

Tournament Rules and Regulations

NATIONAL SLOVAK SOCIETY of the USA

52nd Annual Tournament

Starting Date: April 25, 2009 - Closing Date: April 26, 2009

2009 TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2009

ELIGIBILITY: This tournament is open to all members of the National Slovak Society as of April 1, 2009. The Home Office will verify membership. All members of a team do not have to be members of the same assembly. There is no limit to the number of teams which may represent an assembly.

EVENTS: Tournament will consist of Team events: (Five (5) men or five (5) women); Doubles and Singles events and an All-Events division. There will be separate prize lists for men and women events. There will be a separate prize list for women and men in All-Events. Special events will also be conducted during the course of the tournament.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Various special events will be conducted in conjunction with the tournament. A list of these events will be distributed prior to the tournament.

TOURNAMENT FEES: The bowling fees are \$7.00, the prize fee is \$5.00 and tournament expenses fee is \$5.00, for a total of \$17.00, per event. All fees must accompany bowling entry form at time of entry. Fees once received and filed will not be refunded unless the event is canceled. Entries received after April 1, 2009 will be assessed a \$10.00 late fee, per event, payable before any bowler can bowl. All non-refunded fees or late fees will be placed in the NSS-PVR Scholarship Program Fund.

PRIZES: Prize fee is \$5.00 per bowler in each event. The prize distribution is one prize for every five (5) entrants in Team, Doubles, and Singles. All bowlers entered in the Team, Doubles and Single events are automatically enrolled for the All Events prize division. Distribution is one (1) prize for every ten (10) entrants. The NSS donates all prizes for the All Events division. Entrants who have qualified for a prize of \$300.00 or more in any event, of any tourney, during the last 12-month period, must report actual score, position and amount won to NSS Tournament Director at time of entry, in accordance with USBC Rule 319d. Prize fees shall be returned 100% to the bowlers via the tournament prize list. The NSS will donate an additional \$2,000.00 to the tournament prize fund. A final listing of all prizes will be sent to each participant and published in the "National News."

SCRATCH: For events scratch will be:

MENS TEAM - 1100	WOMENS TEAM - 1100
MENS DOUBLES - 440	WOMENS DOUBLES - 440
MENS SINGLES - 220	WOMENS SINGLES - 220

Handicaps will be calculated on a 90% basis

AVERAGES: All entrants will use their highest average of any **USBC league** of at least 21 games, from the 2007-2008 season. Bowlers with no such average, from the 2007-2008 season, will use highest **USBC league** average as of January 1, 2009 and this must be designated on the entry form. **Non-certified** bowlers, with no **certified** league average, that have bowled in previous NSS tournaments will have their averages calculated from their two (2) most recent NSS tournaments. All Male Bowlers without an established **USBC** or NSS average will assume a 170 average. Summer league averages will not be accepted. All Female Bowlers without an established **USBC** or NSS average will assume a 140 average. Summer league averages will not be accepted.

AVERAGE CHANGES: It shall be each bowler's responsibility to determine that the submitted average is correct no matter who submitted it. Failure to use the proper average shall disqualify score, and team or double's partner, if submitted average is lower than actual average, thereby resulting in a lower classification or more handicap, or base prize winnings on submitted average if it is higher. Correction of average can be made up to the completion of the first game of a series, or within 48 hours of a series, if the tournament director, prior to the completion of the first game of the series, has given written consent to the bowler authorizing such extension to correct an average. All prizewinners are subject, upon request, to submit an affidavit of correct league averages.

LINE-UP CHANGES: All participants must bowl according to where they are listed on the submitted entry form. No line-up changes will be made, to any submitted entry form, on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday of the tournament. The only exception is if the bowler, listed on the entry form, cannot be present, or is injured and cannot bowl in any event.

AVERAGE ADJUSTMENT: USBC Rule 319e, Average Adjustment rule will apply. Failure to provide the information as required will subject the bowler to forfeiture of all entry fees and all prize winnings and shall make the bowler liable for suspension from membership in USBC.

STARTING TIMES: At discretion of the tournament director, all games, which a team refuses to start because a full lineup is not present, shall be forfeited. Latecomers shall begin play and score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. All previous frames shall be scored as a zero. No blind scores are permitted. Bowler must bowl on the same lanes, at the same time, as his/her team bowls.

