RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE POLISH ROMAN CATHOLIC UNION OF AMERICA
85th NATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

ELIGIBILITY: Entrants <u>MUST</u> be PRCUA members in good standing as of Friday March 15, 2024. 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. Anyone under the age of 18 is not eligible to participate in the tournament.

USBC membership is <u>NOT</u> 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 $30.00 prior to the tournament. This entitles you to full USBC privileges through the 2023-2024 bowling season, which includes the 2024 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 may sign for one, two, or all three events.

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.

Blind scores will be 10 pins less default men/women's averages. Doubles event must consist of two bowlers (no blind scores allowed). Teams must consist of a minimum of 3 bowlers (max. 2 blind scores allowed).

AVERAGE:

A PRCUA National Bowling Tournament average will be provided by the National Bowling Director upon receipt of the participant's entry form. It is based on a minimum of eighteen (18) games bowled in the PRCUA tournament over the last four (4) years**.**

If the participant does not have a Tournament average, then following conditions will apply, in order:

1. Highest Sanctioned League Average from season 2022-2023.
2. Current 21 game Sanctioned 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 Sanctioned League Average from season 2021-2022.
4. Highest Sanctioned League Average from season 2020-2021.
5. If no previous scores are available or the minimum tournament scores on record are not met, a default average will be given (165 for men and 135 for women).

Each entrant is responsible for the accuracy of their average whether submitted by their captain or others. Correction of an average must be made by the end of the first game of any event. Falsification of an average will result in disqualification if submitted average is lower than correct average. If submitted average is higher than correct average, prize winnings will be based on submitted average.

Tournament management reserves the right to correct any averages and adjust final tournament standings accordingly. USBC Rule 319a-2 (10 or more pins over previous year's average) will not be in effect. USBC Rule 319d, reporting prior prize winnings. Bowlers who have qualified for a cash and/or merchandise prize within the last 12 months in the categories listed must report those amounts to the Tournament Director prior to participation for possible average adjustment, will not be in effect.

HANDICAP: Handicap will be 90% 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 additional 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 any bowler that executes a 300 game in the team event. If two or more bowlers execute a 300 game within the team event, the cash award will be equally split between them. If a bowler executes more than one 300 game within a team event, they may be rewarded only once.

ENTRIES: Entries close Friday, March 15, 2024, and must be postmarked by Friday, March 24, 2023. 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: Check in is necessary for the doubles/singles squads. 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.

TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT: The tournament director, Valerie Brumm, is responsible for all technical aspects of the tournament, including but not limited to resolving all disputes according to tournament or USBC rules (Protest Rule 329).

The PRCUA bowling tournament is a USBC Moral Support Tournament. As a result, USBC approved equipment specifications (https://bowl.com/rules/usbc-playing-rules) as well as approved bowling ball list (https://bowl.com/approved-ball-list) will be enforced. If any bowler is caught breaking these rules or using any of the prohibited/banned/illegal bowling balls, they will have their scores thrown out for all events and their entry fee forfeited.

Please contact the PRCUA Fraternal Department at (773) 782-2601 or fraternal-department@prcua.org if you have questions about the tournament.