

2016-2017 SENIORS SCRATCH BOWLING ASSOCIATION SINGLES TOURNAMENT RULES

OBJECTIVE: To promote and conduct a series of (one day) scratch bowling tournaments for senior (age 50 and older) USBC certified bowlers.

TOURNAMENT REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE DEFINITION: The singles tournament schedule this season shall consist of five (5) regular season scratch singles tournaments from 25 September 2016 thru 12 March 2017. In addition the 111 Doubles tournament will be held 23 October 2016, the "50/50 over/under team" tournament will be held on 03 December 2016 and, the "50/50 over/under doubles" tournament will be held on 04 December 2016. (Rules and regulations for the singles tournaments only will be provided here.) The season ending (02 April 2017) singles tournament has significant added prize money (deposited in an SSBA bank account and has special eligibility requirements explained below.

TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY: Membership and tournament participation is open to all bowlers (age 50 and older as of the scheduled tournament date) in good standing with the USBC. Tournament participation by professional bowlers meeting all other eligibility requirements is allowed. Only one division will be conducted with men and women competing together. Eligible entrants without USBC membership cards must purchase associate membership. (Rule 300c, Item 2)

ELIGIBILITY FOR 02 April 2017 SINGLES TOURNAMENT: To be eligible for the 02 April 2017 singles tournament you must have bowled at least one (1) singles tournament and a minimum of four of the first eight tournaments listed on the schedule. The 111 doubles tournament, the 50/50 over/under 4 person team tournament and the 50/50 over/under doubles tournament count toward this requirement. If you have less than four (4) tournaments, you may buy into the final tournament with increased entry fee as follows: if you bowled three tournaments = plus \$15.00, two = plus \$30.00 and one = plus \$45.00.

ADDED PRIZE MONEY FOR THE 02 April 2017 REGULAR SEASON ENDING SINGLES TOURNAMENT: Four (4) dollars from each entry fee paid for the singles tournaments and the 111 doubles tournament will be deposited in a SSBA bank account and returned 100% in the regular season ending (02 April 2017) singles tournament prize money. Seventy-five (75%) percent of this money will be added to the major prize list. Twenty-five (25%) percent will be paid in a special prize list only for bowlers who did not qualify for the stepladder finals in any of the regular season singles tournaments.

USBC CERTIFICATION: All tournaments will be USBC certified.

MEMBERSHIP DUES: Annual \$10.00 membership dues are required for participation in tournaments. Participation in the 50/50 over/under doubles and 50/50 over/under team tournaments require the over 50 members to pay the annual \$10.00 membership dues.

SINGLES TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEE: \$54.00 per tournament.

Optional \$6.00 high game jackpots for qualifying games.

Optional \$10.00 "Bet You Win" jackpot.

Optional \$20.00 Super Senior (over age 60) singles side pot.

Optional \$30.00 Tier 2 singles side pot.

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEE BREAKDOWN: Major Prize Fund = \$32.00 Bowling = \$13.00 Expense Fee = \$5.00

For 20 April 2017 Tournament Major Prize Fund Added Money = \$3.00

For 02 April 2017 Tournament Special Prize Fund For Non Finalists In Regular Season Tournaments = \$1.00

TOURNAMENT PAY OUT RATIO: Major prize fund payout ratio = at least 1 to 3. All major prize fund fees collected will be returned 100% (Rule 308). All added prize money obtained from sponsorships, donations, or fund raising efforts for all tournaments will be returned 100% in the major prize fund and disbursed evenly throughout all places cashing in the major prize fund. High game jackpot payout ratio = 1 to 10. All jackpot fees collected will be returned 100%. Bet You Win jackpot paid 100% to qualified tournament winner. If tournament winner is not entered, 75 % of the pot will carry over and be added to the Bet You Win jackpot for the next singles tournament and 25% will be added to the major prize list for the 02 April 2017 season ending singles tournament. Super senior side pot payout ratio = 1 to 3. Tier 2 side pot payout ratio = 1 to 3. **For the 02 April 2017 tournament major prize fund payout ratio = at least 1 to 2.**

TOURNAMENT STARTING LANE ASSIGNMENT: Bowlers will draw for starting lane assignment but can be assigned a starting lane by tournament manager. Entries close at start time.

TOURNAMENT QUALIFYING FORMAT: All bowlers will bowl six (6) qualifying games, moving to a different pair of lanes after completion of each game. All bowlers will alternate between the even numbered and odd numbered lane as their starting lane for each successive qualifying game. Bowlers will be responsible for keeping their own scores (as required when automatic scorekeepers are not available), checking the accuracy of their scores, transferring their scores to the tournament recap sheet, and submitting the recap sheet to the tournament officials. The tournament recap sheets are the official score sheet and must be completed and submitted to the tournament officials. Each bowler is responsible for the accuracy of their own recap sheet.

TOURNAMENT FINALS FORMAT: Based on total pins scratch from the six (6) qualifying games, the top five (5) bowlers will advance to the stepladder format finals to determine the tournament champion. In case of any ties for the top four (4) qualifying spots, or for 5th and 6th high qualifying spots, there will be a one game roll-off to determine the qualifying placement. If a tie still exists after the additional game, there will be a 9th and 10th frame roll-off to be repeated until the tie is broken. In case of a tie for 4th and 5th place qualifying spots only, there will be a coin toss to determine qualifying placement.

SQUAD TIMES FOR QUALIFYING: Qualifying will begin at 10:30 AM and will be completed in one squad. Tournaments will be completed as a one day tournament.

TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT: All situations not covered under tournament rules will be decided by USBC rules. Tournament management has supervisory control of all technical parts of the tournament operations and authority to decide and settle any disputes or complaints (Rule 303). Tournament management has the right to refuse entry of any bowler.

SPECIAL FEATURES FOR 2016-17 SEASON:

1. Multiple brackets are available and optional at bowler's discretion.
2. Bet you win pot continues for this season and is optional at bowler's discretion.
3. Super Senior (over age 60) singles side pot is available and optional at bowler's discretion.
4. Tier 2 singles side pot is available and optional at bowler's discretion.
5. Second chance paycheck opportunity will continue (at tournament management's discretion) for this season for singles tournaments. A random drawing will be held to select two non-cashing places in the standings after completion of qualifying. These bowlers will bowl one game head to head with the bowler having the higher game winning a \$50.00 paycheck.
6. Non-cashing super senior paycheck opportunity will continue (at tournament management's discretion) for this season. For each singles tournament, the highest non-cashing super-senior (over age 60) will win a \$50.00 paycheck. (Paychecks for Items 3 and 4 above will be donated from brackets and tournament expenses if there are enough entries to provide sufficient money for these prizes.)

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