

Touring Players Championship

Tournament is Open to all USBC members

Saturday, November 19, 2011
"Mardi Gras Lanes"
4800 Madison Ave
Sacramento, CA

Tournament Play begins at 1:00 p.m.

Division A -- Averages 190 and above
Division B -- Averages 189 and under

Entry Form **Touring Players Championship**

Name _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone Number _____

Email: _____

Sanction Number: _____ Current League Average _____

Establishment current league average established _____

Make checks payable to: **Rock 'N' Roll to Reno League** Phone in entries to: **916-868-7454**

Visit our Website @ WWW.TPATOUR.COM

Tournament Rules

ENTRY FEE, ELIGIBILITY, PRIZE FUND & CHECK IN TIME

Early entry fee is \$35.00 for reservations received by Friday, November 18, 2011. Entries received the day of the tournament, including walk in entries, will be assessed a late entry fee of \$5.00. **Walk in entries will be accepted based on availability.** Check in begins at 12:00 p.m. and continues through 12:50 p.m. on November 19th. Tournament is open to all U.S.B.C. members. Unsanctioned bowlers may qualify for entry and all U.S.B.C. services by paying an affiliate membership fee prior to bowling of \$21.00. Or, pay the participation fee of \$5.00 for adults, and \$2.00 for youths (U.S.B.C Rule 300c) which only allows the bowler to enter this tournament but will not qualify for U.S.B.C. awards. Pay out ratio is at least 1 in 5 for singles. Prize fund returns 100%. Lineage \$10.00, Expenses \$3.00. Prize fund \$22.00. Please make checks payable to: Rock N Roll to Reno League. There is a \$20.00 charge for all returned checks.

YOUTH ELIGIBILITY

Youths may bowl in this singles competition and will be eligible for side pot and bracket prizes, as this competition agrees to award the youth's prize in the form of a scholarship; or the youth signs a form waiving his/her rights to any prize in violation of USBC Rule 400. Prizes may not exceed \$500. All scholarship monies won will be forwarded to USBC SMART.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The opening round consists of four games of qualifying bowled across four pair of lanes. At least one in five bowlers will qualify for the elimination round. The elimination round consists of one game to cut the field to the top four bowlers. Scores from the first four games will carry over to the elimination round. The top four bowlers in each division will advance to the stepladder finals. The Team USA Experience "Paris" pattern will be utilized for this tournament. The tournament pattern is available at the TPATOUR website at WWW.TPATOUR.COM.

AVERAGES & HANDICAPS

Bowlers will utilize their 2010-2011 book average of 21 games or more as of April 15, 2011. If none, 2009-2010, Book average of 21 games or more will be utilized. If none, 2011 Summer league average, or highest current league average of 21 games or more whichever is highest. If none, the bowler will bowl scratch. **Bowlers utilizing their current average must provide verification of average prior to tournament play.** Individual averages must be based on a minimum of 21 games in a USBC league. **Handicap is based on 80% of 220.** All bowlers with averages 219 or above will bowl scratch. The maximum handicap for this tournament is 50 pins. USBC Rules 319a, 319b, 319c and 319d shall apply. Averages Established in USBC leagues which start its schedule after March 15 for the summer season shall be accepted as official, provided the bowler does not have an acceptable regular season average. A bowler who does not have an acceptable average under tournament rules will bowl scratch. When the previous season's average is used, and at the time of bowling an entrant has a current average of 21 or more games that is 10 pins or more higher than the prior season's average, the current average must be used. A bowler shall adjust his/her entering average if, during the 12 month period immediately preceding the time and date of bowling, the bowler's accumulated average for all, but not less than 21 tournament games, exceeds the average to be used for entry by 15 or more pins. In that case, the accumulated average must be used for handicapping or classification purposes. A bowler whose tournament scores require an adjustment must submit the adjusted average in writing before the end of the first game in a tournament, unless tournament rules allow for such adjustment to be made with in a specified time after bowling. Failure to use the adjusted average in accordance with the foregoing is cause for forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings, and the bowler is subject to suspension of membership in USBC. Bowlers are responsible for verifying their averages, whether submitted by the bowler or others. If the submitted average is lower than required and results in a lower classification or more handicap, the bowler's score is disqualified. If the submitted average is higher than required, prize winnings will be based on the submitted average. This tournament is governed by U.S.B.C. Rules. Score corrections must be made by tournament management. Spectators will not be allowed in the bowling area. Protests and appeals must be in writing briefly stating the grounds for the protest or appeal. A protest involving eligibility or playing rules must be filed with tournament management and before tournament prizes are paid. The Tournament Director will settle all disputes. The decision of the tournament director shall be final unless an appeal is made in accordance with Rule 329d.