

# CHUZAPALOOZA 2017 TOURNAMENT RULES

January 13 – 15, 2017

## Sanctioning

1. The 2017 Chuzapalooza is a USBC certified tournament and will be held in accordance with USBC rules and regulations.
2. The tournament is a mixed handicap competition open to men and women by invitation only.
3. All participants are required to hold a current 2016-2017 USBC membership card (Rule 300c). Participants who are not a member of USBC can qualify for an entry in accordance with USBC Rule 300c-2.
4. All participants must be a member of IGBO. If the participant is not a member of IGBO, in any of its membership classes, he or she must become an IGBO Associate member and pay the appropriate Associate membership fee (currently \$25). The participant shall have the opportunity to apply for Associate Membership at the time of registration. Event Participation
5. Each participant shall bowl three (3) games per event and must enter all three events. Teams will consist of four (4) members comprising any combination of men and women. Men and women will compete on an equal basis. Doubles Partners must come from the same team.
6. Each participant may bowl only once in each event.
7. Only one (1) professional bowler per team will be allowed. A professional Bowler is defined as any person who presently carries or has been a "Card-Carrying" member of a professional bowling organization within the past twelve (12) months preceding the 2017 Chuzapalooza Tournament.

## Awards and Cash Prizes

8. All cash prizes shall be based on the Total Pins PLUS assigned handicap for each regular event (with the exception of the Scratch Roll Off). Cash prizes will be offered for the singles, doubles, and team events.
9. Awards will be given in the Handicap division for Singles, Doubles, and Team and Individual All Events Individual All events is defined as the nine (9) game total plus handicap of an individual bowler and is a combined event. Trophies will be provided to the top male and female bowler only.
10. Singles will be a combined event; however, equal prize money will be paid to the first three places for both men and women. The remaining places will be paid in order, regardless of gender.
11. Prize money will be distributed via check payable in US currency within (30) days of the completion of the tournament, barring any protests. A tie in any position will result in the sum of the prizes aggregated for the tied positions and divided equally by the number of ties for that placing.
12. The prize payout ratio will be a minimum of 1:10. 100% of the Prize Fund collected per entry will be paid out.

The Entry fee of 95.00 is allocated as follows:

Lineage: \$29.16

Prize Fund: \$42.09

Awards: \$ 3.25

Banquet: \$18.00

Expense (Admin/IGBO): \$ 2.50

## Entering Averages

13. Any bowler entering the Chuzapalooza Tournament must establish a ten-pin average acceptable to USBC. The following rules shall be used to determine the entering average:
  - a) The 2015-16 USBC Composite Book Average – or an IGBO Tournament Average Database (TAD) average (21-game minimum); WHICHEVER IS HIGHER.
  - b) If none of the above is available, the 2014/2015 USBC Composite Book Average.
  - c) If none of the above is available, the highest league average as of November 1, 2016 (minimum 21 games).
  - d) If none of the above is available, the highest 2016 summer league average (minimum 21 games).
  - e) If none of the above is available, then the entering average shall be 225.

14. The above averages MUST be verified by the use of:

- a) The USBC book averages verified as they are computed on bowl.com.
- b) TAD averages verified on igbo.org. The TAD average will be the actual average that is in the database on January 2, 2016. Tournament scores that were bowled prior to that date, but not entered into the database, will not be considered.
- c) League Averages verified by a photocopy of a November 1, 2016 league standing sheet or final summer league standing sheet.

15. Averages will be verified by USBC, TAD, or League Standing Sheets before the start of the tournament by the Committee, and will be verified via the bowler upon sign-in and will stand as is with the signed agreement.

16. Averages from "Sports Condition" leagues are not acceptable at any time.

17. The handicap for the tournament shall be based on 90% of the difference between 225 and the bowler's average. Negative handicaps will not apply.

18. Bowlers are responsible for verifying his/her entering average, whether submitted by the bowler, the team captain, or others (Rule 319a-3). If the submitted average is lower than required, and results in a lower classification of more handicap, the bowler's score will be disqualified. If the submitted average is higher than required, prize winnings will be based on the submitted average.

