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*****RULES AND REGULATIONS – IMPORTANT – READ CAREFULLY******

- Averages: Bowlers must use their highest certified yearbook average of the past bowling seasons (21 games or more); if no yearbook average, highest certified league average 21 games or more as of December 23, 2023 (bowlers are responsible to show proof day of tournament); if no average listed Men will use 190 and Women will use 180. Challenge and Sport averages will be adjusted to Standard average.
- 2. USBC Rule 319a & 316c apply. To maintain the integrity of the tournament, it is the responsibility of each bowler to verify the accuracy of his/her average. Failure to use the correct average shall disqualify score if submitted average is lower than actual/rerated average resulting in additional handicap.
- **3.** Handicap is based on 80% from 220. Maximum handicap is 55 per game. Maximum handicap total score is 300 per game and 900 per total series. **Once the 300 score has been reached in any game, the adjusted handicap is removed and is no longer considered in determining total score.**
- 4. PWBA, PBA current cardholder or USBC Youth bowlers are not eligible to bowl in this tournament.
- 5. All bowlers must be at least 18 years of age. Anyone under current suspension from USBC will not be allowed to participate. Anyone bowling under false pretense will be disqualified and bowler's name will be turned into USBC.
- 6. In case of a lane breakdown, Tournament Management reserves the right to move Bowlers to other lanes or reschedule bowlers to other squads.
- 7. The Tournament Director (TD) will decide all disputes, complaints or protests involving all tournament rules. The TD has the right to accept, reject or disqualify any entrant not in compliance with the rules of the tournament.
- 8. Any protest affecting eligibility, scoring or rules must be brought to the attention of the TD within 24 hours of the tournament.
- 9. Any bowler who is scheduled and fails to bowl at the scheduled squad time will forfeit entry. **No refunds** given.
- 10. Any bowler arriving after the squad has started can enter the game at the current frame, receiving a zero for each frame missed. No make ups allowed. **No refunds given.**
- 11. Bowlers may bowl in more than one squad, cashing only once with their highest score in the singles tournament.
- 12. Prize money will be paid after all averages have been verified. In case of ties, monies will be split.
- 13. Bowlers (MCBG members excluded) must register by December 9, 2023, to qualify for the Special Drawing.
- 14. Entry Forms may be given to any MCBG member, turned into Thunderbowl Lanes, or mailed to P.O. Box 27740, Detroit, MI 48227. All fees must accompany form. All checks should be made payable to MCBG and will not be accepted after December 20, 2023.
- 15. All walk-in entries will pay the fee of 35.00, no exceptions! Re-entries will be 30.00.
- 16. 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners must provide a valid social security card to receive prize monies. A 1099 will be issued.
- **17.** All substitutions must be made one (1) hour before the bowler is scheduled to bowl unless the TD deems the change an emergency.

****Please read rules above, complete all requested information and sign where indicated****

Winners will be posted on website: www.motorcitybowlersguild.org