

# 2025 ARVADA ELKS LODGE 2278 BOWLING TOURNAMENT RULES

**TOURNAMENT** - shall consist of one division and include competition of a four person team event, doubles event, and singles event plus a nine game all events division, all of which may be comprised of men and/or women. Singles event will be bowled first. All four events will be handicap events with no scratch events offered.

**CHECK-IN** - all bowlers will check in 30 minutes prior to squad time and present their ELK's membership card. All bowlers must be ready to bowl immediately after practice. All bowlers must bowl promptly when it is their turn.

**ELIGIBILITY** - ELK Members in good standing, both men and women, are eligible to participate. Each team may have a maximum of two (2) non-ELK players. No entrant will be permitted to bowl more than once in any event. All bowlers must hold current USBC membership. Non USBC members may qualify for entry by applying for USBC membership and remitting the USBC fee of \$27.

**AVERAGES** - use highest 2023-2024 USBC certified league average of 21 games or more. If no 2023-2024 average exists, a bowler must use the highest certified average of 21 games or more as of January 31, 2025. This average must be verified by the League Secretary. A bowler with neither average may use the USBC certified average from 2022-2023. USBC RULE 319a, Paragraph 1, 2 (10 Pin Rule), 3 & 4 apply. If an entrant's average of 21 games or more as of January 31, 2025 is 10 pins higher than their entering average, the entrant will use the highest average. If a bowler has none of these, an average of 220 will be assigned with no handicap added.

**VERIFICATION OF AVERAGES** - it shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average. Failure to use the correct average or make correction prior to the completion of the first game of competition shall disqualify the score if the submitted average is less than the actual average. If the submitted average is higher than required, prize winnings will be based on the submitted average.

**HANDICAPS** - the Tournament shall be conducted on a handicap basis. Each bowler shall receive a handicap of ninety (90) percent of the difference between their entering average and 220 for each event entered.

**OFFICIAL SCORING** - automatic scorekeeping will be used and the computer printout will be the official scoresheet. Any protests must be made within one hour after the squad ends. After a score sheet has been signed by the official scorekeeper and contestant or Team Captain, it cannot be changed except in case of obvious error in scoring or calculation. Bowlers are cautioned to sign the scoresheet only after you are satisfied that the score is correct. Duplicate score sheets will be available for bowlers.

**PRIZE RATION** - prize ratio will be one in five entries, except for all events which will be one in ten entries.

**REPLACEMENTS** - are authorized by the team captain and must occupy the same position in the lineup as the original entrant. Once a replacement bowler has been added to the roster, and he/she has delivered the first ball in competition, the replacement shall be allowed to complete the entire series.

**TARDY BOWLERS** - will start in the frame being bowled with zero score being recorded for all prior frames. No makeup frames will be allowed. Teams refusing to begin on time will be eliminated from competition and all fees will be forfeited.

**RE-SCHEDULING** - if for any valid reason it becomes necessary to re-schedule bowlers in any event, this will be done at the discretion of the Tournament Manager. In case of machine failure where it becomes impossible to complete an event within the scheduled time, the event will be rescheduled by the Tournament Manager and bowling will resume later at the point where play was discontinued.

**TEAM CAPTAINS** - will serve as team representatives in all matters pertaining to individual behavior and compliance with tournament rules. The Captain will be responsible to the Tournament Manager for the conduct of their teams throughout the time they are in competition.

**USBC Rule 314, Entry Fees** - all entry fees must be paid in full and accompany the entry form. After scheduled dates have been assigned by the Tournament Director, entry fees will not be refunded.

**USBC RULE 18, Ball Cleaning** - after a bowler begins competition, the outer surface of the ball may be cleaned with a dry towel or cloth only. No use of liquids of any kind. Non-compliance may result in loss of use of that ball for the remainder of the tournament competition.

**USBC RULES** - will govern in all instances not specifically covered by any of the above rules.