

New York State American Legion Bowling Tournament Rules

Important to Tournament Entrants

(Read Carefully the Information Given Below)

1. To participate, a Bowler must be a paid up 2013 Legion Member, Auxiliary member, or Sons of the American Legion member, but not necessarily a U.S.B.C. member. High score recognition extended to participating U.S.B.C. members only. Eligible non U.S.B.C. members can qualify for high score recognition at their option by purchasing an associate membership fee of \$20.00 for men or \$21.00 for women, or by paying a U.S.B.C. participation fee of \$5.00 they can participate in this tournament only. Only entrants who are 2013 U.S.B.C. members before participation in the tournament are eligible for U.S.B.C. awards. **Tournament committee reserves the right to reject any and all entries.**
2. Team captains must present paid up 2013 American Legion, Auxiliary, SAL cards at the lane registration desk, one-half hour prior to starting time. Teams or individuals failing to appear on lanes prepared to bowl at scheduled time will be given zeros for each frame missed.
3. A handicap based on 90% of the difference between each player's highest average and the tournament net basis of 210 pins will be allowed in each event of the tournament.
4. Entrant will use their highest average based on a minimum of 21 games for the 2011-2012 season. If current 21 game average as of January 1, 2013 is 10 or more pins above 2012 average, current average must be used. If no average for the 2011-2012, use current average, 21 games or more, as of January 1, 2013. All men not having an established average will use 180 as their average. All women not having an established average will use 135 as their average. Maximum handicap for men will be 30 pins, and women will be 75 pins. Any bowler entering the tournament with an average over 210 will not be given minus pins. Those entering this tournament with no established average may be re-rated using prior scores in Legion tournaments.
5. Tournament manager may disqualify and force the removal from further participation of any bowler, who in their judgment is unfit to continue bowling or who may be distracting other bowlers.
6. The tournament committee will draw for lanes prior to the start of the tournament.
7. All entries in this tournament must be made in accordance with U.S.B.C. rules. The tournament manager reserves all rights in this tournament.
8. Individuals may compete on more than one team, but at least 2 members on team must be changed.
9. Singles event will be bowled immediately following the doubles event. Entrants will bowl three (3) games on one pair of lanes in each event. If doubles event is entered, bowler must also enter singles event. A bowler(s) may enter doubles and singles event more than once with different partners. However, the bowler may cash only once in singles event. A bowler must bowl all six games.
10. **The optional Six-Game Combo will be total pins scored in First Doubles and Singles.** Team event score will not be included.
11. No substitutes will be accepted for 6-Game Combo unless they replace entrant in all six (6) games.

12. All prize fees to be returned 100%.
13. Minimum of one prize for each six (6) teams entered.
14. Minimum of one prize for each ten (10) entries in all other events
15. Trophies or Plaques will be awarded in all four events of the tournament on the basis of scores with handicap.
16. Ties for all positions qualifying for prizes, shall equally divide the prize for all positions in which they are tied. Duplicate trophies or plaques will be awarded for First place ties.
17. No entry fees will be refunded if it is discovered that a team and/or individual has failed to comply with all U.S.B.C. and Tournament rules and regulations.
18. All entries must be accompanied by check or money order (make checks payable to Corning American Legion Bowling Tournament).
19. Reservations close on March 1, 2013. **Entries close on March 31, 2013.**
20. Reservations will be accepted for date on entries received prior to March 1, 2013 on a first come, first serve based on 32 teams April 20 & 21 weekend, 64 teams on following weekends.
21. Bowlers who have qualified for a prize of \$300.00 or more in any event in a tournament within the previous twelve (12) month period must report: **ACTUAL SCORE, POSITION AND AMOUNT** won for possible re-rating before bowling. Any bowler who reports a lower average than required or who fails to report a prize of \$300.00 or more in the previous twelve (12) months shall forfeit tournament entry fees and prize winnings.
22. It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average, whether originally submitted by the bowler, team captain or others. **Failure to use proper average or make corrections prior to or at time of bowling, scores will be disqualified (whether the average is lower than actual average or base prize winnings on submitted average if it is higher).** Be especially familiar with U.S.B.C. Rules, governing adjusted averages. This rule applies to **ALL** bowling participants.
23. By direction of the Department Bowling Committee at meetings held in past years, member of the American Legion Auxiliary, The Sons of the American Legion and the members of The Canadian American Legion Posts bordering New York are eligible to participate in this annual tournament, with the understanding all participants must be 21 years of age and have a valid, paid current membership card.
EXCEPTION: Auxiliary and/or S.A.L. bowlers 18-21 years of age must submit signed parental consent form at time of entry submitted (so as not to jeopardize any amateur or scholastic eligibility). Anyone under suspension from, or who have been refused membership in U.S.B.C. will not be allowed to participate.