

# **RULES GOVERNING THE ANNUAL TOURNAMENTS OF THE CHICO USBC**

## **77<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHICO USBC WOMEN'S AND 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEN'S CITY TOURNAMENTS**

### **Tournament Dates - Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

- 1) Prize fund returned 100% within the event collected. ~~NO ENTRIES REFUNDED~~ per USBC rule # 314. Prize - ratio one prize for each five entries or major fraction thereof. All events handicap or scratch cash prizes - ratio one prize for each five entries or major fraction thereof. All events scratch or handicap will be eligible for cash awards provided entry fees are paid.
- 2) The tournament shall consist of four events. A team event consisting of four bowlers, a doubles event consisting of two bowlers, a singles event consisting of one bowler and an all events. Three consecutive games shall be bowled in each of the first three events and total pins shall determine the winner. The total of all nine games bowled shall determine the winner of the all events. Only the first entry scores in each event shall count toward all events. Doubles and singles will be bowled three to a lane and lanes will be dressed prior to team and doubles events only.
- 3) Eligibility Rule: Entrants must hold a current USBC membership card purchased through the Chico USBC or hold a Chico Associate card. Unmarried bowlers under the age of 18 must file a parental consent form. All teams must have at least two members that bowl in the Chico USBC Assoc. during the year on a regular basis in a sanctioned league. Doubles entries must have at least one bowler that bowls in the Chico USBC Assoc. during the year on a regular basis in a sanctioned league.
- 4) Entering average for tournament will be last year's book average. If no book average then a summer average or current average as of Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> if average is 21 games or more. IF Jan 1<sup>st</sup> average of 21 games or more is 10 pins or more higher than book average then that average must be used. If a bowler has no average from the above rules but has 12 games as of the close of entries Jan 31<sup>st</sup> then that average may be used.
- 5) Men's entries close at midnight Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017.  
Women's entries close at midnight Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- 6) Men's handicap: 90% of 230 for singles and all events. Team and doubles handicap will be the sum of individual handicaps based on 90% of 230.  
Women's handicap: 90% of 220 for singles and all events. Team and doubles handicap will be the sum of individual handicaps based on 90% of 220.

Divisions: Men: Division 1: Team 726 and above, Doubles 385 and above, Singles 195 and above.

Division 2: Team 725 and below, Doubles 384-361, Singles 194-175.

Division 3: Doubles 360 and below, Singles 174 and below.

Women: Division 1: Team 600 and above, Doubles 315 and above, Singles 169 and above.

Division 2: Team 599 and below, Doubles 314 and below, Singles 168-156.

Division 3: Singles 155 and below.

If a division has fewer than five entries it will be combined with another division. IE Division 1 may move to Division 2, or Division 2 may move up to Division 1, or Division 3 may move up to Division 2. Squads will be filled to maintain competitive tournament conditions. When possible preferred time on entry form will be adhered to.

- 7) A bowler may compete in the team event 4 times only if scheduling permits. You may bowl doubles up to four times if scheduling permits. You may bowl singles up to four times if scheduling permits. No more than 2 bowlers can cash in the prize fund on the same four -person team more than once. The same two man team may not compete in doubles more than once.  
A bowler's first appearance in each event will count towards his all events score.  
Walk in entries will be accepted for all of the events up to one hour before the start time of the squad being entered if there is room for the entry on the available lanes.

- 8) Entrants must be familiar with the following rules for they will be enforced.
  - A. USBC Rule 319a regarding a bowlers responsibility to verify average.
  - B. USBC Rule 319d regarding a bowler who has qualified for a prize of \$600 or more in any event of a tournament during the last 12 months before close of entries.
  - C. USBC Rule 319c regarding a bowlers responsibility to adjust average.
- 9) Substitutes are allowed when replacement is necessary. The tournament manager must be advised of substitutes at least one hour before scheduled bowling time, if possible. In case of emergency after a game has started, a substitute, if one is available may bowl in team and doubles events only. The combined scores are to count in either of these events. If no substitute is available only the actual score of the frames bowled shall count.
- 10) A substitute will not be required to reimburse the original entrant with the entry fee nor shall the substitute be expected to give the original entrant any prize money or award she may win.
- 11) The line up will be the same as shown on the entry form. Line ups will not be changed. Entries will be scheduled according to request if possible and in order received. The tournament manager is the only one that can change the schedule in an emergency. The tournament manager for each event will assign lanes. Each event will be bowled on a pair of adjacent lanes.
- 12) Entry Fee will be \$16.00 per event per bowler. There will be an optional \$3.00 All Event fee per bowler and an optional \$3.00 Scratch All Event fee per bowler if chosen.
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Lineage	\$9.75
Expense	\$1.00
Prize Fund	\$5.25
Total	\$18.00 (per event)
Optional All Events Fee	\$3.00
Optional Scratch All Events Fee	\$3.00
- 14) USBC and local association rules will prevail for rules not covered.
- 15) No makeup for tardy bowlers. Late bowlers must start in the frame being bowled by the other bowlers. Score to count from there. No blind scores are allowed.
- 16) If there is a failure in the automatic scorers to record any or all of a game, that game will be re-bowled from the point of interruption, if possible. If the score present at the time of interruption is not recoverable, the whole game may be re-bowled.
- 17) If there is a tie for first place in any event, co-champions will be declared with the first and second place prize money divided equally and duplicate trophies awarded. A tie in any paying position will result in combining that position with the next lowest position and the money being equally divided between the players.
- 18) Any protest affecting eligibility or playing rules must be confirmed in writing to tournament management before the tournament prize payments are made. Errors in scoring must be reported to tournament management within 24 hours.
- 19) The only method of cleaning your ball during competition will be with a dry towel. You may use any USBC approved cleaner before competition starts in any event.
- 20) Tournament management shall decide any question not covered by these tournament rules.
- 21) Tournament management shall have the power to hear and act on all protests concerning the tournament. Their decision shall be final unless an appeal is made according to USBC Rule 303 .
- 22) The Queen of the Women's tournament will be the highest scratch all events winner and will receive a trophy.
- 23) The Princess of the Women's tournament will be the highest handicap all events winner and will receive a trophy.
- 24) **No foul language will be tolerated by any bowler and will be cause for removal without refund of entry fee.**