

# **Important to All Tournament Entrants**

## *Read Carefully Information Given Below*

### *Rules and Regulations of Annual GCU/NSS Life/SCS Bowling Tournament*

1. The Tournament shall be conducted in compliance with the rules and regulations of the USBC.

2. All members of the NSS Life are eligible to participate in this tournament.

3. All contestants must be members of the NSS Life as of April 15, 2024 or must have six months premium paid in advance at the time of entry. New bowlers must have bowled a *minimum of 21 games* as of March 15, 2024. *Bowlers with no average see #7 below.*

4. NSS Life adult members are required to maintain a minimum balance of \$300.00 in an annuity or have a permanent life insurance certificate, to qualify to participate in a NSS Life subsidized sporting event held on a national level i.e. National Bowling Tournament, National Golf Tournament, etc.

5. The total cost per person for each event shall be:

a. Prize Fee .....	\$10.00
b. Bowling Fee.....	\$8.00
c. Hospitality Fee.....	\$5.00
TOTAL COST (per event).....	\$23.00
Banquet Fee (Optional).....	\$0.00
*All Events (Optional).....	\$5.00

*\*Only bowlers paying the \$5.00 for the All-Events will be eligible for the cash awards.*

#### **PRIZE FEE WILL BE RETURNED 100 PERCENT IN EACH EVENT**

At least 1 of 10 of participants in each event will win prizes.

*Note:* Contestant may win only one cash prize event (gross or net), whichever cash prize is higher. Excluding special prizes. Awards will be presented to the Contestants who roll the highest gross and highest actual net scores in each event.

6. **SUBSTITUTES.** Bowlers may compete only once in each event. However, the tournament manager may allow a bowler who has previously bowled to substitute on a four bowler team when one of its original entrants is absent. The score of such bowler in the team event rolled with his entering team must count for all events. No one may bowl in this tournament except those originally entered before the tournament opens or such substitutes who may be authorized by the captain of a team or his appointee provided the individual whose name appears on the entry blank is unable for sufficient reason to attend the tournament at the time scheduled. The Bowling Committee shall have power as to the substitutes that are offered by the captain or his legalized representative, and if accepted, each substitute must bowl each event under his full name and only at scheduled time in each event. The substitutes score and handicap from the said event will be used.

7. Any contestant whose current average as of March 15, 2024 of *at least 21 games* is ten pins or more above his highest average from the previous season must use his current average.

**HANDICAP** - Handicap (Men) allowed will be 85% of the difference between 240 and last season's 2022-2023 highest sanctioned league average of at least 21 games. Bowlers who have no established average will use their highest sanctioned league average of at least 21 games as of March 15, 2024. Male bowlers who have no established average for this year or last year will be listed as 175 average and will be handicapped accordingly. If the bowler does not have a sanctioned average over the last two years, but has competed in the Joint Fraternal Tournament, the most recent 5 year history from the Joint Fraternal Tournaments will be used. Male bowlers with an average over 240 will receive no handicap and will bowl scratch in the tournament.

Handicap (Women) allowed will be 85% of the difference between 200 and last season's 2022-2023 who have no established average will use their highest sanctioned league average of at least 21 games as of March 15, 2024. Female bowlers who have no established average for this year or last year will be listed as 150 average and will be handicapped accordingly. If the bowler does not have a sanctioned average over the last two years, but has competed in the Joint Fraternal Tournament, the most recent 5 year history from the Joint Fraternal

tournaments will be used. Female bowlers with an average over 200 will receive no handicap and will bowl scratch in the tournament.

*Under no circumstances will handicaps be increased after participant has bowled.*

Contestants in this tournament are not required to report any tournament prize winnings for the previous 12-month period.

8. **FALSIFYING AVERAGES - PENALTY** - The team captain is responsible for reporting all averages of the individual team members, and they are responsible to him. Should the Tournament Committee find at any time that the averages have been falsified, the team shall forfeit all claims for prize money as well as their entry fee and will be subject to disqualification and suspension from organized bowling.

All prize winners are subject upon request to submit an affidavit of correct league averages.

9. **Rating of Bowlers** - According to USBC Rule No. 319 A-E, bowlers may be rated by the Tournament Committee.

10. All entry applications and bowling fees are to be sent directly to: **NSS Life Bowling Tournament, 1301 Ashwood Drive, Canonsburg, PA 15317** not later than *April 17, 2023. Rule 310-A2 is in effect.*

11. Bowlers who participate in tournament games must be dressed in a presentable manner to appear before public and when possible to use an emblem attached to shirt or dress so that participant can be identified.

12. Both USBC and eligible non-USBC members may participate in moral support tournaments with high score protection automatically extended to USBC members. Eligible non-USBC members can qualify for high score protection at their option by paying a \$21.00 fee for which the Congress will issue an unattached membership card.

13. **NO MONEY WILL BE REFUNDED.** All prize fee money will be paid in prizes.

14. In the Doubles contest the names of both members of the team must be given, because entries with the word "Partner" will not be accepted. Entry blanks so compiled will be returned and the entry money retained until proper blank is received. If both entrants in the Doubles event appear when scheduled, it is understood that they must bowl as they have been entered on the original entry blank and no change in position will be allowed at any time after entry blank has been filed.

15. **Assignment of Alleys** - The Tournament Committee will make up the alley assignments for all entrants in the Doubles, Singles and Team Events. Entrants in the Doubles and Singles Events are required to report fully 30 minutes prior to the time they are scheduled to bowl.

Captains of teams must report their line-up at least 30 minutes before scheduled to bowl.

16. In the Doubles & Singles Events bowling entrants will bowl all six of their games on the same pair of lanes. Bowlers entered in the Singles Event only will be assigned to alleys by the Committee.

17. A team may use a name other than its league name for tournament entry without the payment of additional membership dues as formerly required.

18. Failure to use the correct average shall disqualify score if submitted average is lower than correct average thereby resulting in a lower classification or more handicap. Prize winnings shall be based on the submitted average if it is higher than the correct average. However, corrections in averages may be permitted up to the completion of the first game of a series. **Bowlers must include a copy of their league average sheet with their application.**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL**

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