## VIRGINIA STATE USBC

## $36^{\text {th }}$ Annual Mixed Handicap Tournament

CERTIFIED BY THE UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS
THE VA STATE MIXED TOURNAMENT WILL HAVE A SCRATCH DIVISION IN EACH EVENT

## 10 PIN RULE IS IN EFFECT <br> LANES DRESSED ONCE PER DAY

TEAM EVENT
BOWL AMERICA BULL RUN
10641 BALLS FORD RD.
MANASSAS, VA 20109
(703) 368-6256

SINGLES \& DOUBLES EVENT BOWL AMERICA GAITHERSBURG 1101 CLOPPER RD.<br>GAITHERSBURG, MD 20878<br>(301) 330-5200

Conducted By<br>VIRGINIA STATE USBC<br>Hosted By NATIONS CAPITAL USBC<br>with SHEILA HICKS<br>MIXED TOURNAMENT MANAGER

MAR 2-3; 9-10; 16-17, 2024

ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MIDNIGHT SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024 ALL ENTRIES AFTER FEBRUARY 1, 2024, MUST BE MONEY ORDER OR CERTIFIED CHECK

## MIXED HANDICAP TOURNAMENT RULES

1. USBC Tournament Rules and Regulations shall govern the conduct of this Tournament.
2. ELIGIBILITY: All USBC members certified by the Virginia State USBC Associations in good standing are eligible to participate in this tournament. Bowlers who are not members of USBC can qualify for entry by paying an affiliate membership of \$26.00
3. TIME PREFERENCE: Entries will be scheduled in order of receipt.
4. PARTICIPATION: Bowlers entered in the doubles event must also enter the singles event. Likewise, all singles event entrants must also bowl in the doubles event. A bowler is only eligible to enter once in double and single events. A bowler may enter the team event twice, but no more than two (2) bowlers from a previous entry can be on the second team. The team must consist of (2) two males and (2) two females. (Doubles Events must consist of (1) male and (1) female.) You may sub in team and doubles more than once, the first event bowled will count for all events. Scratch division is optional in each event. Bowler must compete in handicap division to be eligible for scratch option on that event. To bowl scratch team the whole team must bowl scratch and to bowl scratch doubles both partners must bowl scratch. You can enter scratch all events without bowling in all (3) scratch events.
5. AVERAGES: Entrants will use their highest USBC Winter Season 2022-2023 certified adult league average based on a minimum of 21 games or more. If no 2022-2023 winter average, use the highest certified average for 21 games or more for the past Summer (2023). If no last season winter average or 2023 Summer average, use the highest certified adult league average based on a minimum of 21 games as of January 1, 2024. A written verification of the January 1st average, signed by the League Secretary or a standing sheet must be submitted with the entry form. If a bowler has none of the above averages, use the highest current season average as of the start date of the tournament (March 2, 2024) based on 21 or more games will be used. In this case, the bowler must provide average verification when checking in to bowl. A 230 average will be given the participant without a verified average. The participant will have 5 days after bowling to submit verification. If verification is not received or postmarked within the allotted time the 230 average stands. All others bowl scratch. USBC Rule 319A (2) will apply. If a bowler's average for at least 21 games as of January 1, 2024 has increased by 10 pins or more, the January $1^{\text {st }}$ average must be used. The Tournament Manager must verify the entering average of all winners by use of a previous season's local association yearbook, Win Labs, or final average sheets if no yearbook published; or written verification if participant used January 1st or average as of the start date of the tournament (March 2, 2024). It is the bowler's responsibility to verify their own average, not the team captain's.
6. HANDICAP: The handicap shall be $100 \%$ of the difference between the individual average and 230, based on three games for both male and female.
7. ORDER OF BOWLING: Teams will bowl as submitted on the entry form. Doubles will be bowled before singles. No substitute will be accepted for All-Events prize list participation when only one event, or portion of an event, has been bowled by the original bowler or another substitute.
8. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: Entries will close at MIDNIGHT, FEBRUARY 10, 2024 All fees must accompany entry form. Make check or Money Order payable to the Virginia State Mixed Tournament Fund. (Returned checks \$35.00)
9. PRIZE MONEY AND DISTRIBUTION: Prize money shall be paid on a handicap basis. Prize money will be distributed at a ratio of at least 1 for every 10 entries in the team, double, men's singles and women's singles. All-Events prize money will be distributed at a ratio of at least 1 for every 20 entries in the men's and women's scratch and handicap categories. Prize checks will be mailed to the listed team captain. All tournament checks become VOID ninety ( 90 ) days after issuance.
10. ENTRY FEE: The entry fee will be $\$ 30.00$ per event as follows $\$ 13.00$ prize fee, $\$ 12.00$ lineage fee, $\$ 5.00$ expense fee. All entrants may enter All-Events by paying an optional All-Events entry fee of $\$ 10.00, \$ 9.00$ prize fee, and $\$ 1.00$ expense fee. Scratch options are $\$ 10.00$ per event, $\$ 9.00$ prize fee, and $\$ 1.00$ expense fee. All prize fees collected in an event or division of an event will be returned 100 percent to the participants in that event or division.
11. ALL-EVENTS: All-Events will be determined using the bowler's first team event and first doubles events plus the singles scores. Men's and Women's All-Events, both scratch and handicap, will be separate events. Only bowlers who have paid the All-Events entry fee are eligible to win.
12. LANE ASSIGNMENT: Lanes will be assigned by the Tournament Manager. Tournament manager reserves the right to create additional squads if necessary. However, no squad may be added after the final squad on March 24, 2024.
13. REPLACEMENTS: Team captains may make replacements in the entry by reporting such replacements to the tournament manager at least 30 minutes prior to the time scheduled to bowl. Written verification of average must be submitted within 72 hours from shift starting time.
14. SUBSTITUTES: If a substitution is made in any event, the substitute must take the place of the bowler he or she is replacing. NO REARRANGING WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE LINE-UP IN ANY OF THE EVENTS. Substitutes will not be required to reimburse the original entrant for the entry fee paid, nor shall they be expected to give the original entrant any money won. A substitute replacing a bowler who entered into the All-Events shall be entered automatically provided the substitute replaces the original bowler in all three events.
15. OFFICIAL SCORE: The telescore will be the official score during the game, and the official recap sheet will then be audited and obvious errors will be corrected. Protests involving the scores or any other rules must be made before payment of tournament prizes.
16. AVERAGE ADJUSTMENT: The tournament manager reserves the right to adjust any bowler's average prior to participation where there is evidence his or her average does not represent the bowler's true ability. USBC Rule 319E WILL APPLY to all bowlers.
17. PREMATURE TERMINATION: Premature termination of the tournament brought on by war, national emergency, or emergency causes relating thereto or therefrom, fire, national disaster, or any other reason beyond the control of the Virginia State USBC shall cause, to the extent required thereby, all advertised prizes, guaranteed or otherwise, to be prorated in accordance with the number of entrants in each of the respective events up to the time of such termination.
18. The Virginia State USBC has the right to refuse entrant into brackets and may request social security numbers where a possible 1099 may be issued for winners.

