

Champaign Scotch/Baker Doubles Tournament Rules

Eligibility: All members of the Champaign Area USBC are eligible to enter. Non-residents who are original members of another association may participate but must have bowled a minimum 21 games in a CAUSBC-sanctioned league in the previous or current season, as of 7 December 2024.

- Seasons: The Previous Season includes any leagues during 2023-2024, including summer leagues. The Current Season includes any league during 2024-2025.

Format: Teams will bowl 4 Baker, 4 Scotch and 2 regular games in that order.

- *Baker:* Bowlers will alternate each frame (e.g. Bowler A will bowl odd frames, Bowler B will bowl even frames).
- *Scotch:* Bowlers will alternate each ball (e.g. Bowler A leaves a spare, Bowler B will shoot the spare and Bowler A will lead off again in the next frame).
- *Doubles:* Bowlers will each bowl two traditional games.

The top 8 teams will be seeded into a single elimination bracket finale. Teams will bowl 1 game, Scotch-format matches. Lineups may be adjusted prior to the beginning of each game.

In the case of a tie for bracket seeds or in a bracket match, teams will bowl a 9th and 10th frame Scotch roll-off. The higher score earns the higher seed of the tied teams. This will continue until a game winner is decided.

Handicap: Handicap will be based on 90% of 470 team game average. During the Baker and Scotch formats, teams will receive 50% of the handicap mentioned above. For the regular doubles format, teams will receive the full 90% of 470. Maximum handicap game score may not exceed 300.

Averages: Average for handicap purposes will be determined in the following order:

1. *Bowlers will use their highest CA USBC average of the:*
 - a. Previous season (min 21 games),
 - b. The current season's average if 10 pins greater than (a) (USBC Rule 319a).
 - c. Tournament composite average for the last three seasons (min 18 games),
2. Bowlers with no previous season average will be assigned an average in accordance with USBC Rule 319B. Those needing this will be given a form to complete and return to the Tournament Committee **no less than one week prior to the tournament.**
3. Bowlers having ONLY a CHALLENGE/SPORT league average from the previous season will be assigned an average of their SPORT league average adjusted upwards by 30 pins.
4. USBC Rule 319c, 319d, and 319e will be waived for this tournament.

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Entry Fees:

- Cash / Check: \$125 per team (\$70 prize fund, \$47 lineage expense, and \$8 expense fee).
- PayPal: \$130 per team (\$70 prize fund, \$47 lineage expense, and \$13 expense fee).

If the entry fee is not paid by 6pm on the Friday before the event, there will be an additional \$10 walk-in fee.

Awards: We will pay 1 out of 4 places with a minimum of the top 8 positions to be awarded prize money. All cash awards will be based on place in the bracket finale or total handicap pinfall for places paid out after 8th. *Finals:* Teams will split the prize money with the teams eliminated in the same round. 9th+: Ties will split the combined prize money for those places.

General Rules:

1. Your spot is not reserved until full payment and a completed entry form (paper or electronic) is received.
2. Walk-in entries may be allowed up to *1 hour prior* to the beginning of the tournament with an additional \$10 walk-in fee included. The tournament committee reserves the right to deem the field full based on the number of entries and the number of available lanes.
3. The tournament will start on time unless held up due to equipment failure. Bowlers will receive 10 minutes of practice prior to the beginning of the tournament. Teams who compete in the bracket finale will receive an additional 5 minutes prior to the start of their first match.
4. Teams will move during each qualifying game. Moves will be announced prior to the start of the tournament.
5. Any team or bowler may be removed from competition for behavior deemed detrimental to the tournament after one warning. Should a single bowler be removed, the affected team will not be allowed a substitute and will be forced to take a 0 in any frame this bowler bowls. No refunds will be made for players removed for such a reason, and both players will forfeit any prize money he or she could have won.
6. Once the tournament has started, a bowler may not be substituted for any reason.
7. Individual games from this tournament will count towards a bowler's tournament average.
8. Participation and Top-3 Placement in this tournament earns points in the Twin City Cup presented by Smith Burger Co.
9. Bowling balls that are approved for league usage are allowed for this tournament.
10. There will be a \$25.00 charge for any returned check. Failure to pay for a returned check will be cause for appropriate USBC disciplinary action.