



# QUEENS TOURNAMENT FORMAT — Saturday, April 21, 2012

THE FOLLOWING FORMAT WILL BE USED IN BOTH DIVISIONS.

## QUALIFYING ROUND

ALL ENTRANTS will bowl five games, moving after each game according to a pre-determined schedule. **One in five bowlers from the FIELD** (both qualifying rounds combined) – ranked by total pins scratch – will advance to the head-to-head match play round in both the Open and Classified Divisions. The **maximum** number of bowlers on both squads will be 90 — five bowlers per pair using 36 lanes. **BOWLERS MAY ENTER ONLY ONCE.**

**Note: The number of qualifiers advancing to the semifinal round in each division will be rounded UP depending upon entries.** Example: the tournament draws 82 bowlers, then 17 bowlers will advance. If there is a tie, however, for the final qualifying spot both (or all) bowlers who tied will advance to the semifinal round.

**Note: The head-to-head semifinalists are paired by their seeding according to an official bracket based on the number of semifinalists. The bracket may feature bye(s) to the top qualifier(s), again depending upon the number of those who advance to the semifinals.**

THE LANES WILL BE STRIPPED & OILED BEFORE THE FIRST AND SECOND QUALIFYING SQUADS. Sunset Lanes features wood lane surface and wood approaches.

## HEAD-TO-HEAD SEMIFINALS

After the qualifying rounds, those bowlers who have advanced will compete in head-to-head, two-game matches — total pins, single elimination — until four bowlers remain. Semifinal seedings will be based on total pins, and any ties for qualifying positions will be broken by using the bowler's highest game during the qualifying round. A tie at the end of a two-game head-to-head semifinal round match will be broken by a 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll-off.

## STEPLADDER FINALS

The four bowlers who have advanced through the head-to-head semifinals will be seeded 1 through 4 for the one-game stepladder finals based on their AVERAGES of all tournament games bowled. In the first stepladder match, No. 4 will face No. 3. In the second match, the winner of the first match will face No. 2. And in the third match, the winner of the second match will face No. 1 for the title. Ties will be broken by a 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll-off.

## TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Entry fee is \$60, with \$40 going toward the prize fund and \$20 for lineage and expenses. Entries close on March 21, 2012. Entrants must be current members in good standing of the USBC, New York State USBC and a local NYS USBC association — or **residents of New York only** may purchase an associate membership card for \$21.
2. **Both divisions are scratch.** In the Open Division, entrants must have **at least a 160 average** for 21 games or more from the previous season or a current average of at least 160 as of the March 21, 2012 closing date for entry — documented with a league standing sheet or signature of local association manager. In the Classified Division, entrants must have **a 194 or less average** — based on the previous season for 21 games or the current season for 21 games. All averages must be verified. Rule 319a regarding reporting incorrect averages shall apply.
3. Bowlers by entering this tournament agree to abide by all rules and regulations of the New York USBC and the United States Bowling Congress. Decisions of the tournament manager are final.
4. Proper dress is required – skirts (length at least to the end of fingertips), dress slacks or dress jeans, 'skorts' and dress shorts are allowed. **No short shorts, short skirts, tank-tops, T-shirts, hats. Penalty is disqualification.**
5. A bowler may be disqualified and removed from the tournament for any infraction of USBC or Tournament Rules, or for derogatory conduct as determined by the Tournament Committee. Disqualification will result in forfeiture of entry fee and any prize money, and/or awards, which the bowler may have been entitled to.
6. Prize ratio will be 1:5, with all qualifiers cashing. All prize fees will be returned 100%.
7. Bowlers must be registered 30 minutes prior to the squad time. Only replacements appearing at the Queens Tournament bowling center will be put on a waiting list to replace an absent or tardy bowler who has not notified the tournament director. All replacement bowlers must fill out a new entry form and pay the fee to bowl. The original bowler will be placed on a waiting list if there is another squad.