

Annual Men's City Tournament
USBC Sanctioned
Tournament Rules & Regulations

1. All members of the Greater Mason City USBC Association are eligible to enter, and on request show individual sanction cards.
2. Bowlers may take part in more than one team events with each team subject to the following:
 - A. Only the first score rolled in a team event will count in the All Events.
 - B. Not more than (3) members of any five man team may bowl together on another team entered. This applies also to substitutes if they are entered in team competition.
 - C. No bowler may bowl more than once in Singles & Doubles in each division.
3. Entrants will use their highest book average from any association in and outside of Iowa, based on a minimum of 21 games, for the previous season.
 - A. If current 21 game average as of December 31, current year is 10 pins above the highest average of previous season average the current average must be used.
 - B. If no average last year in any Association, use current average, as of December 31, current year with 21 games or more.
 - C. An entrant not meeting the above requirements and has an average of 21 games or more from another association from the previous season shall use that average. All others will bowl scratch of 210.
4. **It shall be each bowler's responsibility to submit the proper average. Failure to use proper average will disqualify score if submitted average is lower than actual average, thereby resulting in more handicap or base winnings on the submitted average if it is higher.**
5. All tournament participants shall be aware of Rule #319E. Average adjustment for entry in tournament is bowler's responsibility.
6. Tournament management reserves the right to re-rate any entrant prior to bowling. If entrant refuses the re-rate, entry fees will be refunded. Entrants have the right to appeal any re-rate to USBC within 15 days of the date of bowling or prior to the payment of prizes, whichever comes first.
7. Substitutions may be made on request of the team captain, provided subs are members of this Association and USBC.
8. There will be two divisions for this tournament handicapped and scratch. Handicap is based on:

Team-----	1050 scratch	90%
Doubles-----	420 scratch	Difference
Singles-----	210 scratch	Allowed
9. Entrants will be accepted for Singles & Doubles separately from teams, but both must be entered to qualify for either one.
10. Entrants will be able to enter a handicap All-Events for an optional fee. All fees collected for prize monies will be paid back as prize monies. (100%)
11. Prizes shall be paid to one out of four entries in teams, Singles & Doubles. One out of ten for All-Events in the handicapped division.
12. Scratch Division was added with the same fees. This is a separate division and the scores bowled can not be used for both divisions. Each division is separate and will have separate prize funds. The ratio of pay out is one in four for all scratch events including all events. A person or team may compete in both divisions with fees being paid for both and separate scores bowled for each division.
13. No entry fee will be refunded in case a team or entrant fails to bowl when scheduled unless weather related, or tournament committee ruling.

14. All entries shall be filed with the tournament secretary on blanks provided, **NO LATER THAN February 5th, 2012**. All entries postmarked the first post office business day following the entry closing date will be accepted. EARLY ENTRIES WILL BE GIVEN PRIORITY. Time and date of bowling will be assigned, as far as possible, according to the request made on the entry blanks
15. All entries will bowl at time and dates assigned. All bowlers are to report 30 minutes before scheduled time. Any bowler appearing after the start of a scheduled shift will start bowling in the frame then in progress, starting his score with that frame. No bowler will be permitted to catch-up any frames missed by being late. No John Doe or blind scores will be permitted. Do not schedule yourself for back to back shifts for the same day, as you will not make it to the next bowling lane in time for your shift.
16. Singles and Doubles will be bowled on the same shift, consecutively. Singles will be bowled first and then Doubles.
17. Unmarried grade and high school students who have not reached the age of 18 must have written consent form from their parents or guardians in order to participate in this USBC sanctioned tournament. Said written consent must be on a form approved by USBC, and must be on file with the tournament secretary at least one week before the bowler is eligible for tournament competition unless the student is accompanied by his parent or guardian, in which case the parental consent form may be filed up to the time the student starts to bowl.
18. Scoring in tournament play will be kept. Each bowler is to check his score before it is recorded on the recap sheet to be turned into the tournament secretary. Scores turned into the tournament secretary will be deemed final.
19. Please pay your entry fee by cash, check, or money order to the Greater Mason City USBC Association Tournament Fund. Full entry fee must accompany each entry. No entry will be scheduled until full amount of entry fee is paid.
20. Any money left over from the tournament expense fund shall be placed in the general fund.
21. All USBC Rules shall govern all matters not covered by these rules.
22. Entry fees will be divided on the following basis.

	<u>Teams</u>	<u>Doubles</u>	<u>Singles</u>
Prize (100%) return as prize	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$7.00
Bowling Fees	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00
	Total \$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00

23. The annual rotation of the Association Tournament will be as follows:

<u>Team</u>	<u>Singles & Doubles</u>
2012 Rose Bowl	Mystic Lanes
2013 Mystic Lanes	Rose Bowl
2014 Rose Bowl	Mystic Lanes