TIES: In the event that a first place tie shall occur, Co-Champions will be declared as the winners and prizes will be distributed evenly among the first place teams. For ties in positions other than first place, the tiebreaker shall be the total number of marks (strikes and spares), in the three games, to determine a winner.

SUBSTITUTIONS: The **USBC** substitute rule **324b** will be in effect for this tournament.

CONSENT RULES: As per **USBC** rules, all unmarried grade or high school students who have not reached the age of eighteen (18) must have written permission of their parent or guardian to participate in this tournament. The consent must be on a form approved by USBC and must be on file with the tournament director at least one week before the bowler is scheduled to compete, unless the student is accompanied by a parent or guardian in which case the parental consent form can be filed up to the time that the student starts to bowl.

ABSENTEES: To alleviate absentee problems, multiple participation is allowed in the Team or Doubles event, but no bowler can bowl for more than one (1) person on a team. The score for the first appearance in any event shall count towards All Events. Not more than three (3) bowlers on the same team can place more than once on the prize list. In doubles, a player may only cash once with the same partner.

DRESS CODE: Bowlers are encouraged, but not required, to wear a team uniform. Clothing or items bearing offensive language, pictures or illustrations will not be permitted. NSS sport shirts or t-shirts are also encouraged.

RAFFLES: During the course of the tournament a 50/50 raffle will be conducted on Saturday and/or Sunday. Fifty percent of the proceeds will go the NSS PVR Scholarship Program. In addition, other door prizes, donated by the NSS vendors and members will be awarded at the banquet Saturday evening.

BANQUET: The NSS will pay for the cost of all tournament participants to the banquet. Non-participant members are eligible for a 50% discount to the Bowling Banquet. Non-participant, non-members will pay the full price. No reservations will be accepted later than one (1) week prior to the tournament. The NSS Fraternal Director shall determine the time and place.

FRATERNAL NIGHT: The NSS will pay for food and beverage cost of Fraternal Night, on Friday evening, prior to the tournament. Any bowling costs are the responsibility of those who bowl. Local assemblies are encouraged to assist with this fraternal activity. The NSS Fraternal Director shall determine the time and place.

AUTHORITY: The NSS Fraternal Director has the authority to make changes to the above rules, if it is in the best interest or fairness of the competitive spirit of this tournament. No changes to above **USBC** rules are permitted. Amended 2/06/09

Tournament Entry Form

<p>ENTRIES CLOSE ON APRIL 1, 2009</p> <p>TEAM EVENT</p> <p>YOUTH EVENT</p> <p>SATURDAY - 12:00 NOON</p> <p>SINGLES/DOUBLES EVENT</p> <p>SUNDAY 9:00 AM</p>	<p>52nd ANNUAL TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM</p> <p>NATIONAL SLOVAK SOCIETY of the USA</p> <p>NATIONAL TENPIN BOWLING TOURNAMENT</p> <p>WEEKEND OF APRIL 24 - APRIL 26, 2009</p> <p>BROOKGATE LANES, BROOK PARK, OHIO</p>
<p>Friday Hospitality Night</p> <p>Food & Beverages – 6:00 PM</p> <p>Open Bowling begins at 6:30 PM</p>	<p>Saturday Bowling Banquet</p> <p>Cocktails – 6:30 PM - Dinner – 7:00 PM</p> <p>Chinese Auction – 8:30 PM</p> <p>DJ, Karaoke & Dancing till 11:00 PM</p>

WHEN LISTING PARTICIPANTS, BE SURE THAT YOU LIST TEAM MEMBERS (1,2,3,4,5) AND LIST DOUBLES PARTNERS ON SHADED LINE BELOW EACH TEAM MEMBER
“USBC MORAL SUPPORT CERTIFIED”
Check all that apply

TEAM NAME:

TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS List Team & Doubles partners Bowling together	Assm Number	Highest Average	USBC Number	BOWLER'S HOME ADDRESS (no bowling alley address)	Team Event	Double Event	Single Event	Friday Night	Sat Banquet
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Members and Non-Members may participate in a Moral Support Certified Tournament with award recognition automatically extended to USBC members.
 Eligible non-members may qualify for USBC award recognition at their own option by paying a \$21.00 fee for which USBC will issue an associate membership card.