

# INFORMATION FOR LOCAL ASSOCIATION MANAGERS

## IOWA STATE USBC WBA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

### 2011 – OTTUMWA, IA

There are changes in the 2011 tournament! The format is now handicapped; 100% of 240 base. There are four (4) divisions by average. The previous tournaments were all scratch tournaments with five (5) divisions. The new format will help level the playing field for all tournament bowlers, and will hopefully bring more entries to the tournament as well.

**VERIFICATION:** Average and membership verification is done using the state database and/or bowl.com. Entrants WITHOUT a previous season average will be verified with the local association manager after Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. The state association manager will request the December 1<sup>st</sup> average and number of games for any entrant without a 2009-10 book average. This same procedure will be used again after January 31, 2011 for entrants without a Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 21 game average. Please refer to average requirement rule.

**SMOKE-FREE EVENT:** The 2011 ISUSBCWBA State tournament continues to be a smoke-free event. No smoking between games or between doubles and singles.

**ANNUAL MEETING DATE:** April 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at the Bridge View Convention Center, 102 Church St., Ottumwa, IA 52501, 641-684-7000. There will be **NO BOWLING** scheduled on annual meeting weekend.

**TEAMS DOUBLING TOGETHER:** Submit both or multiple entries in the same envelope. If the teams wish to cross lanes, there is a space on the entry form to indicate that desire.

**AVERAGE REQUIREMENTS:** There is no change this year. The entrants will use their **HIGHEST USBC** average in women's, men's, mixed or youth leagues. The average to be used will be (1) Highest average in all certified USBC leagues & associations of not less than 21 games in one league at the end of the 2009-10 season. If no 2009-10 average according to (1) previous, (2) Any member who did not have an established average the previous season shall use her highest average of not less than 21 games in one USBC league including league play of November 30, 2010. This is referred to as a December 1 average. The state association manager will email/contact the local association manager for all Dec. 1 averages needed shortly after Dec. 1, 2010. If neither of the previous average requirements applies, the bowler will then use, (3) Any member who does not have a previous season average, or a 21 game December 1<sup>st</sup> average, will be permitted to bowl with an average of at least 21 games in one league as of January 31, 2011. If no 21 game average on any of the above; the bowler may bowl with an established average in a USBC league of at least 12 games as of the first date of tournament participation. (4) Summer league (2010) average will be used only if the member has no other established average. Summer league of 2009 will not be accepted. (5) If a bowler does not meet any of the previously listed average requirements, she may enter the tournament with a 250 average. **All references to USBC average is ANY USBC average, not just an Iowa average.** This will mainly affect those local associations on the borders of Iowa with other states, and bowlers who bowl in multiple states.

**ENTRY FUNDS:** Must be guaranteed funds, money order or cashier's check. One check may be issued in the case of multiple teams entered in one envelope.

**MULTIPLE PARTICIPATION:** An entrant may bowl team event an unlimited number of times, however, at least three members of the team lineup must be different on each entry. Doubles & Singles participation is limited to once.

**ALL EVENTS:** Any bowler may pay the optional \$3.00 All Events fee and the optional \$5.00 Scratch All Events fee in anticipation of bowling all three events, even though not originally entered in all three. All events fees are non-transferable UNLESS the substitute takes over in ALL THREE EVENTS for the original entrant.

**EMAIL CONFIRMATIONS:** There is a space on the entry form for the team captain's email address. If an email address is provided, the confirmation will be emailed to the captain instead of USPS mailing.

**USBC CARDS:** The team captain is required to check in for team event with all five members USBC cards, re-prints of the cards, or league receipts. Doubles partners will both be required to check-in and show their USBC cards. Failure to have the card will result in the bowler being asked to donate \$2.00 to the Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL) fund for our nation's veterans.

**ISUSBCWBA MEMBERSHIP:** All entrants must be paid members of the ISUSBCWBA, or have purchased their USBC membership as a "Standard WBA" or have purchased "State Only WBA".

**ENTRY FORM MUST BE COMPLETE:** Each team must have five members and each doubles set must have two members entered on the entry form. The state office will not attempt to locate bowlers to fill teams or doubles.

**SUBSTITUTES:** If you have bowlers who do not enter the tournament but would like to bowl, please provide their names to the state office, and when possible, they will be contacted to substitute. Each team is responsible for obtaining substitutes, but the state office will help when possible.

**QUESTIONS?** Call the state office at 888-659-3223