UPSTATE SC TNBA
3RD ANNUAL TOURNAMENT
TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

October 2–3 and October 9–10, 2027 | Paradise Lanes
469 E. Blackstock Road, Spartanburg, SC 29301
USBC / TNBA Certified

FAILURE TO READ IS NOT AN EXCUSE! PLEASE READ ALL RULES, AS THERE HAVE BEEN CHANGES.

1. CERTIFICATION

This tournament will be conducted in accordance with applicable USBC and TNBA rules and regulations, together with the tournament-specific rules stated in this document.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND MEMBERSHIP

This tournament is open to eligible USBC and TNBA members. Bowlers must have the required membership cards available before bowling and present them upon request during check-in. If a bowler does not have the required membership cards, they may be purchased at the tournament office for $30 each.

3. PROFESSIONAL BOWLER ELIGIBILITY

PBA or WPBA members will not be allowed to participate. Former members who have not held a PBA or WPBA card within the previous two years may be eligible.

4. ENTRY DEADLINE AND SUBMISSION

The entry form lists September 18, 2027, as the reserved entry deadline. Entries received after the applicable deadline may be accepted based on lane availability and approval by the Tournament Director.
Completed entry forms must include the required information and applicable entry fees. Contact the Tournament Director to confirm submission instructions and whether late entries will be accepted.

5. PAYMENT POLICY

Accepted payment methods are:
• Zelle: upstatesctnba@gmail.com (no fees)
• Venmo: @UpstateSCTNBA (add 3.9% fee)
• Online payment: www.upstatesctnba.com (add processing fee)
• Bank cashier's check or money order payable to Upstate SC TNBA Tournament Fund (no fee)
Personal Checks are not accepted.

6. TOURNAMENT FORMAT AND HANDICAP

The tournament consists of Mixed Team, Mixed or Open Doubles, Singles, and Optional All Events, with Scratch options available for each category.
Teams, Doubles, and Singles each consist of three (3) games.
The handicap formula for this tournament is 90% of 210.

7. MIXED TEAM EVENT

Entry fee: $45 per bowler. Scratch option: additional $25 per bowler.
Team squad dates: October 2 and October 9, 2027. Squad times: 9:00 AM, 1:00 PM, and 5:00 PM.
Teams consist of four bowlers. Each Mixed Team must include at least one male and one female bowler.

8. DOUBLES EVENT

Entry fee: $45 per bowler. Scratch option: additional $25 per bowler.
Doubles squad dates: October 3 and October 10, 2027. Squad times: 8:30 AM and 2:00 PM.
The average cap for Handicap Doubles is 440.
Mixed or Open Doubles entries are permitted, subject to the published tournament requirements. Each pair must select the appropriate event option and pay the applicable fees.

9. MULTIPLE ENTRIES

Multiple entries are permitted in Mixed Team and Doubles. Three players from the same team may re-enter the Team event. The same Doubles partners may re-enter but may cash only once, using their highest eligible Doubles score.

10. SINGLES EVENT (OPTIONAL)

Optional three-game event: $45 per bowler, with a $25 scratch option. Bowl October 3 or 10, 2027, at 8:30 AM or 2:00 PM; separate Men's and Women's divisions. Each bowler may enter Singles once.

11. ALL EVENTS (OPTIONAL) — SCORING BASIS

All Events is optional and consists of separate Handicap and Scratch divisions.
All Events scores will be calculated using each bowler's first score bowled in each of the following events:

- Team: the bowler's first Team event score.
- Doubles: the bowler's first Doubles event score.
- Singles: the bowler's first Singles event score.

Handicap All Events: the bowler's first Team, Doubles, and Singles scores will be combined with the applicable handicap.
Scratch All Events: the bowler's first Team, Doubles, and Singles scores will be combined without handicap.
Only the first score bowled in each event will count toward All Events. Subsequent entries or re-entries will not replace the original scores.
Entry fees: Handicap All Events — $15 per bowler; Scratch All Events — $15 per bowler; both divisions — $30 per bowler. Bowlers must select their desired option(s) on the entry form and include the applicable fees with their total entry payment.

12. AVERAGE REQUIREMENTS

Use the applicable USBC composite average for the 2026–2027 season.
The USBC 10-pin average rule will apply. The Tournament Director reserves the right to adjust averages in accordance with applicable USBC rules when warranted.

13. REPORTING PRIOR PRIZE WINNINGS

Bowlers must comply with applicable USBC rules concerning reporting prior prize winnings from certified and non-certified tournaments.
Bowlers must report qualifying tournament winnings, including the tournament name, prize amount, and actual score bowled. Failure to report required winnings may result in disqualification and forfeiture of entry fees or prizes, as permitted by applicable rules.

14. AVERAGE VERIFICATION AND CORRECTIONS

Each bowler is responsible for ensuring that the average submitted is accurate, regardless of whether the information was provided by the bowler, team captain, or another person.
Any necessary average corrections must be made during check-in. Bowling with incorrect averages may result in handicap adjustments or disqualification and forfeiture of prize winnings, in accordance with applicable USBC rules and tournament regulations.

15. LINEUPS AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Team lineups must be submitted in the order the bowlers are listed on the entry form. No position lineup changes will be allowed.
Substitutions must be approved and reported to the Tournament Director at least 30 minutes before the scheduled squad time. A substitute must bowl in the original entrant's position and is subject to all applicable tournament rules.
Once a substitute begins bowling, the substitute must finish the event being bowled.

16. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AUTHORITY

The Tournament Director reserves the right to disqualify any entrant who fails to comply with the tournament rules or applicable USBC and TNBA regulations.

17. TARDY BOWLERS AND ABSENCES

Tardy bowlers start in the frame currently being bowled and receive zero for each missed frame. If a team refuses to start without its full lineup, zeros are recorded for all frames declined.

18. REFUNDS

Once an entry has been received, entry fees are nonrefundable. Exceptions will be considered only when circumstances beyond tournament management's control affecting the bowling center.

19. PRIZE FUND AND PAYOUTS

The entry form states that 100% of the prize fund will be awarded based on the guidelines below
Teams, Doubles, and Singles Handicap divisions will be paid at a ratio of one (1) prize for every eight (8) entries (1:8).
All Events and all Scratch divisions will be paid at a ratio of one (1) prize for every ten (10) entries (1:10). Handicap prizes are determined by total pinfall plus handicap; Scratch prizes are determined by total scratch pinfall.
A $25 fee will be charged to replace a lost prize check.

20. UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES AND DISPUTES

If the tournament must be terminated prematurely because of a national emergency, fire, natural disaster, or another cause beyond tournament management's control, prizes will be prorated as required by applicable rules and circumstances.The Tournament Director's decisions will govern tournament administration and disputes, subject to applicable USBC/TNBA appeal procedures.

FINAL REMINDER

Every bowler and team captain is responsible for reading and understanding these rules before entering the tournament. Submission of an entry signifies agreement to comply with the final published tournament rules and applicable USBC/TNBA regulations.

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