

3RD ANNUAL OPEN TOURNAMENT BENEFITING VETERANS RULES

- 1 All participants must be members of the USBC and hold a current membership card. Should the participant not hold a current USBC card, they can be purchased on-site at the tournament for \$30. **NO OTHER MEMBERSHIP DUES REQUIRED**
- 2 It is **NOT** required that you are a Veteran to participate in this tournament. The tournament will be open to **ALL** entrants (Male and Female)
- 3 Of each entry, \$3 will be benefiting: Dwight D. Eisenhower VA Medical Center (Leavenworth), Colmery-O'Neil VA Medical Center (Topeka) and Robert J. Dole VA Medical Center (Wichita). Should there be 50 teams, 125 doubles & 250 singles entries, the above listed Kansas Veterans Hospitals will receive a total of \$2,250.00 on behalf of the Open Tournament Benefitting Veterans to be distributed equally.
- 4 Additionally, \$1 from each optional \$5 bracket will benefit a Kansas Veterans organization.
- 5 The annual bowling tournament shall include competition in the five-member Team, Doubles, Singles and All-Events. Contestants entering Doubles **MUST** also enter Singles (and vice-versa) on the same entry blank. Paid All-Events are non-transferrable unless the substitute replaces the original entrant in all three events and the transfer is made by the Tournament Director (or Assistant) prior to the substitute's participation in the event.
- 6 Handicap to be based on 90% of 220. Entrants will use their highest USBC league average based on a minimum of 21 games for the 23-24 season. If no average from the 23-24 season, highest 21 game (as of January 1, 2025) current USBC average to be used. If no average that meets the criteria listed above, entrants shall go in scratch (220). 10 pin rule as of January 1, 2025 will be in effect (BRING AVERAGE VERIFICATION).
(Brackets will not be accepted for anyone using an unverifiable January 1, 2025 average)
- 7 Five-member Teams and Doubles will bowl in the order they are entered on the entry blank. ***There will be NO order changing once the entry blank has been submitted.*** Substitutes will bowl in the position in the line up of the person they are replacing.
- 8 In the event of mechanical failure, it is hereby agreed that the contestants effected shall be moved to the next available pair of lanes.
- 9 Check-In time is to be 45 minutes prior to the posted squad start time.
- 10 **MULTIPLE ENTRIES:** Bowlers may enter the Team Event unlimited number of times, providing that not more than three members of the original team bowl on any subsequent entry. Bowlers may enter the Singles and Doubles event unlimited number of times providing they bowl with a different doubles partner each entry. Bowlers entering Singles multiple times must understand they can only cash in the top 10 of the Singles event once (Example... if Bowler "A" places 1st and 4th in Singles, they will be placed 1st and 11th respectively).
THE TOURNAMENT MANAGER HAS THE RIGHT TO RERATE ANYONE AT ANYTIME
- 11 All entry fees must be paid in-full and must accompany the entry blank. ***Make remittances payable to: Royal Crest Lanes*** . No entry fees will be refunded.
- 12 All entrants' first and last names must be listed; do not list nicknames.
PENALTIES: Tardy players will start in the frame being bowled with zero being given for each frame missed. Use of an ineligible player or reporting and incorrect average will nullify all claims for any prize or award.
- 13 It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of his/her average, whether originally submitted by the bowler, team captain or somebody else. Failure to use the proper average (see rule 6), or make a correction prior to the start of competition, shall disqualify the score if the submitted average is lower than the actual average.
- 14 Protests or errors in scoring or calculations must be made in writing to the Tournament Management within 24 hours after bowling or the scores will stand.
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The tournament Director/Manager has the right to re-rate/average adjustment when necessary.
- 16 All prize checks must be cashed within 90 days.
- 17 The 4th Annual Open Tournament Benefitting Veterans to be held in **Emporia, KS.**
- 18 Teams wishing to bowl together must submit entry forms together.



Note(s) from the Tournament Director



TEAM Event practice time will begin 10 minutes prior to the squad start time (Example: Practice will begin at 10:50am on Saturday for the 11:00am Squad Time)

S/D Event practice time will begin 10 minutes prior to the squad start time (Example: Practice will begin at 8:50am on Sunday for the 9:00am Squad Time)

