

RULES OF THE CLASSIC

1. All entrants must hold current season USBC membership cards. Non-USBC members may purchase an associate membership for \$17 (USBC) or may pay a Participation Fee of \$5.
2. Entrants must use their highest USBC certified league average based on a minimum of 21 games for the **2007-08** season.
3. If current 21 game average as of **March 1, 2009** is 10 or more pins above **2007-2008** season's average, current average must be used. If no average last year, use highest current USBC certified average, 21 games or more, as of **March 1, 2009**. All others bowl scratch, in Classes A, WA, or SA.
4. **It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of his/her average**, whether originally submitted by the bowler, a team captain, or others. Failure to use the proper average or make a correction prior to completion of the first game shall disqualify score if submitted average is lower than actual average or base prize winnings on submitted average if it is higher.
5. Bowlers who have qualified for a prize of \$600 or more in any event in a tournament within the previous 12 month period must report: Actual Score, Position, and Amount Won.
6. Any bowler who reports a lower average than required or who fails to report a prize of \$600 or more in the previous 12 months, shall forfeit tournament entry fees and prize winnings.
7. No entry confirmed until receipt of \$40/38 entry fee.
8. Re-rating – USBC Rule No. 319E applies to all entrants.
9. A single re-entry is allowed within the same Class during the Qualifying Round. Participants may only cash once. First entry and re-entry both on the final day of the Qualifying Round not allowed.
10. A special trophy donated by Olympia Lanes will be awarded to the bowler in each Class bowling the highest individual game during the Qualifying Round.
11. Olympia Lanes will provide a trophy to the top qualifier in each Class.
12. Bowlers will bowl 4 games in the Qualifying Round with the best 3 games comprising the qualifying score. The leading sixteen (16) bowlers in each Class will bowl an additional 3 games in the SEMI-FINALS. Total six-game series will determine the eight (8) Finalists. The Finalists in each Class in positions 5 through 8 will bowl one game in the FINALS, with two winners advancing to the next match to compete against the Finalists in positions 3 and 4. The two winners from this round will then advance to compete against the bowlers in positions 1 and 2. The 4 remaining Finalists bowl one game with the Top 2 advancing to the Championship Match. Final positions determined by the point in which a Finalist is eliminated from contention. Bowling fees for Semi-Finals and Championships will be paid by Olympia Lanes.
13. **Class C** for Men is limited to bowlers with an average of **189 and under**. **Class B** for Men is limited to bowlers with an average of **190 to 209**. **Class WB** for Women is limited to bowlers with an average of **167 and under**. **Class WA** for Women is limited to bowlers with an average of **168 and up**. **Classes B, C, WA, and WB** will be handicapped on the basis of 66 2/3% of 210 scratch. All prize money and trophies for these Classes will be awarded for scores including handicap.
14. **Classes SA and SB**, for Men and Women, will be limited to bowlers **55** years of age as of **May 1, 2009**. **Classes SA and SB** will be handicapped on the basis of 90% of 220 scratch. All prize money and trophies for these Classes will be awarded for scores including handicap.
15. Premature termination of the tournament brought about by war, national emergency, fire, natural disaster or any other reason beyond the control of Pepsi Cola, the Times newspaper and Olympia Lanes shall cause, to the extent required thereby, all advertised prizes, guaranteed or otherwise, to be prorated in accordance with the number of entrants who have bowled in each of the respective classes up to the time of such termination.
16. Bowlers who organize a squad of 80 or more entrants shall receive two (2) free entry fees for the Tournament. Organizers of a half squad of at least 40 entrants shall receive one free entry fee. Prize fees for free entries will be paid by Olympia Lanes.

