

The BTM 2017 Rules

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** Open to all adult bowlers. The tournament director reserves the right to refuse any entry.
2. **SINGLES:** 3 games across 6 Lanes. You may enter singles a maximum of 6 times in each division you are eligible to enter. Bowlers will be allowed to cash twice in the main prize list but only once in the top 20 in Open singles, top 15 in senior singles or super senior singles. Tournament starts February 15, 2017 at 10:00am and the last squad will be 4pm July 23, 2017. Squads start daily at 10:00am with continuous squads until the final squad of the day which starts at 7:00pm, based on lane availability. Additional squads may be added. Call Rick Ramsey at 817-975-1836 for additional information.
3. **DOUBLES:** Bowlers may bowl doubles only without bowling singles. Crossover doubles with up to 6 different partners may bowl at the same time. Any bowler eligible to bowl the tournament may bowl doubles together with the exception of no two bowlers who finished in the top 20 money leaders at the end of the 2015 or 2016 PBA Tour season. 2 PBA members can bowl doubles together. 3 games across 6 lanes.
4. **DIVISIONS:** All divisions are scratch. Open Singles is open to any bowler eligible to participate. Senior division will be limited to bowlers age 50 or over at time of bowling. Super Senior division is open to any bowler age 65 or over at time of bowling. Super Duper Senior division is open to any bowler age 75 or older at time of bowling. 199 and under division is open to any bowler with a verifiable average for the past 3 bowling seasons that does not exceed 199. Tournament director has the right to rerate or reject any entrant in this division and sandbaggers will be disqualified. Challenge division is open to all bowlers who are not eligible to participate and win prize money.
5. **ENTRY FEES:** First Entry into any singles division will be \$75.00 (\$55.00—PRIZE FUND and \$20.00—Lineage and expenses). Reentries will be \$70 with \$55 to prize fund and \$15 to lineage and expenses. Doubles will be \$40.00 per bowler with \$40 going to prize fund and \$40 to lineage/expenses. Crossover doubles will be \$25 per entry for each partner with \$20 going to prize fund and \$5 expenses. You may cross over with up to 6 different partners at the same time. Each partner must be bowling at the same time.
6. **PRIZE DISTRIBUTION:** Prize money will be distributed at a ratio of at least one for every five (5) paid entries in all divisions. A bowler may cash twice in each singles division but only once in the top 20 positions in the Open division and top 15 in the other singles divisions . Doubles can cash only once with the same partner.
7. **PLAYING RULES;** For rules not covered here, USBC rules will be used and the tournament directors decision is final.
8. **PAYMENT:** Cash or Credit Card.
9. **OFFICIAL SCORE:** Automatic scoring will be the official scorer. Bowlers will verify the correctness of their scores at the completion of each game and record it on the official score sheet. This will be the bowlers only opportunity to question the accuracy of a score. Obvious adjustments or error will be corrected when the score sheet is audited by tournament staff. Each bowler must sign his score sheet to verify correctness and for the score to count.
10. **LANE ASSIGNMENTS AND OPEN BOWLING:** Tournament director will make lane assignments prior to start of each squad and bowlers will be given 7 minutes practice on their starting pair. No practice will be allowed on the tournament lanes at any time during tournament hours.
11. **CLOSE OF ENTRIES:** Entries will close 20 minutes prior to the last scheduled squad of the day.
12. USBC rules 319D and 319E are waived. Rule 319A is in effect.