

Rose Bowl Classic Rules

1. Portland Rose Bowl Invitational Classic is a mixed competition open to men and women by invitation.
2. The receipt of an entry and its acceptance by the RBC Committee shall regulate the number of players who participate. There will be no refunds after acceptance by the Rose Bowl.
3. Entries must be accompanied by the full amount of fees as outlined on the entry form below. RBC Accepts personal checks only up to May 2nd. Money orders or cashiers checks are preferred forms of payment, as is payment through PayPal online. Due to increasing costs to use PayPal, beginning in 2012, **there will be a \$4.00 processing fee per bowler for each PayPal payment.** It is imperative that bowlers send an accompanying email explaining for whom and what team the fees are being sent. **There is a \$25 fee for bounced/NSF checks.**
4. Team strength will consist of four (4) members of any blend of men or women, competing on an equal basis in each event. Partial teams or single entries not designating a desired team or teammate on their entry form will be assigned by the registrar. There can be no changes once assigned. Doubles partners must come from the same team. To ensure that your team bowls together include all information and **ALL fees together.**
5. The number of games per event is set at three during the Rose Bowl (for a total of six (6) games). Singles is an all events combination of the doubles and team event scores. All entrants will bowl only once in each event. Portland's Rose Bowl Committee reserves the right to use substitute bowlers in emergency situations who may have already bowled in a similar previous event. However, the re-bowl substitute can only cash once per pre-scheduled event of Doubles or Team. (Only a bowler's paid and registered scores will be valid for determining Singles All Events.)
6. Substitutes are allowed to bowl at the Tournament Coordinator's discretion. A substitute shall register prior to Tournament play and is required to provide accurate and immediately verifiable proof average as outline in these rules.
7. Late bowlers will start bowling in the frame in which they are ready to bowl. Prior frames will be scored as zero. No practice balls will be allowed for late bowlers. If an event has officially started, a team has the right to request that a substitute bowler immediately take the place of a missing/late bowler. If a suitable substitute is available, they will be supplied to the requesting team. The missing/late bowler forfeits their entry fee for that event.
8. Team Captains must check in for their teams at least 30 minutes prior to the start of each event.
9. All claims of error must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Coordinator within 1 hour after the bowler or team has bowled.
10. Cash prizes: Each event has its own prize list based on at least a 1 to 10 ratio of return, including Singles All Events. We proudly feature at least a 100% cash return on all prize fees.
11. Any and all other events or options offered by The RBC such as Pathetic Performance Insurance or the Saturday night social event, **Boxer Bowl**, are fun events outlined in other areas of this entry form. Participation is at the option of each bowler.
12. Any issues that may arise will be resolved by the Tournament Coordinator, Committee and/or bowling establishment.

TOURNAMENT AVERAGES:

1. **VERIFICATION OF ALL BOWLER'S ENTERING AVERAGES MUST ACCOMPANY THE ENTRY FORM.** All bowlers are required to submit average verification with their entry form or it may be returned without processing. The return of any entry may impact the date sensitive entry fee, increasing the base fee. All bowlers are forewarned that waiting for a master list of league averages to be sent by their league secretary does not fulfill this requirement.
2. The RBC registrar will verify all submitted averages. The USBC sponsored site and/or IGBO site "TAD" will also be used for verifications.
3. All bowlers who have won a prize of \$300 or more in one event in the last 12 months must report their actual scores, position and amount won at the time of this entry. Failure to do so could result in expulsion from the tournament. All bowlers are cautioned to be aware of the average adjustment requirements of USBC rule #319e. While the tournament is not sanctioned for 2011, we do follow the rules of USBC.
4. All bowlers are required to submit their previous year's averages. If a bowler's 2010-11 average is more than ten pins lower than their 2009-10 average, a five (5) pin maximum drop rule will apply. USBC Rule #319b will apply in its entirety.
5. Handicaps will be calculated at 90% of the difference between 230 scratch and the entering average. Handicap cannot exceed a bowler's average. (Noting that a handicap of 110 will be the cap, as it is the median difference for the average calculation.) Negative handicaps will not apply.
6. Professional bowlers, identified as belonging to a professional bowling organization, shall not be permitted to bowl in this tournament.
7. Bowlers will use their highest league (USBC/IGBO) average from the 2010-11 season (minimum 21 games) as of April 17, 2011.
8. If no 2010-11 average exists, bowlers will use their highest league average from the 2009-10 season (minimum 21 games) or summer 2010.
9. If no average, as outlined above, exists, then the entering average will be set at 230, with zero (0) handicap.
10. Sport bowling USBC Rule 205 will be applied. A bowler must submit and use their adjusted Sport Bowling League average utilizing the USBC Average Adjustment Scale (see rule 203), if this average is higher than their standard league. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.
11. It is each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of his/her average, whether submitted by the bowler, his/her team captain or others. Failure to report, and thereby use an incorrect average will result in disqualification, unless corrected during registration.
12. **All averages, team lineup or other pertinent scoring and lane information must be corrected within 24 hours of receipt of bowler's confirmation sent via email by the Tournament Registrar.** Failure to contact the Registrar within that time frame will result in a **\$5.00 late processing fee on registration night.** (Last minute changes often result in errors between the bowling house and the tournament score keeper. This \$5.00 late processing fee is designed to minimize the number of last minute changes.