

*ESSEX COUNTY BOWLING ASSOCIATION*  
**82<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT**

(Certified by the United States Bowling Congress)

**HOSTED BY THE ESSEX COUNTY BOWLING ASSOCIATION**

TEAMS SINGLES DOUBLES FOR ESSEX COUNTY BOWLERS EXCLUSIVELY

**100% HANDICAP**

HELD AT

**BRUNSWICK ZONE-BELLEVILLE**

679 WASHINGTON AVE.

BELLEVILLE, N.J. 07109

(973) 751-2111

**BRUNSWICK ZONE WILL AWARD A SHIRT FOR A 300 GAME**

**ENTRIES CLOSE MARCH 31, 2012**

**NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED WITHOUT FULL ENTRY FEES**

Make all remittances payable to: Essex County USBC BA and mail to

**Jack Matthews**

**400 Meadowbrook Lane**

**South Orange, N.J. 07079**

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EVENT	LINEAGE	EXPENSE	PRIZE FUND	TOTAL
Teams	\$50.00	\$20.00	\$50.00	\$120.00
Doubles	\$20.00	\$ 8.00	\$20.00	\$ 48.00
Singles	\$10.00	\$ 4.00	\$10.00	\$ 24.00
All Events		\$ 1.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 6.00

**WALK-INS WILL BE ASSESSED A \$1.00 SURCHARGE PER BOWLER FOR EACH EVENT**

**PRIZE RATIO**

Regular Events - at least 1 for each six entries. All Events – At least 1 for each 6 entries

Optional Special Event will be **MOST PINS OVER AVERAGE**

Entry Fee \$2.00 Payable at time of bowling – 60% will be returned as prizes

**SQUAD DATES AND TIME SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY: MARCH 17, MARCH 24, MARCH 31**

**11:30AM ONLY**

**SUNDAY: MARCH 18, MARCH 25, APRIL 1**

**11:00AM AND 3PM**

**WALK-INS ARE PERMITTED (EXCEPT FOR THE LAST DATE) IF SPACE IS AVAILABLE**

**SQUADS WILL BE FILLED IN THE ORDER APPLICATIONS ARE RECEIVED. IF YOU WANT TO BOWL ALL THREE EVENTS ON THE SAME DAY IT MUST BE ON SUNDAY. AVAILABLE LANES ON THE 3PM SQUADS ARE LIMITED. IF YOUR DATE SELECTION IS LIMITED PLEASE GET YOUR APPLICATION IN EARLY.**

CAPTAIN \_\_\_\_\_ TEL( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

CAPTAIN'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ CAPTAIN'S E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 (For Tournament Use ONLY)

**TEAM/SPONSOR NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **AMOUNT PAID** \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT FULL NAMES ONLY	BOWLER'S HOMETOWN	HIGHEST AVERAGE 2010/2011 (Rule 4)	HIGHEST 21+ GAME AVERAGE 3/01/12	LEAGUE FROM WHICH AVERAGES ARE LISTED	NATIONAL I.D. NUMBER
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					

**NOTE:**  
 BOTH AVERAGE COLUMNS MUST BE FILLED IN  
 UNVERIFIABLE AVERAGES WILL SUBJECT ENTRY TO BEING DISQUALIFIED.

TEAM SQUAD -- FIRST CHOICE \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND CHOICE \_\_\_\_\_

**SINGLES AND DOUBLES -- ENTRANTS MUST BOWL IN BOTH EVENTS**

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						YES	NO
BOWLERS MUST BOWL IN ORDER SHOWN							
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SINGLES AND DOUBLES SQUAD -- FIRST CHOICE \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND CHOICE \_\_\_\_\_

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KEY NO.	TEAM	SQUAD	SING. DOUB.	SQUAD	ALL EVENTS A	ALL EVENTS B	TOTAL
					\$	\$	\$

**TOURNAMENT RULES**

**RULE 1.** All USBC Rules will prevail throughout the tournament. USBC membership cards MUST be shown at check in.

**RULE 2.** (ELIGIBILITY) ALL INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE ESSEX COUNTY BOWLING ASSOCIATION FOR THE 2011-2012 SEASON ARE ELIGIBLE TO BOWL IN THIS TOURNAMENT. BOWLERS SANCTIONED BY ANOTHER ESSEX COUNTY/USBC ASSOCIATION MAY ENTER BY PURCHASING AN ECUSBC BA AFFILIATE CARD FOR THE CURRENT SEASON BEFORE OR AT THE TIME OF THEIR PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER EVERY PARTICIPANT MUST HAVE 12 OR MORE GAMES BOWLED IN AN ESSEX COUNTY SANCTIONED LEAGUE IN THE 2011-2012 SEASON AS OF THE STARTING DATE OF THE TOURNAMENT.

