



Eligibility and Sanctioning

1. Only the purchased **DUO** bowling ball will be used during the tournaments 1st and 2nd rounds. 3rd round you may also use the New Ball.
2. The Storm Challenge is handicap and is open to both men and women. Entries are limited to 72 individuals per shift unless expanded at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. The tournament directors reserve the right to refuse any application in their discretion.
3. All Entrants must be members of the USBC. Cards are to be presented at the time of check-in. Non-Members may purchase an unattached card at check-in or pay a participation fee of \$5.00.
4. All Storm Challenge bowlers will adhere to the USBC tournament rules, except as noted in the rules below.
5. **SHARING OR USING ANOTHER PERSONS BOWLING BALL WILL NOT BE PERMITTED! IT WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION!**

Entering Averages

5. Any bowlers entering the Storm Challenge must have an established acceptable standard 10-pin average based on 21 or more games of league bowling. League standing sheets or other acceptable verification must be submitted from all leagues in which a bowler has 21 or more games. The following rules will apply to the entering averages:
- a. Bowlers must submit all their league ending averages (minimum 21 games) from the 2022-2023 winter season.
 - b. If the bowler does not have a 2022-2023 season average, the bowler's ending average from the 2021-2022-winter season will be used.
 - c. If the bowler does not have a 2021-2022 average, or a 2022-2023 average, then the highest current league average (minimum 21 games) as of Jan. 1st, 2024 will be used.
 - d. **If an entrant does not have a verified average, then the bowler will use 200 as the entering average. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.**
 - e. The Storm Challenge tournament will NOT accept Sport Bowling League averages. Or make average adjustments for Sport Bowling League averages (USBC rules 200-212 will not apply).
 - f. Rule 319a (2) and rule 319e will apply to this tournament.
6. **The average of a bowler may be adjusted upward, at the discretion of the Tournament Directors, before the entrant bowls.** A bowler unwilling to accept an average adjustment is entitled to a full refund of the entry fee and the ball must be returned in an un-drilled state. If the ball has been drilled, entrant forfeits all entry money to cover costs.
7. **Handicap** for the tournament shall be based on **80% of 220**, but may **NOT** exceed **50** pins per game.
8. It is each bowler's responsibility to ensure that proper average verification is on file with the Tournament Directors or Statistician and to verify the accuracy of his/her average, whether originally submitted by the bowler, league secretary or others. Failure to use the proper average or make corrections before an entrant bowls shall disqualify the bowler if the submitted average is lower than actual average.

Ties

9. All ties will be decided in a ONE BALL roll-off. Best pin count wins, with both bowlers on the same lane. A Coin toss will determine who bowls first.

Entry Deadline

10. To be eligible for the discount entry fee (discount deadline) of \$215.00, entries must be filled out COMPLETELY and postmarked on or before Jan. 9th, 2024. After the discount deadline, the Entry Fee will be \$225.00 per entry.
11. All entries must be postmarked no later than Jan. 1st, 2024 if sending by mail. All entries must be accompanied by the full amount of fees. Personal checks will be accepted up to the discount deadline of Jan. 1st, 2024; only certified checks or money orders will be accepted after Jan. 1st. All payments may be made payable to Shot Makers Pro Shop. **Any checks returned for any reason will be assessed an additional fee of \$50.00.** All fees must be collected prior to bowling. Mail entries with payment to:
5133 Telegraph Rd. Toledo, Oh 43612.
12. A completed entry must include all bowlers' information and the full amount of fees.
13. Final lane assignment is at the discretion of the Tournament Directors. It is the bowler's responsibility to verify their lane assignments at registration.
14. Once an entry has been accepted, there will be **NO REFUNDS** except at the sole discretion of the Tournament Directors.

Awards and Prizes

15. There will be a 100% return of all prize fees. The awards ratio will be a minimum of 1:8.
16. Prize money for special events (including other side pots and brackets) will be paid at tournament completion. Main tournament prize fund will be paid out within 30 days of completion by check from Shot Makers Pro Shop.
17. A final financial report of the tournament will be available 30 days after tournament completion. Report will include number of on-time entries and late entries.

Attendance

18. It is solely and entirely each bowler's responsibility to arrive on time to bowl and to be present at the assigned lane at the time of bowling. Bowlers must check in 30 minutes prior to the start. If a bowler is not present, the spot and entry fee will be forfeited.
19. Bowlers will be allowed NO more than 10 minutes of practice.
20. Late bowlers shall start bowling in the frame in which they are prepared to bowl; prior frames will be scored zero. No practice balls will be allowed for late bowlers.

Dress Code

21. During qualifying all bowlers will be allowed to wear casual attire such as jeans, shorts and t-shirts.
22. All bowlers that make the TV finals must wear dress pants and either a polo or bowling appropriate shirt. **NO t-shirts, inappropriate shirts or hats will be permitted.**

Protests

23. All claims of error must be submitted within 1 hour after the last bowler in the event is completed, in writing, to the Tournament Directors. In matters of dispute, the Tournament Directors' decision is final unless an appeal is made in accordance with rule 329.

Equipment Drilling

24. All equipment drilling is included in the entry fee. **Drilling does include Grips and Thumb Slug, ANY REMOVABLE THUMB INSERT WILL BE AN EXTRA \$10.00 CHARGE.**

Optional Scratch

25. To enter the Optional Scratch Division it will be an extra \$20.00. **All money collected for the Optional Scratch Division will be paid out 100%.**

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____ Sex: Male ☐ Female ☐

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Average Information: Highest League Averages Must Be Submitted.

(A). Required: Highest 22-23 Avg.-

USBC # _____

(B). Required: Highest 21-22 Avg.-

BALL WEIGHT _____ RECEIVED _____

(C). If no book average, you must bring proof of current avg.

SQUAD TIME-- 10 AM or 1:30 PM