

2024 Elks Bowling Tournament Rules

October 19th and 20th 2024

The entrants whose names appear in the schedule or their authorized substitutes hereby agree that the Iowa Elks Bowling Association officers and agents shall be liable only to the extent of returning fees in any event in a tournament delay, due to unforeseen schedule change or premature termination of the tournament that may be brought about by fire, flood, or any other cause beyond the control of the Iowa Elks Association. After entries have been scheduled, there can be no refunds, except in the case of above listed acts.

1. Handicap will be 90% of 220. All averages must be USBC sanctioned. High book average for 2021-2022 must be used. If no previous average, then the current season average of 21 games as of February 1, 2023 will be used. If a bowler doesn't meet the requirements of this rule, an average of 170 will be assigned to bowlers 61 years of age and younger. An average of 160 will be assigned to bowlers 62 years of age and older. If bowlers do not have a current average but have bowled in the Elks Bowling Tournament in previous years, an average from their past two times bowling in a tournament will be used.
2. Per tournament director, any person(s) who bowls under an assumed name of another bowler or team that uses a person that assumes the name of another bowler shall both individually and collectively forfeit their entry fee and prize money. Likewise, any falsification of tournament average will also eliminate the score for said bowler(s). All persons connected with the affair shall be forever disqualified in any and all tournaments sanctioned by the United States Bowling Congress (USBC).
3. Bowlers must enter both doubles and singles with singles bowling first. No flip-flop of lanes, stay on same pair.
4. Bowlers late for their shift will start in the frame being bowled. They will receive zeros for previous frames not bowled. No credit will be given for frames missed.
5. Averages of all winners must be verified before prizes are paid out. For verification purposes, make sure USBC card number is on the entry form. The captain is responsible for getting all information on entry form prior to the tournament. Bowlers will not be allowed to bowl if information is missing.
6. The captain or co-captain must check in one-half hour before their shift.
7. All USBC rules will be enforced. Re-rating rule 319c applies. Prize reporting Rule 319d is not applicable.
8. Participating USBC members will receive high score recognition. Non-USBC members must qualify for this service by purchasing a USBC card prior to bowling.
9. Entrants may bowl only once in each event. Prize ratio: Team; Singles and Doubles payout of 1 to 4, which is handicapped. All events payout of 1 to 10. All events champion will be based on highest 9 game scratch total and will receive a trophy for said score.

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*Early entries will receive top priority. Any late entries will be taken under consideration by tournament directors.