## SEND ALL COMPLETED ENTRIES WITH ENTRY FEES TO: Sheila Hicks, Virginia State Mixed Tournament 335 Fort Lewis Blvd, Salem, VA 24153 • Telephone 804-399-2253 E-Mail: vamixedstate@gmail.com•WEBSITE: www.vastateusbc.com

AMOUNT RECEIVED: $\qquad$ $\stackrel{\text { OFFICE }}{\stackrel{\text { USE ONLY }}{\longrightarrow}}$ ENTRY NUMBER:

PLEASE READ THE RULES FIRST - TYPE OR PRINT AND FILL ALL SPACES COMPLETELY \& CLEARLY
ALL BOWLERS MUST PRESENT A CURRENT USBC CARD OR PAY $\mathbf{\$ 2 6 . 0 0}$ TO PURCHASE AN AFFILIATED CARD. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS


BOWLAMERICA BULL RUN
Team Squad Times
8:00 \& 12:00

TOURNAMENT TIMES
MAR 2-3; 9-10; 16-17, 2024

BOWL AMERICA GAITHERSBURG Singles \& Doubles Squad Times 8:00 \& 1:00
"Additional squads may be added during the tournament prior to last scheduled squad if needed"

> LANES DRESSED ONCE A DAY

ENTER DATE \& TIME FOR TEAM


OFFICE USE ONLY
TEAM SCHEDULE: $\qquad$
SINGLE \& DOUBLES: $\qquad$

## ENTRY COST



ENTER DATE \& TIME FOR S \& D 1ST CHOICE: $\qquad$
2ND CHOICE: $\qquad$
3RD CHOICE: $\qquad$
SCRATCH DIVISION \$10.00 PER PERSON PER EVENT TEAM EVENT $\$ 40.00$ \$ SINGLE EVENT $\$ 10.00$ DOUBLES EVENT \$20.00 ALL EVENTS SCRATCH TOTAL
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MAKE ALL CHECKS, MONEY ORDERS, AND CERTIFIED CHECKS PAYBLE TO: VA STATE MIXED TOURNAMENT FUND
MAIL TO: SHEILA HICKS, VIRGINIA STATE MIXED TOURNAMENT, 335 FORT LEWIS BLVD., SALEM, VA 24153
(AFTER FEBRUARY 1, 2024 ONLY MONEY ORDERS \& CERTIFIED CHECKS ACCEPTED)
THERE WILL BE A $\$ 35.00$ FEE FOR ALL RETURNED CHECKS

| TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY THE BOWLER'S NAME AS IT APPEARS IN THE YEARBOOK |  |  |  |  |  | $\underset{\text { (EX: 2351-2515) }}{\mid \text { BOWLER ID\# }}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { HIGHEST } \\ 2022-2023 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { JAN } 1 \end{aligned}$ | SCRATCH DIVISION <br> $\mathbf{S}$ $\mathbf{D}$ $\mathbf{A}$ |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { OFFICE } \\ & \text { USE ONLY } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
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