Double Diamond Invitational Tournament Rules

1. ELIGIBILITY:

1. USBC Rule 300C; this tournament is open to adult USBC members.
2. NO professional bowling members allowed.
3. No youth members allowed.

2. DIVISIONS

1. LADIES – Ladies only
2. OPEN - All men OR a combination of men and women with no more than 2 women to each team. Doubles partners can be either two men or one man with one woman.

3. ALL EVENTS

Singles, Doubles, and Team events must be bowled in the **same division** to qualify for AE.

4. AVERAGE (avg) REQUIREMENTS & VERIFICATION

1. USBC Rule 319a-b; entrants will use their **HIGHEST** USBC last year sanctioned (winter) yearbook avg as reported on USBC's website, based on a minimal of 21 or more games.
2. If an entrant doesn't have a last year winter avg, he/she will use his/her last year summer avg, if no summer avg, the highest current avg of 21+ games will be used.
3. If entrant doesn't have either, he/she will bowl scratch.
4. No youth, sport, challenge, or collegiate avgs accepted.
5. A right-handed bowler with an established right-handed avg must bowl right-handed. A left-handed bowler with an established left-handed avg must bowl left-handed. A bowler with both right- and left-handed avgs is required to bowl with their highest avg.

5. THE 10 PIN RULE IS IN EFFECT BASED ON

1. Last year's summer average and/or this year's current average at the time of bowling if 10 pins or more higher than above it must be reported and used as your entering average.
2. It is the bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their entering average. Failure to use the proper average or to correct a wrong average by the end of the first game may disqualify scores and fees if the submitted average is lower than the actual average.

6. AWARDS/PRIZE MONIES WON & RERATES

1. USBC Rule 319d-e; bowlers who have qualified for a total prize of $300 or more for a single event which ended within the last 12 months of the date you are scheduled to bowl must report actual scores, averages, positions, rerates, and monies won to the tournament manager for possible rerating PRIOR to participating. Failure to comply could result in a loss of fees and winnings.
2. The tournament manager reserves the right to rerate, prior to bowling of any 3-game set, the average of any bowler whose entering average is not comparable to his/her past tournament averages or does not reflect the bowler's true ability. If this rerate average is not acceptable to the bowler, the entry fee will not be returned. Bowler rerates in accordance with USBC Rule 319 are not eligible for refund of entry fee.
3. Any bowler who has accepted or rejected a rerate for any tournament must notify the tournament manager.

7. MULTIPLE PARTICIPATION

1. Multiple participation is allowed in every event except All Events.
   Maximum # of singles/doubles is 10 : Maximum # of teams is 25
2. Not more than three team members on the same team can place more than once.
3. The same doubles partner and single entrant cannot place more than once.

FIRST SCORES BOWLED IN ANY EVENT will count towards a bowler's All Events

8. SUBSTITUTES

Substitutes are allowed and must be submitted at least one hour prior to the scheduled time with average verification. Substitutes shall take the place of the original entrant and will be entitled to any prize monies or awards earned from the tournament. Substitutes will not be liable for any reimbursements of entry fees, prize monies, or awards to the original entrant. Paid All Events are not transferable unless substitute replaces original entrant in all three events.

9. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S DISCRETION

1. The tournament director reserves the right to accept or reject any entry and will decide all questions/disputes arising in the tournament; decisions will be final subject to appeal to USBC rule 329. 25.
2. All protest must be made to the Tournament Director in writing.

10. CHECK-IN, SQUAD TIME LIMITS, AND LANE COURTESY

Check-in begins 1 hour prior to each squad time. One lane curtesy is observed.

2. Bowlers must be ready to bowl when it's their turn; zero will be given for all frames missed. Any team or player arriving late shall begin play after they arrive and are ready
3. to bowl. All missed frames shall be scored zero (0). If a doubles partner does not arrive
4. and a substitute cannot be found, the bowler present may bowl the Doubles Event without a partner to qualify for All-Events.

11. TOURNAMENT REPS AND HOUSE EMPLOYEES

1. All are allowed to bowl and are eligible for prize earnings. No more than three employees on a team. No more than one employee on a set of doubles. Employees and representatives of the house and tournament may not schedule to bowl singles/doubles more than once in each division (substitution does not count).

12. OFFICIAL SCORING

1. The scoring system records will be the official scores and retained throughout the length of tournament. Any scoring errors must be reported immediately to a tournament official who will make the correction. In case scores are lost through a computer malfunction, re- bowling will be permitted.
2. In the event of a malfunction with the scoring system, scores will be hand kept by each team captain overseen by tournament officials. All hand kept scores will be verified by an automated scoring app. Any errors will be corrected prior to uploading scores.

13. PRIZE FUND BREAKDOWN AND DISBURSEMENT

1. HDCP prize ratio is 1:10 Teams, Doubles, and Singles; 1:20 All Events. Prize fee returned 100% as follows: 90% hdcp and 10% scratch.
2. In case of a tie for 1st place in any event, co-champions will be declared, and all prize money will be divided equally among the tied position winners.
3. In ordnance with USBC rules, tournament officials have 30 days to prepare and distribute the official prize fund list and payments.

14. COORDINATOR & PARTICIPANT NOTICE

1. The Entrant whose name appears hereon, or their authorized replacements, hereby agree that the DDIT, its officers and agents, shall be liable only to the extent of returning entry fees if and when these entrants shall be prevented from bowling any event in the tournament due to premature termination of the tournament brought about by war, national emergency, or causes relating to or resulting from fires, strikes, lockouts, labor difficulties, or other cause beyond control of the DDIT. Prize fund will be paid on a prorated bases of the entrants already bowled at the time of the interruption and there shall be no further liability of the DDIT.
2. Teams will bowl in the order submitted on the entry.
3. **MUST BOWL SINGLES TO BOWL DOUBLES AND VICE VERSA.**
4. Entries not accepted without the entry fee. This includes fees for vacancy or substitute bowlers. Entry fees should be paid with either a certified check, money order, or credit card. No personal checks allowed. All entries resulting in nonpayment by bad check or insufficient credit card must be rectified in full, included expense charges, before any entrant will be permitted to bowl. No team or individual shall be entitled to a refund after entry fees have been received and dates have been assigned.
5. Extra dates/times will be used, if necessary, with approval of USBC; no squad will be added after the last scheduled squad of the tournament.
6. Squads may be canceled/rescheduled if minimum number of entries are not met. In the event overbooking occurs, the scheduling of teams, singles, and doubles will be based on receipt of paid and completed entries.
7. Bowlers caught breaking any rules, damaging house equipment/machines/property, or being unruly will be automatically disqualified and asked to leave.

15. **MUSIC FUNRESPECT** –We like for everyone to enjoy themselves by setting a fun atmosphere. We will play music at a low level. No boom boxes or personal speakers allowed.Please have fun while respecting your neighbors and please, please don't make me be the fun police.

….. as I always say *Good luck and gooooooooooood bowling!*