Unmarried grade and high school students who have not attained the age of 18 at the time of the tournament must have written consent of a parent or guardian in order to compete in this Tournament. Such written consent must be on a USBC approved form and must be on file with the Tournament Committee at least one week before the bowler is scheduled to compete, unless the bowler is accompanied by the parent or guardian, in which case the parental consent may be filed with the Tournament Director up to the time the bowler is scheduled to bowl. (USBC Rule 13)

**RULE 3. PRIZES AND HANDICAPS.** Prize fees in Team, Singles and Doubles events will be apportioned 75% for Handicap Score Prizes and 25% for Actual Score Prizes. All bowlers shall be eligible to place and cash on both prize lists. The handicap shall be on a per game basis and shall be 100% of the difference between the scratch figure and the following table:

EVENT	SCRATCH	MAXIMUM
Team	1150	NONE
Doubles	460	NONE
Singles	230	NONE
All Events	Actual Scores Only	

**RULE 4.** All averages used in this tournament MUST have been established in a league sanctioned by the USBC and an Essex County Association and be on file with that Association. Each entrant's average SHALL be used in the following order:

- A. HIGHEST 2010-2011 BOOK AVERAGE IN ANY ESSEX COUNTY SANCTIONED USBC REGULAR SEASON LEAGUE WHERE ENTRANT BOWLED 21 GAMES OR MORE;
- B. IF NO 2010-2011 AVERAGE, THE BOWLER SHALL USE THEIR HIGHEST SANCTIONED LEAGUE AVERAGE AS OF MARCH 1, 2012, BASED ON A MINIMUM OF 21 GAMES BOWLED IN AN ESSEX COUNTY SANCTIONED LEAGUE;
- C. IF NO AVERAGE UNDER A OR B, HIGHEST 2011 AVERAGE IN ANY ESSEX COUNTY SANCTIONED SUMMER LEAGUE WHERE ENTRANT HAS BOWLED 21 GAMES OR MORE CAN BE USED.

**IN THE CASE OF B OR C IT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BOWLER TO SUPPLY APPROPRIATE CERTIFICATION FROM THE LEAGUE SECRETARY PRIOR TO BOWLING.**

**D. ENTRANTS WITH NO ELIGIBLE AVERAGE UNDER A, B OR C MUST USE AN ENTERING AVERAGE OF 230.**

**E. THE TEN PIN RULE (USBC RULE 319A2) IS NOT IN EFFECT THROUGHOUT THIS TOURNAMENT.**

**RULE 5. ALL EVENTS.** The All Events shall be conducted in two divisions on an actual score basis only. Class A = Entries with an average of 180 or higher. Class B=Entries with an average of 179 or lower. Participation in the All Events Prize List is optional. The entry fee is \$6.00 which includes a \$1.00 expense fee. Should a non-paying participant win either division of the All Events they shall receive the championship award and the official title but no cash award.

**RULE 6. SUBSTITUTES.** Substitutes may be used when necessary, as long as such substitutes meet the rules of eligibility. (See Rule 2) No substitutes shall be used for All Events participation when any one event or portion of an event has been bowled by the original entrant or substitute. (See USBC Rule 306) If a substitute is assuming the All Event of another bowler they must report the proposed transfer to the Tournament Manager. Forms will be available and must be signed by the substitute bowler prior to bowling the FIRST scheduled event. If found eligible the bowler must compete in the All Events class determined by their entering average.

**RULE 7. ENTRY LIMIT.** A bowler may bowl in the team, doubles and singles events as often as desired with no limitation except as noted below. A bowler may only enter into the All Events competition once, and the first score bowled in each category will be the bowler's score for the All Events. Entrants entering the singles or doubles must participate in both events. When more than three members of a team already entered in the tournament bowl together on another team they can place only once on the prize list in both handicap and actual score standings. The same two bowlers on a doubles team can only place and cash once on each doubles prize list. A bowler can only place and cash once on each singles prize list.

