

TEXAS MINI SLAM SINGLES

TOURNAMENT RULES

MARCH 2022

GENERAL RULES

1. The Texas Mini Slam Singles (TMSS) is a mixed handicap competition, open to men and women of at least 18 years of age.
2. Bowlers may enter this event only once.
3. Men and women compete on an equal basis.
4. TMSS is a USBC-certified tournament. All entrants must be adult members of USBC and provide a certification number. Proof of membership in the 2021/2022 season (certification card and/or renewal receipt) must be available during tournament registration, if requested. Non-USBC members shall pay a Participation Fee of \$5.00 (USBC Rule 300c).
5. Tournament Entry fee is \$75 (USD) per entrant. Entry Fee is broken out as follows—
 - a. Lineage: \$32.00
 - b. Prize Fund: \$25.00
 - c. Texas Super Slam: \$18.00
6. All monetary awards will be paid on a minimum 1:10 payout ratio. All prize fees are returned at least 100%.
7. Check-in begins 60 minutes prior to the tournament. Bowlers must be present at the time of bowling. Late bowlers will bowl when ready and receive a score of 0 for each frame missed.
8. Bowlers shall have seven (7) minutes of practice on the assigned lanes prior to each block.
9. The format of the tournament is as follows:
 - A. All bowlers will bowl four (4) games of qualifying. Bowlers will move one pair to the right after each game. There will be a 30-minute break after this block.
 - B. All bowlers will bowl (4) games of match play. Each match game will be bowled against a randomly determined opponent. The bowler with the higher handicap score in each match earns 30 bonus pins. If there is a tie, each bowler will earn 15 pins. Bowlers will move one pair to the right after each game.
 - C. In the case of an odd number of entrants, a random bowler will be selected as the "odd" bowler. That bowler will bowl against a randomly drawn opponent and can earn 15 or 30 bonus pins as noted in Rule 8b. The odd bowler selected in this rule only earns the bonus pins if they beat the randomly drawn bowler's score; otherwise the bonus pins go unawarded.
 - D. Game 4 of match play will be a position round.
 - E. At the end of the match play block, the top four (4) bowlers will advance to a stepladder final. During the stepladder final, any tied game will be rolled off in a 9th & 10th frame roll off. Handicap will be included for any roll off.
10. The time limit for correction or protest of scores is 24 hours. All protests must be in

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writing and submitted to the tournament director(s) before tournament prize payments are distributed. The protesting bowler and TMSS tournament director(s) will settle any disputes in accordance with the rules of TMSS and the appropriate USBC tournament rules, as applicable. The tournament director's decision is final unless an appeal is made in accordance with USBC Rule 329.

11. Prizes will be distributed via check, payable in USD, within thirty (30) days of the completion of the tournament, barring any protests. A tie in any position will result in the prize monies being aggregated for the tied positions and divided equally by the number of ties for that placement.
12. Maximum tournament capacity for TMSS 2022 is 80 bowlers. No additional entries may be accepted once this capacity has been reached.
13. Any rule not covered herein (or in below sections) will be covered by the relevant USBC tournament rule(s).
14. Submission of an entry to TMSS 2022 indicates the bowler has read, understands, and agrees to the rules set forth herein. Once tournament entries are received, no refunds are allowed unless the bowler withdraws under the provisions of Average Rule 3.

AVERAGE RULES

1. Entering Averages:
 - A. Bowlers will use their 2020-2021 USBC Standard Composite Average, minimum 21 games.
 - B. Bowlers who do not have a 21-game 2020-2021 USBC Standard Composite Average will use the highest current league average, minimum 21 games.
2. Bowlers who do not have a valid average as described under rule 1A or 1B will enter as a with an average of 225.
3. Handicap is based on 100% of the difference between the bowler's entering average and 300.
4. Tournament management has the authority to adjust the entering average or continued participation of any bowler. Average adjustments will be applied as set forth under USBC rules. A bowler unwilling to accept an average adjustment is entitled to a full refund. Requests for refunds must be in writing before the start of competition.
5. USBC rules regarding the bowlers' responsibility to verify the accuracy of his/her entering average apply. Failure to use proper average shall disqualify scores if the submitted average is lower than the actual average, thereby resulting in a lower classification or more handicap. Final event standings shall be based on the higher average if it is higher than the entering average.
6. USBC rule 319a(2) is waived.

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