

ATTENTION TEAM CAPTAINS: These are new rules that have been implemented with the 2010 LA State USBC WBA Championship Tournament. Please read them carefully and share this information with your team members.

USBC Rule 319a2. 10 Pin Rule

When the previous season's average is used, and at the time of bowling an entrant has a current average for 21 or more games that is 10 pins or more higher than the prior season's average, the current average must be used.

USBC Rule 319c. Average Adjustments (Rerating)

The average of a bowler may be adjusted upward before participation in any event. If the assigned average is not accepted by the bowler, the entry fee shall be refunded.

USBC Rule 319d. Reporting Prior Prize Winnings

A handicap or classified tournament may require a bowler to report any previous tournament prize winnings as a condition for entry.

In a handicap or classified tournament that does not have such a rule, anyone who has qualified* for a cash and/or merchandise prize of \$600 or more in the position standings prize list in any event in a tournament, including all-events, special features, special prizes and donated prizes, within the last 12-month period, must give tournament management the following information prior to participation, for possible average adjustment:

1. The name of each tournament in which they have been paid such a prize, or if not yet paid, in which they have qualified for the prize.
2. The amount of the prize.
3. The actual score bowled to qualify for the prize.
4. The prize position.

Failure to comply with these provisions is cause for a forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings.

NOTE: *Qualified is defined as the date and time the tournament officially ended (completion of the last squad or round of competition), or payment of prizes, whichever comes first.

All bowlers regardless of average must comply with the provision of Rule 319d.

Prize winnings from certified and noncertified tournaments, including those using a modified format of American tenpins (example: 9 pin tap), must be used in the application of this rule.

USBC Rule 319e. Average Adjustment for Entry

Unless the tournament rules state otherwise, the following applies in a handicap or classified tournament:

1. The bowler is responsible for keeping a record of the names, dates, scores, and prize winnings in all tournaments entered in the previous 12 months, including those still running. These include all tournament scores bowled in accordance with the game of American tenpins.
2. A bowler shall adjust his/her entering average if, during the 12-month period immediately preceding the time and date of bowling, the bowler's accumulated average for all, but not less than 21 tournament games, exceeds the average to be used for entry by 15 or more pins. In that case, the accumulated average must be used for handicapping or classification purposes.
 - a. A bowler whose tournament scores require an adjustment must submit the adjusted average in writing before the end of the first game in a tournament, unless tournament rules allow for such adjustment to be made within a specified time after bowling.
 - b. Failure to use the adjusted average in accordance with the foregoing is cause for forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings, and the bowler is subject to suspension of membership in USBC.

On appeal or protest, the bowler must promptly supply the record of the names, dates, scores and prizes won — or scores that qualify to win — in all tournaments in which the bowler competed within the previous 12 months. Nothing in this rule supersedes tournament management's authority to adjust the bowler's average higher prior to bowling.

Other Rule Changes:

- Handicap will be 100% of 230.
- The LA State USBC WBA has the right to cancel any squad due to the lack of entries.
- Team Squads will have 3½ hours to bowl including practice time. Doubles & Singles squads will have 4 hours including practice time to bowl. Lanes will be monitored and if necessary warnings will be issued. Other than mechanical or medical issues, bowlers must be off their lanes by the allocated times. Squad announcements will take place 5-10 minutes prior to the start of the squad.
- No outside food or drink including alcoholic beverages may be brought into the center.

Entrants are expected to wear suitable attire.

Not Suitable Attire

- Tank Tops
- Halter Tops
- Bare Midriffs – Tube Tops
- Workout attire (example – Spandex, Sweatpants)
- Spaghetti Strap Tops
- Short Shorts - if a bowler's fingers are below the hemline, the shorts are considered too short and not suitable.
- Short Skirts - if a bowler's fingers are below the hemline, the skirt is considered too short and not suitable.
- Bib Overalls
- Jeans Torn or Unclean
- Shirts/T-Shirts with offensive language/pictures
- Hats (except for medical reasons)

Violations:

- Entrants will be required to change to suitable attire.
- Entrants who refuse to wear suitable attire will not be allowed to bowl.