

DFW Open Rules

Tournament Rules and Regulation – Failure to Read is No Excuse

Eligibility

The DFW Open Tournament is open to all bowlers who are in good standings with USBC and holds a current USBC Adult membership. USBC applications will be available to purchase on site.

Tournament Conduct and Dress Code

The DFW Open Tournament is a “**NON-SMOKING**” event. Smoking of any kind is strictly prohibited during tournament play. If bowlers choose to take a smoke break and is not present to bowl when their name appears will be given a zero for each frame missed.

During tournament competition proper attire will be required. No tank tops, basketball shorts, cutoffs, swimsuits, spandex, headgear of any kind including obscene attire. There will be zero tolerance for obscene language/gestures and destruction of the bowling centers equipment. Bowlers who violate these rules will not be allowed to bowl and is not entitled to a refund. All issues with regards to proper attire will be decided upon by the tournament management.

Foreign Substances

The use of substances such as talcum powder, pumice, resin and others on bowling shoes or the use of soft rubber soles/heels that could alter the normal conditions of the approach is strictly prohibited.

Altering Bowling Ball Surface - USBC Rule 18

Altering a bowling ball with abrasives while bowling in certified competition is prohibited.

Entry

Entry fee is \$75 each bowler (\$300 per team). Bowlers may re-enter the event, providing not more than two members of the original team bowl on the re-entry.

(Lineage \$12, Expenses \$16, Prize Fund \$47) *Secure your team spot by completing the RSVP form at bowldfwopen.com

Squad times

Team captains/appointees are asked to check-in 1 hour prior to squad times.

No practice will be allowed on lanes prior to competition. Bowlers will have 10 minutes of practice before each squad. Each squad will have fresh oil.

A: Saturday - 10:00am

B: Saturday - 2:00pm

C: Sunday -10:00am

D: Sunday - 2:00pm

Format

(4) Four member Mixed team event with (1) One member of opposite sex is required.

Teams will bowl 3 games each squad. Total pinfall plus handicap will determine the winners.

Only (1) one active PBA bowler is allowed per team.

Average

The team cap used in this tournament is 900. If a bowler has a DFW Open tournament average of 12 games or more, this average will be combined with their highest sanctioned book average from the 2022-2023 season with a minimum of 21 games to form a *composite average. If a bowler does not have a DFW Open tournament average, the bowler will use the highest sanctioned book average from the 2022-2023 season with a minimum of 21 games. If a bowler has no average from the previous season with 21 games or more, that bowler can use a current 2023-2024 league average with 21 games or more. If no sanctioned average can be verified, the bowler will use a 225 scratch average. DFW Open has a minimum entering USBC book average of 140 with a maximum handicap of 76.

Summer averages, USBC Youth, and Sports averages will not be used in this tournament.

The Committee reserves the right to compare submitted averages of other local tournaments, national tournaments and associations to ensure a fair rating for each participant.

The following organizations and others will be considered: Friday Funetics (plano), itabowling.com, atasteofdfw.com, NTUSBC, TheBowlingShops, ABT of Texas and TNBA.

***In 2021 the DFW Open committee decided to not to put out a challenge or sport pattern during the event and we will continue to use the house shot at whatever house we are competing in moving forward. In order to “normalize” averages and get bowlers who bowled with us in the past back to their true abilities, the committee decided to create a composite average that combines their high book and their DFW Open average. This way they do not completely loose the pins they may have gained in years past but also are not bowling off an average that is way below their ability.**

Re-rate – All bowlers subject to re-rating in accordance with USBC Rule 319e must submit required tournament scores and prize money won. The DFW Open tournament reserves the right to re-rate the average of any bowler whose entering average does not reflect his/her ability.

It shall be the responsibility of each bowler to verify the accuracy of the submitted average. Rule 319 (a) (b) (c) (d) and (e) will be strictly enforced. Failure to comply shall result in the forfeiture of all monies and team disqualification if an average is higher than the one submitted on the entry form.

Handicap

The tournament handicap will be 90% of the difference of the team average from 900.

The handicap on all side action events will be 90% of 225.

Official Score

Recap sheets are the official scores for the DFW Open tournament. Each team captain/appointee is **required** to sign off on the opposing teams recap sheet. Failure to do so can result in team disqualification.

Prizes

Prize ratio will be 1:5 for every team entry.

Side Events

- Team Hi-Pot
- Individual Hi-Pot (Men/Ladies)
- Brackets (handicap)
- Singles (scratch/handicap)

Prize Reporting

A bowler who has qualified for a prize of \$600 or more in any event in a tournament within the previous 12 month period must report the name of tournament, location, actual score, and amount won to the Tournament Manager at time of entry. This also includes prize monies not yet paid in the 12 month period.

Replacements

Replacements will be authorized upon completion of the substitute form by the team captain/appointee. Replacements will only be accepted at least one (1) hour prior to the scheduled bowling time. Replacements will bowl in the position of the dropped bowler. **No Exceptions**

Tardy bowlers will receive a zero for each frame missed. Any team refusing to proceed with tournament play because of absent bowler or incomplete line-up will be given a forfeit of game.

Emergency substitutions will be handled on a per case basis.

Protest

Any protest affecting eligibility, scores bowled or general playing rules must be addressed with the Tournament Director at the time of infraction and before prizes are awarded.

The DFW Open tournament shall be governed by the USBC Playing Rules where other rules are not specified.

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