### **Re-Rate/Average Adjustment Policy**

19. The tournament director(s) have the authority to adjust the entering average of any bowler in accordance with USBC Rule 319c. If the assigned average is not accepted by the bowler, the entry fee shall be refunded.

### **Attendance and Substitutes**

20. It is solely and entirely the bowler's responsibility to be present at the assigned lanes at the time of bowling. Each bowler shall have the total responsibility to arrive in time to bowl. Mechanical failures, transportation irregularities, improper directions, and related reasons do not alter the application of Rules 20 and 21 below. (USBC rules will apply).

21. Late bowlers will begin bowling in the frame in which they are ready, with prior frames scored as zero. No practice balls will be allowed for late bowlers.

22. Substitutes may bowl at the discretion of the tournament director(s). Their entering average must comply with rules previously stated. Any substitute that cashes in singles, doubles, or team events will receive any payment in excess of the entry fee. Those monies will be returned to the paying entrant. Substitutes must complete an entry form. Substitutes will not be eligible to enter in optional events, including Scratch Roll Off.

23. All bowlers will be given 10 minutes of practice before each event.

### **Entry Requirements**

24. The entry fee must be paid in U.S. funds only by money order, certified check, or credit card and made payable to Chuzapalooza. An additional fee is required to enter Optional events and Scratch Roll Off. All entries not submitted online are to be mailed to Chuzapalooza 2017 address:

**Chuzapalooza 2017**  
**6219 E. Via de la Yerba**  
**Tucson, AZ 85750**

25. Entries shall be accepted at the US \$95.00 fee until January 2, 2017. Entries after this date shall be imposed a \$10.00 late fee. The final entry deadline is January 9, 2017.

26. Partial team entries will be accepted. The Tournament Directors will make every effort to fill any vacancies.

27. Optional events and Scratch Roll Off can be paid at time of registration.

### **Scoring Errors**

28. After a score has been recorded, it cannot be changed unless there has been an obvious error in scoring or calculation. A tournament official immediately upon discovery must correct obvious errors. Questionable errors must be reported to a tournament official within two (2) hours of the error, and will be decided by tournament management. (USBC Rule 327b)

### **Protests and Appeals**

29. All protests and appeals will be handled in accordance with USBC Rule 329.

30. Any person attending and requiring special needs must notify the tournament director(s) in writing at least 36 hours in advance.

31. Any bowler that does not have a verifiable average cannot enter any Optional events including sidepots/brackets etc.

**Scratch Roll Off.**

32. Scratch Roll Off is available to eligible bowlers for an additional entry fee. Divisions are determined by the entering tournament average. Payout is 100%, minus any applicable lineage fees in each division. The entry fee for this optional event is based on the average division and is as follows:

Division: Average:  
Catalina 200+ \$40  
Rincon 185-199 \$35  
Santa Rita 170-184 \$30  
Sonora 151-169 \$25  
Tucson 150 and below \$20

33. Scratch Roll Off will be based on scratch scores (without handicap) bowled in all nine (9) games of the tournament. The top six (6) bowlers in each Division will advance to the Scratch Roll Off competition. If there is a tie for the sixth spot, both bowlers will bowl in the Scratch Roll Off and three bowlers will be eliminated after the first game. The competition will consist of three (3) games. All six (6) competitors of each Division will bowl game one (1) with the two (2) bowlers having the lowest scores eliminated from the competition. The remaining four (4) bowlers will bowl game two (2) with the two (2) bowlers having the lowest scores eliminated from the competition. The remaining two (2) bowlers will bowl game three (3) and the bowler with the highest score will be crowned Scratch Roll Off champion for their respective Division.

34. If a TIE exists during any game of the final stepladder competition, total pins of all Scratch Roll Off games determine which bowler advances/wins.

35. Qualifiers and the alternate must sign in at least fifteen (15) minutes before the match game competition is scheduled to begin. The scheduled match play competition will begin promptly at 10:00am. A bowler that has not signed in by 9:45 a.m. will be disqualified and the alternate will be used. A disqualified bowler will forfeit their entry fee.

36. A bowler that is unable to continue during any portion of the match play will receive a score of zero for any remaining frames or games.

37. Bowlers will be allowed 10 minutes practice before the first match on any of the lanes assigned to that division. No other practice is allowed.

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