

# Double Diamond Invitational Tournament Rules

ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES PLUS USBC PLAYING RULES

1. Rule 300C as written, this tournament is open to all USBC members. There are two divisions; **LADIES** - consisting of ladies only. **MIXED** - consisting of either all men teams or mixed teams of men and no more than 2 ladies. **IN ORDER FOR A BOWLER TO QUALIFY FOR ALL EVENTS, TEAMS, SINGLES, AND DOUBLES MUST BE BOWLED IN THE SAME DIVISION.** All nonmembers may qualify by purchasing an associate membership card prior to bowling.
  2. Entrants will use their **HIGHEST** USBC 2021 - 2022 sanctioned league (yearbook) average as reported on USBC's website, based on a minimal of 21 or more games. If an entrant doesn't have a 2021-2022 average, the highest 2022-2023 average of 21 or more games will be used. If entrant don't have either, he/she will bowl scratch. No sport or challenge averages, no youth or collegiate averages will be accepted. **THE 10 PIN RULE IS IN EFFECT.** Averages will be verified on bowl.com using the entrant's USBC number. **Current members of any professional bowling organization will not be allowed to bowl.**
  3. USBC Rule 319d and 319e is in effect for all bowlers. Bowlers who have qualified for a total prize of \$300 or more for a single event which ended within the last 12 months must report actual scores, averages, positions, and amount won PRIOR to bowling for possible rerate.
  4. The tournament manager reserves the right to rerate, prior to bowling of any 3-game set, the average of any bowler whose entering average is not comparable to his/her past tournament averages or does not reflect the bowler's true ability. If this rerate average is not acceptable to the bowler, the entry fee will not be returned. Bowler rerates in accordance with USBC Rule 319 are not eligible for refund of entry fee. Any bowler who has accepted or rejected a rerate for any tournament must notify the tournament manager.
  5. A right-handed bowler with an established right-handed average must bowl right handed. Similarly, a left-handed bowler with an established left-handed average must bowl left handed. A bowler with both right and left handed averages are required to bowl with their highest average.
  6. It is the bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their entering average whether originally submitted by the bowler or some other individual. Failure to use proper average or to make the correction by the 2nd game may disqualify scores if the submitted average is lower than the actual average to include averages from USBC Rule 319D.
  7. One lane curtesy observed and bowlers must be ready to bowl when it's their turn or a zero will be given for all frames missed.
  8. Multiple participation is allowed in every event except All Events. Bowlers must enter both Singles and Doubles if entered to bowl in either event. Not more than three team members on the same team can place more than once in the prize list for position standings. The same doubles partner and single entrant cannot place more than once in the prize list for position standings. **FIRST SCORE BOWLED IN ANY EVENT will count towards a bowler's All Events.**
  9. The Entrant whose name appears hereon, or their authorized replacements, hereby agree that the DDIT, it's officers and agents, shall be liable only to the extent of returning entry fees if and when these entrants shall be prevented from bowling any event in the tournament due to premature termination of the tournament brought about by war, national emergency, or causes relating to or resulting from fires, strikes, lockouts, labor difficulties, or other cause beyond control of the DDIT. Prize fund will be paid on a prorated bases of the entrants already bowled at the time of the interruption and there shall be no further liability of the DDIT.
  10. Hdcp prize ratio is 1:10 Teams, Doubles, and Singles; 1:20 All Events. Prize fee returned 100% as follows: 90% hdcp and 10% scratch.
  11. Substitutes will be allowed and must be submitted at least one hour prior to the scheduled time with average verification. Substitutes shall take the place of the original entrant. Substitutes will be entitled to any prize monies or awards earned from the tournament. Substitutes will not be liable for any reimbursements of entry fees, prize monies, or awards to the original entrant. Paid All Events are not transferable unless substitute replaces original entrant in all three events.
  12. Employees of the house are allowed to bowl and are eligible for prize earnings. No more than three employees on a team. No more than one employee on a set of doubles. Employees and representatives of the house and tournament may not bowl singles/ doubles more than once in each division.
  13. Teams will bowl in the order submitted on the entry. Only the tournament manager may grant exceptions to this rule.
  14. Extra dates and times will be used if necessary with approval of USBC; however, no squad will be added after the final squad on June 11, 2023 at 12:30 pm. Squads may be canceled and rescheduled if minimum number of entries are not met. In the event overbooking occurs, the scheduling of teams, singles, and doubles will be based on receipt of paid and completed entries.
  15. Reserved entries for wkd 1 – wkd 9 must be postmarked by January 25, 2023. Reserved entries for wkd 10 – wkd 17 must be postmarked by April 1, 2023. Reserved lanes will not be held if completed entries with payment are not received by the cutoff dates.
  16. No entry will be accepted without the entry fee. This includes fees for vacancy or substitute bowlers. Entry fees should be paid with either a certified check, money order, or credit card. No personal checks allowed. Entries presenting a bad check will be charged \$45 to cover the bank charges and expenses per bad check. All entries resulting in nonpayment by bad check or insufficient credit card must be rectified in full, included expense charges, before any entrant will be permitted to bowl. No team or individual shall be entitled to a refund after entry fees have been received and dates have been assigned.
  17. Any team or player arriving late shall begin play and score shall count with the frame then being bowled. All missed frames shall be scored zero (0). If a doubles partner has not arrived by the time a Singles Event is finished and a substitute cannot be found, the bowler present may bowl the Doubles Event without a partner to qualify for All-Events.
  18. Official prize list and checks will be distributed by July 12, 2023. In case of a tie for 1st place in any event, co-champions will be declared and all prize money will be divided equally among the tied position winners.
  19. Tournament manager or committee reserves the right to accept or reject any and all entries and will decide all questions or disputes arising in the tournament and their decisions will be final, subject to appeal to USBC rule 329. 25. All protest must be made to the Tournament Director in writing.
- ALL BOWLERS ARE EXPECTED TO ABIDE BY THE HOUSE RULES. No outside food or drinks are allowed. Anyone caught breaking the rules could be disqualified without a refund.** Flash photography and anything else determined to be distracting will not be permitted during tournament play. Automatic printouts will be the official scores and retained for 24 hours. Any errors must be reported within that time frame. In case scores are lost through a computer malfunction, re-bowling will be permitted.