

The following information is provided to help you in preparing your entries for this year's 6th Annual Tournament. Please check out the SCUSBC web site at www.scusbc.org.

STATE TOURNAMENT SUBSTITUTE

The USBC National Office suggest we use the emergency substitution rule, which states that a bowler can substitute once after they have bowled in their scheduled event in the event of an emergency. The reason the bowler did not show up does not have to be an emergency -- the fact they're not there is the emergency. The Upstate USBC will try to have a list of substitutes for this year. However, if you need a substitute it would help greatly if 1) you can come to the bowling center early to secure a substitute; 2) if a substitute is secured, be willing to use the substitute even if the original bowler arrives; and/or 3) if you know you need a substitute bring a qualified replacement bowler with you. (See Rule 6)

MUST SELECT TWO WEEKENDS

With the tournament entry deadline of **27 February, 2012**, and the first weekend of the tournament being **April 21, 2012**, I hope you, your bowlers and their parents can set aside two weekends as possible times for your bowlers to bowl in our state tournament. This will help me in scheduling a weekend convenient for you; eliminate the need for me to contact you for an alternate weekend; and eliminate your having to contact all your bowlers to set up an alternate weekend. Based on the number of entries the last couple of years, the selection of two weekends is a must.

Motel Information

Some maps and motel information for the Florence/Pee Dee area is enclosed. Please note our association has no way to guarantee the amount charged by the accommodations you select, nor can we guarantee the rating assigned each accommodation. When making your reservations you should check with the management concerning the prices to be charged; confirm the rating assigned; and question if the area they are located in is suitable for families with children.

ITEMS NEEDED

IF YOUR ENTRIES ARE MISSING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS, YOUR ENTRIES WILL NOT BE PROCESSED UNTIL A CORRECTION IS MADE BY MAIL. ONCE THE NEEDED ITEMS ARE RECEIVED YOUR ENTRIES WILL BE PROCESSED AND ASSIGNED ENTRY NUMBERS:

1. Alphabetical list of all bowlers in your league - see item 2 below
2. Choice of Two weekends - see item 3 below
3. Correct fees with certified check or money order - see items 5 and 6.
4. The National Membership fees and the \$.25 State Dues for your bowlers must be paid for them to be eligible to compete.

6th Annual Championship Tournament Check List

1. Please print on entry form and on alphabetical list of league bowlers.
2. Send alphabetical list of league bowlers (including USBC Membership ID Number, total pins, games and average) for the last day of bowling on or before 13 February 2012, and if 2011 Summer League Average is used, please include the same information for the summer league. (See Rule 5 for complete rule.) Please list Name (ie., Dave Bowers - no initials) on your alphabetical list and on the entry form.

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3. Indicate first and second choice of weekends for each event on entry form and submit your entries early, this will help to ensure you are scheduled on the weekend you desire. However, in some cases it may not be possible to give you the times and/or dates you request. All entries must be postmarked before midnight 27 February 2012.
4. To prevent young bowlers receiving late squad times, please indicate your desire for an early squad time - state they are young bowlers. I will schedule them early if I can. In some cases this may not be possible.
5. Send certified check, money order, league check, association check or bowling center check. No personal checks will be accepted.
6. Send complete entry fee - \$36.00 for each team and \$36.00 for each Doubles/Singles, even in cases where additional team and/or doubles partners are needed. (\$9.00 per event - no charge for All Events). Please note - This year Teams will again be made up of 4 bowlers instead of 5 bowlers. This means that two doubles could make a team. The Tournament will consist of 6 Divisions. The overall high scratch Team, Doubles, Boys Singles and Girls Singles will be recognized. A center plaque will be given for each first place team.
7. Please print your name, address, zip code, telephone number and email address on entry form. Email addresses provide us a good way to communicate.
8. Indicate the local association the entries are from. (Please - No initials)
9. For rule on Power of Attorney form - see Rule 16. The travel authorization and Power of Attorney forms must be in the possession of the coach or adult chaperone at all times.
10. The SC USBC Youth Committee continues to discuss the bowlers' wearing shorts while bowling in the state tournament and again ask the coaches to help in policing this with their bowlers. We ask your help in ensuring that each bowler and their parents are aware of this rule and that your bowlers are appropriately attired when participating in our tournament (See Rule 9). Some guidelines to assist you are: Male Bowlers - Do not wear tank shirts; muscle shirts; t-shirts, which are designed to be worn as an undershirt; or gym type shorts. Female Bowlers - Do not wear short shorts or short mini-skirts with excessive exposure; items of clothing so tight fitting, as to leave little, if anything, to the imagination of the viewer(s). For Both - Do not wear any type clothing with obscene messages. Head coverings (except for medical reasons) are not permitted.
11. Each association has a chance to win an award for the percentage of participation as well as the most teams entered in the tournament.
12. It is suggested that arrangements be made to bring bowling shoes/balls.
13. Note Rule 15 concerning use of alcohol and tobacco products will be strictly enforced again this year.
14. This year's tournament is being held in two centers: Team Event - All Star Lanes; and Singles/Doubles Event - Southgate Bowling Center.
15. If you are no longer coaching please see that these forms are provided to a youth coach in your area. If additional forms are required, please contact the undersigned at 803-796-2239 (Home) or 803-917-5005 (Cell) or write 807 Naples Avenue, Cayce, S.C. 29033. You can also contact me by email at home: sdbowers@bellsouth.net. Please check the SCUSBC Web Site at www.scusbc.org.

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