be verified by the home office.

Anyone under suspension from, or who has been refused membership in the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) is not eligible to participate.

Unmarried students under the age of 18 must have a parental consent form signed prior to competing in the tournament.

USBC membership is **NOT** required to participate in the tournament. However, this will be a USBC Moral Support Tournament, with award recognition automatically extended to members. Eligible non-members may qualify for USBC award recognition by paying associate membership dues of \$21.00 prior to the tournament. This entitles you to full USBC privileges through the 2019-2020 bowling season, which includes the 2020 PRCUA National Tournament.

EVENTS: Each event (Singles, Doubles, & Team) will consist of three games. There will be separate divisions for men and women. No mixed teams will be permitted.

Bowlers may enter each event only once. Bowlers entering the doubles event must enter the singles event (and vice versa). The singles event will precede the doubles event.

No lineup changes other than substitutions will be allowed at the tournament site. Names must be listed in bowling order on the entry form.

Bowlers entering all three events are automatically eligible for all events prizes (scratch and handicap), furnished by the PRCUA. A bowler's all events score is the grand total of all nine games bowled in the tournament.

AVERAGE: Submit your highest final league average from the 2017-2018 season, and your highest league average as of January 1, 2019. Both averages must be based on a minimum of 21 games. Your entering average for this tournament will be determined using the following conditions, in order:

1. Highest League Average (Yearbook) as of May 31, 2018.
2. Current 21 game League Average as of SIX days prior to this tournament. (An official league average sheet must be presented to tournament director 45 minutes prior to start of event time).
3. Highest League Average (Yearbook) as of May 31, 2017.
4. Highest League Average (Yearbook) as of May 31, 2016
5. Tournament Average (Average based on all games bowled over the past 3 tournaments, going back as many years as necessary. If less than 21 tournament games are on record, all scores will be used provided a minimum of 9 scores are on record.)
6. If no previous scores are available (or the minimum tournament scores on record is not met), you will be given the default average of 165 for men and 135 for women.

Sports bowlers must comply with USBC Rule 202 regarding average adjustment.

USBC Rule 319e regarding average re-rating will apply to all entrants. Your average may need to be adjusted upward if you have bowled in 21 or more tournament games since April 30, 2017. USBC Rule 319d regarding the reporting of prior tournament prize has been waived and will not be in effect. USBC Rule 319a-2 (10 or more pins over previous year's average) will not be in effect.

Each individual is responsible for submitting correct averages. The tournament director reserves the right to ascertain any information regarding averages.

If a submitted average is incorrect and results in more handicap, the bowler will be disqualified and all prize money will be forfeited, including prizes for teammates.

If a submitted average is incorrect and results in less handicap, no changes will be made. If you need to correct an average that was given on the entry form, or if the re-rating rule applies to you, please contact the tournament director prior to the tournament.

HANDICAP: Handicap will be 80 % of the difference between the bowler's average and 220. Team handicap will be the sum of the individual handicaps.

PRIZES: The prize fee portion of the entry fee will be returned 100%. At least one cash prize will be awarded for every five entries. In addition, the PRCUA and/or the host bowling center may furnish merchandise prizes.

Only one prize for series will be awarded to a team or individual in each event. If a series qualifies for both a scratch and handicap prize, the larger prize will be awarded. The scratch prize will be awarded in the case of equal prizes.

A cash prize of \$1,500.00 will be awarded to the first person to bowl a 300 game in the team event. Two or more bowlers with a 300 game in the same game will split the cash equally. Scores of 300 in the same game will be considered simultaneous, regardless of squad time or who is the first to finish.

ENTRIES: Entries close Friday, April 5, 2019, and must be postmarked by Friday, April 5, 2019. The total entry fee must accompany the entry form. No entry fees will be returned after the closing date.

SCHEDULE: Every effort will be made to assign bowling times according to preferences indicated on the entry forms. A schedule listing the assigned times will be posted online at www.prcua.org and available at the tournament site.

Tardy bowlers will start in the frame being bowled with zero being given for each frame missed. This rule may be waived by the tournament director in cases of emergency.

CHECK IN: A representative from each team must check in at the tournament office at least 30 minutes prior to the assigned bowling time in the team event. No check in is necessary for the doubles/singles squads unless there are questions on averages.

TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT: The tournament director, Patrick Kosowski, is responsible for all technical aspects of the tournament, including resolving all disputes according to tournament or USBC rules. Please call the PRCUA Fraternal Department at 1-800-772-8632 and leave a message if you have questions about the tournament.

The tournament director will attempt to arrange for teammates, or attempt to add you to a team, if requested.