



2010 Tournament Rules

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** Open to all members of the USBC with the following exceptions: 1. PBA members who bowled 50% or more of the regular tour in calendar year 2007, 2008, or 2009. 2. Any PBA Regular Tour winner since January 1, 2000 is also ineligible. 3. Any employee of Grand Sierra Bowling Center 4. Any employee of Bowling This Month Magazine (writers are eligible).
2. **OILING PATTERN:** The pattern used will be as close as possible to the pattern used at the USBC Nationals. The lane machine used will be supplied and programmed by Kegel, the same company that supplies the pattern for the USBC Nationals.
3. **FORMATS:** Trios (3 bowlers) - Three games. Unlimited entries, but same three bowlers may cash only once. Doubles (2 bowlers) – Three games. You may enter doubles with either or both bowlers on your trio team and/or crossover with up to 6 bowlers at one time. You may cash as many times as possible in doubles, but only once with the same partner. Singles—three games. You may enter singles a maximum of 5 times, but cash only once in the main prize list. All divisions will be Handicap.
4. **TOURNAMENT DATES:** Tournament runs February 20, 2010 through July 4, 2010, unless extended. Squads start daily at 9:30 a.m., with continuous squads until the final squad of the day, which starts at 4 p.m., based on lane availability. Evening squads may be added, based on lane availability. Call Rick Ramsey at 800-218-1667 or visit www.bowlingthismonth.com for additional information.
5. **ENTRY FEE:** 1. The initial entry fee for all divisions will be \$49 (\$20 prize fund, \$10-3 month BTM subscription \$19 lineage and expenses) per bowler. Each first entry will receive a three month subscription to Bowling This Month Magazine. If a bowler is already a subscriber, three months will be added to their current subscription. If he/she enters more than one event at the same time, entry will be \$49 for the first event and \$34 (\$20 prize fund, \$14 expenses) for any crossover events. If a bowler re-enters an event on a later squad, subsequent entry fees are \$39 (\$20 prize fund, \$19 lineage and expenses).
6. **SCRATCH SIDE POTS** – There will be \$10 scratch side pots offered, regardless of event bowled. The payout ratio will be 1 for 6 and a bowler may only cash once.
7. **BOOK AVERAGE:** Highest average (21 games or more, non-Sport bowling avg.) from 2008-2009 season will be used unless their average as of January 1, 2010 (21 games or more) is 10 pins or more higher. Then, that average will be used for handicapping purposes. If the bowler has only a Sport Bowling average, he/she must declare so prior to entry for re-rating. The penalty for failure to do so is disqualification. Those not having a book average for the 2008-2009 season may use highest applicable average from the 2007-2008 season (21 games or more), unless their average as of January 1, 2010 (21 games or more) is 10 pins or more higher. Then, that average will be used for handicapping purposes. All others must bowl scratch.
8. **HANDICAP:** 80% of 210 will be the handicapping percentage used. There will be a maximum of 56 pins handicap per game. All bowlers above 210 will bowl scratch, but still may enter the handicap division. The tournament director reserves the right to re-rate a bowler before the start of play.

9. VERIFICATION: It is each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their own average, whether originally submitted by the bowler, a team captain or others. Failure to use the correct average may disqualify the score if submitted average is lower than the correct average, thereby resulting in a lower classification or more handicap. Prize winnings will be based on the submitted average, if it is higher than the correct average (Rule 319 A, Item 3).
10. REPORTING OF PREVIOUS TOURNAMENT WINNINGS will apply. USBC Rules 319 D and 319 E are waived, except those reporting an average of less than 210 and entering the Handicap division. Rule 319 A is in effect. Bowlers reporting less than a 210 average must submit scores bowled and amounts won in excess of \$500 in any one event during the past 24 months.
11. PENALTY FOR WRONG AVERAGE: If a bowler turns in the wrong average, he/she may be rerated or disqualified.
12. PRIZE DISTRIBUTION: In the singles event, a bowler may not cash more than once in the prize list. In doubles, multiple cashes are allowed as long as one bowler on the team is different. In trios, multiple cashes are allowed as long as one bowler on the team is different. Prize money will be distributed at a ratio of at least one for every six (1:6) paid entries in, Singles, Doubles, and Trios. All prize fees collected in a division will be returned 100% in that division. Each first entry will receive a three month subscription to Bowling This Month Magazine. If a bowler is already a subscriber, three months will be added to their current subscription. Canadian and Mexico residents must pay \$5 extra for the subscription. Other foreign entrants must pay \$25 extra to receive the subscription.
13. PLAYING RULES: This tournament will be USBC Certified. For rules not covered here, USBC rules will be used and the tournament director's decision is final, unless an appeal is made in accordance with Rule 329.
14. PAYMENT: At the tournament site, payment must be made with cash, Visa, MasterCard, Discover or Amex. No personal checks will be accepted. A \$5 administrative fee will be added to each credit card transaction.
15. OFFICIAL SCORE: Automatic scoring equipment will be the official scorer (transferred to recaps). Bowlers will verify the correctness of their scores at the completion of each game as it is transferred to the official recap. This will be the only opportunity to question the accuracy of the score. Obvious adjustments or errors will be corrected when the score sheet is audited by BTM staff. Each bowler must sign their score sheet to verify correctness and for the score to be eligible.
16. OPEN BOWLING: No practice will be allowed on tournament lanes at any time during tournament hours, except for the five minute warmup period prior to your assigned squad.
17. LANE ASSIGNMENT: Lanes will be assigned by the tournament staff.
18. WALK-IN ENTRIES: Walk-in entries are allowed
19. CLOSE OF ENTRIES: Entries close each day 30 minutes prior to the last squad of the day.
20. HOST BOWLING CENTER: Grand Sierra Bowl, 2500 E. 2nd St, Reno, NV, 89595. 775-789-2296
www.grandsierraresort.com
21. HOST HOTEL: The Peppermill Reno Hotel, 2707 S. Virginia, Reno, NV, 89595. 800-648-8992
www.peppermillreno.com Mention the code "LBTM10" to receive the special BTM or Bowling This Month bowler rate.