

Would you like help finding a doubles partner $\quad$ Yes $\square \quad$ For Which Doubles Event? $\quad$ Men $\square$ Women $\square$ Mixed $\square$ All $\square$


## 44th ANNUAL SENIOR TOURNAMENT INFORMATION \& RULES

1. Eligibility: Open to all Great Salt Lake USBC Adult members age 50 and over as of the first day of competition (04-06-2024) with a valid membership in good standing. Those without a valid membership, USBC/GSLBA may purchase one onsite provided they have a verifiable average listed on bowl.com.
2. Format: This is a handicap tournament with doubles and single events based on gender for competition purposes. Three game blocks will be bowled in each event. Multiple entry is allowed in doubles events with different partners. Separate entry is required in each doubles event/division bowled. Singles may only be bowled once.
3. Divisions: Doubles consists of (3) divisions - Men - Women - or Mixed (one male, one female). Singles consists of a men's division \& a women's division assigned by gender with average based divisions - Men's division will have (2) average based divisions of -195 \& above and 194 \& below. Women's division will have (2) average based divisions of -151 \& above and 150 \& below.
4. All Events Divisions: All Events will have Handicap and Scratch divisions and a Men's and Women's divisions assigned by gender with the respective divisions matching the singles events divisions for the men's and women's divisions. Entry fee per event per person is $\$ 5.00$ with $\$ 4.00$ to prize fund and $\$ 1.00$ for expenses.
5. Average Requirements: All entrants shall use their composite average of all USBC leagues of 12 games or more for the 2022-2023 bowling season as published on bowl.com. If no previous season composite average, the highest composite average of all USBC leagues based on 12 or more games as published on bowl.com from the past 3 seasons will be used. If none of the above can be met then male entrants will compete with a 240 average, female entrants will compete with a 220.
6. Average Verification: It is the ENTRANT'S responsibility to verify the accuracy of the entering average, whether originally submitted by the entrant or others. Winners' averages will be verified and those submitted lower will be adjusted, those submitted higher will remain as submitted. Any average discrepancy found will be adjusted and may result in disqualification. (USBC Rule 17a-Unfair Tactics). Tournament management and the GSLBA reserves the right to adjust a entrants' entering average based on previous tournament history/winnings. This will include all National, State, and Local tournaments where information is available. (USBC Rules 201 \& 319)
7. Handicap: A handicap basis of $90 \%$ of 240 for all entrants.
8. Entry Fee Breakdown: Entry fee is $\$ 25$ per entrant per event; $\$ 10.00$ prize fund, $\$ 10.50$ lineage and $\$ 4.50$ for expenses. No Refunds (USBC Rule 314 ) * $\$ 35.00$ Fee will be assessed for all bad Checks or Credit Cards with Non-sufficient funds.
9. Check-In: Entrants shall check in at least (45) minutes prior to their scheduled squad time. $11 / 2$ hours prior if payment has not been processed.
10. Late or Tardy: Entrants arriving after the start of their scheduled event will receive zeros for frames missed. If an entrant is late and the doubles partner opts to use a substitute, the substitute must complete the started game.
11. Substitutes: Substitutes are allowed when necessary and must be reported to the tournament manager at least twenty (20) minutes prior to bowling. In case of disability after a game has started, a substitute shall be allowed, if one is available. If no substitute is available, only the actual score of frames bowled shall count. Substitutes shall take the place in the lineup of the original entrant. A substitute will not be requi red or expected to reimburse the original entrant with the entry fee paid or any prize money or award the substitute may win. If any entrant is missing from a doubles event, the doubles partner, can request to be rescheduled; only if a substitute cannot be found at least 10 minutes before the squad's starting time and only if there is room for the doubles to move to another time.
12. Schedule: Entries will be scheduled according to requests and in the order received. The schedule will not be changed except for an emergency.
13. Line-up: The line-up will be set as submitted on bowl.com/tournament registration or as written on the paper entry form.
