



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. 3. Any employee of Grand Sierra Casino and Hotel 4. Any employee of Bowling This Month Magazine (writers are eligible).
2. **FORMAT:** 1. Singles—four games across 8 lanes. You may enter singles a maximum of 5 times, but cash only once in the main prize list. There will be a separate prize list for 8-game totals. The bowler will use their best two four-game blocks. 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 for additional information or visit www.bowlingthismonth.com.
3. **DOUBLES:** Bowlers may bowl doubles only without bowling singles. The entry is \$40 per bowler (\$40 – prize fund, \$40 lineage and expenses per team). Crossover doubles will be offered. Entry fee for crossover doubles is \$20 per entry for each partner. \$15 – prize fund and \$5 – expenses. You may crossover with up to 6 different partners at the same time. Each partner must be bowling at the same time to be eligible. If bowling singles, the four-game total will count for both doubles and singles.
4. **DIVISIONS:** All divisions are scratch. Open Singles—All bowlers 50 years old or over (at time of bowling) may bowl in either the Open Division or Senior Division, but must declare before they bowl. Once they have bowled in either division, they cannot then bowl in the other. A bonus prize list will be generated for bowlers over the age of 60, who do not cash and Mixed Doubles with no additional entry fee. A bowler who turns 50 after competing in the Open Division, cannot bowl in the Senior Division in the same year.
5. **ALIBI SINGLES** – Entry fee \$10. There will be one prize list for all bowlers, regardless of age who enter this event. Bowlers will be allowed to throw out their worst game of the four and the remaining three games will count toward their score in this event. The payout ratio will be 1 for 6 and a bowler may only cash once.
6. **ENTRY FEE:** First singles entry fee is \$85 (\$30-prize fund, \$30- 1 year subscription to BTM, \$25 – Lineage and expenses. Re-entries will be \$65 (\$30- prize fund, \$20 – lineage and expenses, \$15 – separate 8-game prize fund). Bowlers will use their best two 4-game blocks if they bowl singles more than once. Separate prize lists will be awarded in 8-game totals for Seniors and Regular Open.
7. **PRIZE DISTRIBUTION:** In the singles event, a bowler may not cash more than once in the main prize list and once in the 8-game prize list. In doubles, 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 Open Singles, Open Doubles, Senior Singles and Senior Doubles. Mixed Doubles and 8-game singles will be paid at a ratio of at least one in every twelve (1:12) paid

entries. All prize fees collected in a division will be returned 100% in that division. Each singles entrant will receive a one-year subscription to Bowling This Month Magazine. If a bowler is already a subscriber, one year will be added to their current subscription. Canadian and Mexico residents must pay \$10 extra for the subscription. Other foreign entrants must pay \$45 extra to receive the subscription.

8. **PLAYING RULES:** This tournament will be USBC and Sport Bowling 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.
9. **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.
10. **OFFICIAL SCORE:** Automatic scoring equipment will be the official scorer (transposed 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.
11. **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.
12. **LANE ASSIGNMENT:** Lanes will be assigned by the tournament staff.
13. **WALK-IN ENTRIES:** Walk-in entries are allowed
14. **CLOSE OF ENTRIES:** Entries close 30 minutes prior to the last squad of the day.
15. **USBC rules 319D and 319E are waived. Rule 319A is in effect.**
16. **HOST BOWLING CENTER:** Grand Sierra Bowl, 2500 E. 2nd St, Reno, NV, 89595. 775-789-2296
www.grandsierraresort.com
17. **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.