**RULE 8. CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS.** In the Team, Doubles and Single Event, the entry that bowls the highest actual total shall be the Actual Champion of the Event and the entry that bowls the highest handicap total shall be the Handicap Champion of that event. Each such champion shall be recognized with Championship Trophies and USBC Championship awards. However, if one entry wins both actual and handicap titles, only one set of Championship Awards will be given to that entry, but the value of the awards will be increased proportionately.

**RULE 9. BOWLER'S RESPONSIBILITY.** It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of the average used for the tournament (USBC Rule 319a3). Failure to use the correct average, or to make a correction prior to the completion of the FIRST GAME in any event SHALL disqualify the bowler if the submitted average is lower than the correct average. When an average submitted is higher than the correct average and it is not corrected prior to the completion of the FIRST GAME in any event, prize winnings will be based on the submitted average for that event. USBC Rule 319d (reporting of prize winnings) will not apply to this tournament.

The Average Adjustment Rule (USBC Rule 319c) applies throughout this tournament. Since the rule allows the Tournament Director to adjust the bowler's average during tournament play all bowlers should

familiarize themselves with this rule before they bowl in tournament play if they are to be rerated. Also the Tournament Director must notify the bowler before bowling that the bowler is to be rerated. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of Rule 9 shall be cause for a bowler to forfeit all entry fees and prize winnings.

**RULE 10. TOURNAMENT WITHIN A TOURNAMENT.** There shall be a special event known as a "Tournament within a Tournament" which will be based on most pins over average in any game in each event in each squad. The entry shall be STRICTLY OPTIONAL and each event on each squad will be considered a separate tournament with its own prize list. Of the \$2.00 entry fee, 60% will be returned in prizes to the bowlers and the balance used as a donation to the Essex County Bowling Association. Prize ratio will be on the basis of one for each twenty entries (USBC Rule 307). Distribution of prizes will be made shortly after each squad completes bowling.

**RULE 11. PREMATURE TOURNAMENT TERMINATION.** Premature termination of this tournament brought about by war, national emergency, causes related thereto and fire, strikes, lockouts, labor difficulties or other reasons beyond the control of E.C.U.S.B.C.B.A. shall cause the prize schedules to be prorated in accordance with the number of entrants in each of the respective events up to the time of termination.

**RULE 12. AUTOMATIC SCORING.** An automated scoring will be used throughout the tournament. The Tournament Manager has the discretionary authority to determine if an ir retrievable game and/or frame(s) should be rebowled. (USBC Rule 327e)

**RULE 13. REFUNDS.** After entries have been received and the dates assigned by the Tournament Manager are not refused by the team or individual entrant prior to the preparation of the schedule, no fee shall be refunded. (USBC Rule 314)

**RULE 14. TOURNAMENT EXTENSIONS.** Tournament squads may be extended if applications so warrant. Additional squads may be added during the course of the tournament. However, no squad may be added after the final advertised squad on April 1, 2012 at 3:00p.m. Entries close March, 31, 2012.

**RULE 15.** Tournament Management reserves all rights to make interpretations of these rules as necessary.

Supplying an e-mail address for the captain is optional but will assist in managing the tournament because notifications and changes, if any, can be sent by e-mail. The e-mail address supplied will NOT be given to anyone else and will only be used for Essex County BA Tournament purposes.

# **SPECIAL NOTICE**

**MULTIPLE ENTRY IN THE  
SINGLES AND DOUBLES EVENT (AS PER RULES 5 AND 7)**

**BRACKETS AND SIDEPOTS WILL BE HELD AGAIN IN THIS  
YEAR'S COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT**

BRACKETS \$5.00 Per Bracket (8 bowlers per bracket) 1<sup>st</sup> Place-\$25, 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$10 – unlimited entries  
SIDE POTS \$10 Entry Fee for Side Pot games 1 thru 3 and series

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Essex County Bowling Association Annual Meeting

JUNE 12, 2012

Make sure your league is represented

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## **“DOWN THE LANES”**

A Publication for the USBCBA Bowlers of Essex County  
Available at your bowling center

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### **Other Essex County Bowling Association Tournaments**

**John Val Senior Singles Tournament**  
October

**Essex County Bowling Council Mixed Doubles Tournament**  
Weekends in November

**700 Tournament**  
February

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2012 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP – BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA  
2012 ANNUAL USBC MEETING – ARLINGTON, TEXAS  
2013 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP - RENO, NEVADA