14. Lane Assignments: The Tournament Manager shall assign lanes. Entrants that wish to bowl at the same time on the same squad with other entrants shall submit their entry forms and fees at the same time, in the same envelope, along with their written request to be on adjacent lanes.
15. Lane Conditioning: Lanes will be conditioned before each Squad. Tournament oil pattern will be determined by GSLBA.
16. Prize Ratio: $100 \%$ of the prize fund designated money will be returned. Payout is based on number of entries received with a minimum of 1 in 6 for each division. In the event of a $1^{\text {st }}$ place tie, co-champions will be declared. In the event of ties prize money for the tie will be combined and divided equally.
17. Awards: For each division in Doubles \& Singles (male \& female) a $5 \times 7$ plaque will be issued for $1^{\text {st }}$ place winners $-2^{\text {nd }}$ and $3^{\text {rd }}$ place will receive a $5 \times 7$ framed certificate. In the event of ties in $1^{\text {st }}$ to $3^{\text {rd }}$ place each will receive identical awards.
18. Prize Checks: The IRS requires GSLBA to furnish 1099 forms to individuals who accumulate winnings of $\$ 600$ or more annually in any GSLBA events in which they participate. Bowlers who have met or are close to this threshold will be required to complete a $\mathrm{W}-9$ form prior to prize check(s) being distributed.
19. Prize Checks Replacements: Lost Prize checks may be assessed a $\$ 35.00$ check replacement fee.
20. DRESS CODE: GSLBA requests that all bowlers wear acceptable attire when participating in the tournament. Slacks or walking shorts to the knee are preferred. Participants must wear a shirt with sleeves, preferably a collared shirt. Unacceptable attire includes but is not limited to: Tank tops; halter tops; bare midriffs; spaghetti strap tops; bib overalls; jeans that are not clean or in poor condition; attire with inappropriate questionable, or offensive language or graphics. Tournament management will have full discretion and reserves the right to refuse participation to anyone deemed inappropriately attired without recourse. Tournament management decisions will be final.
21. Conduct \& Etiquette: Participants shall conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times during the tournament. Unsportsmanlike behavior Will not be tolerated on the lanes or inside the tournament venue. Individuals are subject to ejection for engaging in improper tactics or conduct including, but not limited to, physical or verbal abuse toward other persons. Tournament officials have the right to disqualify any participants whose conduct is derogatory or detrimental to the best interests of the tournament. Pace of Play - Please be ready to bowl when it is your turn, observing one-lane courtesy. This will help ensure your event is completed in the allotted time. No unreasonable delay in the progress of any game is permitted (USBC Rule 11).
22. Protests: Errors in scoring must be reported at the time the error is entered. The tournament management will handle unexpected situations. Protests must be filed in accordance with USBC Rule 329.
23. Liability: The entrants whose names appear thereon or their authorized replacements hereby agree that the Great Salt Lake Bowling Association, its officers or agents, shall be liable only to the extent of returning entry fee if and when these entrants shall be prevented from bowling any event in the tournament through delay, unexpected yet necessary schedule change or premature termination of the tournament, which may be brought about by war, national emergency or emergencies of cause relating thereto or resulting there from, fire, strikes, lockouts, labor difficulties or other causes beyond its control.
24. Entry Submission Dates: Online entry deadline is Midnight March 29, 2024. Paper entry deadline will be October 29th, 2024, and does not have guarantee of requested squad dates or times. Paper entries will be assigned based on space availability and squad size.

All rules for the $23 / 24$ Senior Tournament are subject to change due to concerns with COVID-19. This includes, but not limited to, tournament dates, locations, format(s), operations and bowler services. All bowler services shall be conducted electronically whenever possible. Any disputes must be brought to the GSLBA tournament officials on site at the time of occurrence and will be settled at that time. All protest and appeals must be in accordance with USBC Rule 329 . Anything not covered within the tournament rules will be governed by GSL-USBC tournament management and USBC national playing rules.

WALK-INS ARE ALLOWED AS SQUAD SIZE \& LANE AVABILITY PERMITS - WALK-IN'S MUST REGISTER $11 / 2$ HOURS PRIOR TO START OF ANY SQUAD.

