

**UAW REGION 1A 67th ANNUAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT (10 PIN TOURNAMENT)
RULES & REGULATIONS – DEADLINE DATE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2023
(NO REFUNDS AFTER DEADLINE DATE)**

1. Any UAW-sponsored (10-pin) tournament affiliating with this event must be standardized to include a Team Event and have identical average and eligibility rules and the same handicap systems. All team members must be an active or retired UAW member or their spouse/partner to be eligible.
2. Entry limited to Region 1A members, their spouses, and retirees only. Honorable Withdrawal cards accepted, if dated after January 1, 2022 and approved by area and/or Region 1A Tournament Director. A bowler may participate only once in an affiliated tournament and in only **one** affiliated tournament.
3. Regional competition will be three games across two lanes. Qualifying scores will be based on total score for three games with handicap added.
4. International Championship completion will be three games across two lanes, for both single and team competition.
5. This is a mixed tournament. Teams may be composed of all men, all women, or mixed with a playing strength of five. USBC and eligible non-USBC members may participate in a moral support tournament with high score recognition automatically extended to USBC members.
6. Eligible non-USBC members can obtain high score recognition by purchasing an unattached membership card prior to bowling (paid by check only). Upon receipt of fee, USBC will issue an unattached individual membership card.
7. Use highest league average – twenty-one (21) games or more in 2021-2022. (Refer to City or appropriate Association Yearbook). Averages established in summer leagues will be acceptable only if such averages have been recorded and maintained by local association secretary and are verifiable. Bring verification from league secretary.
8. In case of no 2021-2022 averages, said bowler may establish an average by bowling twenty-one (21) games or more as of December 31, 2022. If average is established in this manner, the highest established current average as of the start of the tournament will be used. Bring verification from league secretary. All others bowl scratch – men 200, women 165.
9. When the previous season's average is used and at the time of scheduled date of bowling, an entrant has a current season's average of 21 or more games which is 10 or more pins higher than the prior seasons average, the **CURRENT SEASON'S AVERAGE MUST BE USED**. Bring verification of current average from league secretary.
10. Bowlers are cautioned to familiarize themselves with the re-rating requirements of USBC Rule #319E and Rule #319. Rule #319 applies to all participants.

11. Any bowler whose average has been re-rated by their local association must use their re-rated average in this tournament.
12. Any bowler, who has qualified for a prize of \$300 or more in any event in a tournament within the previous 12-month period, must report their actual score, position, and amount won at the time of entry and is subject to possible re-rating before bowling. Failure to accurately report averages and/or prize winnings received the previous 12-months can result in disqualification. If contestant reports a higher average than true average, no correction will be made and they will be handicapped accordingly. If a lower average than the true average is submitted, contestant may be disqualified and subject to suspension from USBC membership.
13. Handicap basis-100% (difference between team average and 1,100, 3-game total) added to total score. Singles-90% (difference between average and 220, 3-game total added to score).
14. The number of team qualifiers allowed to participate in the affiliated UAW International Finals Tournament will be based on a ratio of one for every five (5) entries and fraction thereof.
15. It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average. It shall be the team captain's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their team averages, whether originally submitted by the bowler, the team captain, or others. Failure to use proper average or make a correction prior to or at the time of bowling may disqualify team score if submitted average is lower than actual average. Prize winnings shall be based on the submitted average if it is higher than actual average (Rule #319A-3).
16. The Tournament Director reserves the right to re-rate averages based on prior tournament scores.
17. Any issue not covered by these tournament rules will be covered by USBC rules. The Tournament Director reserves the right to settle all disputes not covered by these rules or USBC rules.
18. Prizes will not be paid until averages of all winners have been verified. Prize fees will be returned 100% on a ratio of at least one prize for each eight (8) entries, or major fraction thereof.
19. IN CASE OF ABSENCE, YOU MAY SEND A SUBSTITUTE. Substitutes must bowl in the position of the bowler being replaced. Eligible substitute must be a person who was entered in the area or regional tournament. The verified average and name of the substitute should accompany team entry. Substitution is limited to three (3) and should be made one (1) hour before starting time. No changes in bowling order are permitted after the Tournament Director has received the entry.
20. Any person or persons who violate the rules of this tournament individually or collectively shall forfeit their paid fees and any/or all rights to claim or hold a prize awarded in this tournament.
21. For conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the tournament, the Tournament Director may impose such penalties as he/she shall deem necessary, including suspension from the Tournament.

22. If any of the eligibility rules are not adhered to, you and your team will waive the right to any prize money and forfeit all fees paid.

23. All bowlers will be checked to determine their UAW Local and Region eligibility (spouses and retirees included). A non-union member will forfeit his entire team from the qualifying tournament.

24. It shall be the responsibility of each individual to complete the "Individual Eligibility and Release of Liability form or Sub form as applicable.

25. Equal opportunity will be permitted for women members to participate in a separate division, but not both. USBC and eligible non-USBC members may participate in a moral support tournament with high score recognition automatically extended to USBC members. Mixed teams are entered in the Men's Division.

26. If there is a question on a ball, roll a second ball until a ruling can be made.

27. The UAW Region 1A Tournament is a qualifying event for the International UAW Finals Bowling Championship Tournament; based on the ratio of one (1) out of every five (5) teams entered. The top qualifiers of the tournament will be eligible to compete in the International UAW Finals Bowling Tournament.

Local Unions and bowlers should note that there is no obligation for locals or regions to pay expenses for qualifiers to the regional tournament or the International UAW Finals Bowling Tournament Championship.