

RULES AND REGULATIONS

77TH Annual PNCC/YMS of R Bowling Tournament
Hosted by St. Mary's Parish & YMS of R Branch 29 – Parma, OH
May 24-26, 2024

1. The Tournament is open to USBC certified and non-certified bowlers. All participants in the Tournament must be a member in good standing of one of the following:
 - the Polish National Catholic Church (PNCC);
 - the Polish National Alliance (PNA) (formerly PNU/Spojnia); or
 - a bowling league sponsored by members/organizations of the PNCC.
2. The Tournament has four Divisions: Open; Women's; Youth; and PNA.
 - The Open Division is open to all participants
 - The Women's Division is open to female participants only.
 - The Youth Division is open to male and female youth participants ages 13-17.
 - The PNA Division is open only to members of the Polish National Alliance. Entry information provided will be verified by the PNA through the Tournament Committee.
3. HANDICAP shall be 100% of the difference between the bowler's average and 200 for all Divisions, with no maximum.
4. AVERAGES – All bowlers in all Divisions of the Tournament must use one of the following for their average in the Tournament in the following order.
 - Highest average from the previous season, minimum 21 games.
 - Highest average from the current season as of January 1st.
 - Tournament Average – a rolling four-year average of previous Tournament competition.
 - Highest average from the second previous season.
 - All others must bowl scratch with a 200 or more average for the first event then an average of those 3 games will be determined and used for the next events. (*changed May 2022*)

USBC Rule 319a (the 10-pin rule) applies in this Tournament and must be used if the current season's highest average is 10 pins or more higher than last season's highest average.

Bowlers are responsible for verification of their averages. Corrections may be made up to the end of the first game of the Tournament unless a written request is made to the National Tournament Committee for an extension to 48 hours after the Tournament.

5. A Schedule of the Tournament Events will be sent to each captain.
6. Lane assignments will be determined by the Host City Committee.
7. Awards and cash prizes will be paid based on total handicap scores. Any bowler can only cash once in each event and will be paid the highest prize awarded.
8. Bowlers in the Youth Division are not eligible for cash prizes and will receive alternate awards. In addition, USBC Youth members and their parents/guardians are expected to review USBC Rule 400 prior to competing.

9. Prize monies will be returned 100%. The number of prizes paid will be based upon entries received in the ratio of 1:8.
10. All completed entry forms should be sent to: Vince Colwell
Tournament Committee
1114 Tuxedo Avenue
Parma, OH 44134
11. Entry fees must be made payable to "St. Mary's Bowling Tournament" (check or money order) and must accompany all entry forms. **The deadline for submission of entries and payment is April 22, 2024.**
12. In the event of an open spot on a team, the average will be determined by the averages of the other bowlers on the team. Only one open spot allowed per team. No handicap will be given for that spot. (*effective June 2023*)
13. The National Tournament Committee reserves all rights in rule interpretation, unusual circumstances, and enforcement and their decision shall be final.
14. USBC Bylaws will apply in any situation not covered in these rules and regulations.