

2018 AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY BOWLING TOURNAMENT INFORMATION AND RULES

1. To participate, a bowler must be a paid-up 2018 AMERICAN LEGION, AUXILIARY, LEGION RIDER, CANADIAN AMERICAN LEGION or S.A.L member. High score recognition extended to participating USBC members only. Eligible non USBC members can qualify for high score recognition at their option by purchasing an associate membership, \$20.00 for men or \$21.00 for women, or by paying a USBC participation fee of \$5.00 for this tournament only. Only entrants who are USBC members before participating in the tournament, are eligible for USBC awards. Tournament committee reserves the right to reject any and all entries.
2. Team captains must present all 2018 AMERICAN LEGION, AUXILIARY, S.A.L, LEGION RIDERS or CANADIAN AMERICAN LEGION cards and team line-up at the tournament registration desk one (1) hour prior to starting time. Teams or individuals failing to appear on lanes prepared to bowl at scheduled time will receive zeros for each frame missed.
3. A handicap based on 100% of the difference between players highest average and 210 will be used in each event.
4. Entrants will use their highest average based on a minimum of 21 games for the 2016-2017 season. If current 21 game average as of January 1, 2018 is 10 or more pins above the 2016-2017 average, current average must be used. If no average last year, use highest current average of 21 games or more as of January 1, 2018. All men not having an established average will use 160 as their average, all women without an established average will use 150. Maximum handicap for un-established men will be 50 pins, un-established women 60 pins. Any bowler entering the tournament with an average of 210 or more will receive zero handicap. (Minus handicaps were eliminated as of the 2005 tournament). All averages must be USBC certified league averages, rule 319A. 5. The tournament manager may disqualify and force the removal of any bowler who in their judgment is unfit to continue bowling or who may be distracting other bowlers.
6. The tournament committee will draw for lanes prior to the start of each squad.
7. All entries in this tournament must be made in accordance with USBC rules. The tournament director reserves all rights.
8. Individuals may compete on more than one team providing 2 members of the team are changed.
9. Singles event may be bowled immediately following the doubles event. Entrants are given the option of bowling singles and doubles separately different squads. (Some of our entrants cannot bowl 6 games in a row). Entrants will bowl 3 games on 1 pair of lanes for each event. If doubles event is entered, you must enter singles event. Re-entry for doubles and singles is permitted providing you change partners for doubles event. Bowlers may cash only once in singles event. Must bowl 6 games.

10. Optional Six game Combo will be total pins (with handicap included) scored in the FIRST Singles and Doubles event.
11. No substitutes will be accepted for 6 game combo unless they replace entrant in all 6 games.
12. All prize fees will be returned 100 % in prizes.
13. Minimum of 1 prize for each 6 TEAMS entered.
14. Minimum of 1 prize for each 10 entries in all other events.
15. Trophies or plaques will be awarded in all four events of the tournament on the basis of scores with handicap.
16. Ties for all positions qualifying for prizes shall be equally divided for all positions in which they are tied. Duplicate trophies or plaques will be awarded for 1st place ties.
17. NO ENTRY MONIES WILL BE REFUNDED IF IT IS DISCOVERED THAT A TEAM OR INDIVIDUAL HAS FAILED TO COMPLY WITH ALL USBC AND TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS.
18. All entries must be accompanied by check or money order payable to: AMERICAN LEGION POST #229 NYS TOURNAMENT
19. Reservations close on April 1, 2018. Entries close on April 1, 2018.
20. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis based on 80 teams per weekend.
21. Bowlers who have qualified for a prize of \$300.00 or more in any event in a tournament within the previous 12 months must report the ACTUAL SCORE, POSITION AND AMOUNT WON for possible re-rating before bowling. Any bowler who reports a lower average than required or who fails to report a prize of \$300,00 or more shall forfeit winnings and entry fees.
22. It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of his/her average, whether originally submitted by the bowler, Captain or others. Failure to use proper average or make corrections prior to or at the time of bowling shall disqualify score if submitted average is lower than actual average or base prize winnings on submitted average if it is higher. BE ESPECIALLY FAMILIAR WITH USBC RULE 319A GOVERNING ADJUSTED AVERAGE. RULE APPLIES TO ALL PARTICIPANTS.
23. Members of the AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, S.A.L, AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS AND CANADIAN AMERICAN LEGION POSTS bordering N.Y., are included in our annual tournament with the understanding they must be at least 21 years of age and have a valid current membership card. Exceptions: AUXILIARY and/or S.A.L Bowlers 18-21 years of age must submit letter of consent at time entry is submitted, so as not to jeopardize amateur or scholastic eligibility. Anyone under suspension from or who has been refused membership in the USBC will not be allowed to participate, Rule 301a3.