



OSCT RULES

LANG'S BOWLARAMA | 225 NIANTIC AVE, CRANSTON RI 02907

1. This Tournament will be known as the Ocean State Tournament, referred to as the "Ocean State", OSCT, or "the tournament" throughout these rules. The tournament will be sanctioned and certified by the USBC and will be governed by USBC and the Ocean State Tournament Official Rules.
2. The authority of the tournament lies with the official tournament rules, Tournament Manager, and Tournament Directors. All decisions by tournament managers and directors are final. USBC protest rules will apply. See USBC RULE 329
3. All participants in the OSCT must be sanctioned with the USBC prior to entry.
4. Entries mailed and received prior to the listed pre-registration date may be paid by check or money order only. Only cash will be accepted at the tournament site. Returned checks will be subject to a \$40 fee.
5. By paying an entry fee and competing in the OSCT, you are giving us consent to photograph you for identification purposes, and to use your photographs and likeness' in promotional materials including our social and print media.
6. All entries close prior to the last squad, July 18, 2021. There will be no refunds beyond the start of the final squad of the tournament.
7. The tournament will run Saturday and Sunday on the following dates: June 5-6, June 12-13, June 19-20, June 26-27, July 10-11, July 17-18.
8. Entry fees for events will be \$40 per bowler per event. All events & brackets are also included in the entry cost. Each entry is broken down as Lineage \$12, Prize Fund \$21, Expenses \$2, All Events \$2, and Brackets \$3. All price breakdowns are listed on your sign-up sheet on the top left-hand corner & can be made available upon request.
- Eligibility**
9. Teams, Doubles, Singles, and All Event entries may be comprised of any USBC Sanctioned bowlers. All entrants must have reached their 16th birthday prior to their participation in any tournament events.
10. Bowlers must be in good standing with their local association and not currently be serving any suspension.
11. Participants may be required to provide positive identification to enter any events.
- Averages**
12. Bowlers will use their highest sanctioned USBC average from the previous season as listed on Bowl.com with a minimum of 42 games. All sport or challenge type averages must use the USBC conversion chart to standard average. All averages that are established wholly or in part on challenge or sport conditions must be reported as such; whether the league has been designated as sport or challenge. Any bowler who reports a standard average that is found to be established on anything that is not standard is subject to disqualification. Tournament director reserves the right to adjust any average prior to the start of any event.
13. If a bowler does not have a usable average from the mOSCT current year, Tournament Director can go back one additional year and use a published average of at least 42 games. If no average for the past 2 seasons, the bowler must be assigned a 220 average and bowl scratch. Again, all averages are subject to re-rate by the tournament director.
14. It is the bowler's responsibility to verify that the correct average is being used and that is correctly listed on any scoresheet. If an error is found, the bowler must report this immediately to tournament officials, failure to do so may result in disqualification.
15. Tournament management may adjust scores in the case of a correction if information becomes available that the listed average or handicap is incorrect.
16. All bowlers should be familiar with USBC tournament rule 319E rating requirements.
17. Bowlers affected may choose to have entry fees refunded if they do not wish to participate based on the adjustment of their average or handicap by tournament management.
- Handicap**
18. The handicap for all events will be 90% of 220 per game. A

- bowlers' handicap, minus any fraction, will be applied to each game and recorded as a total for all games bowled in that event. IE: A bowler whose handicap is 15.2 will be 45 in the singles event. The same bowler would receive 135 pins of handicap to add to the scores in "All Events".
- Tournament Play**
19. Bowlers in each event are asked to check-in a minimum of 30 minutes prior to the start time scheduled for that event. Teams and Doubles entrants should check in WITH ALL members of their team.
 20. Lanes will be assigned by the tournament office at check in but are subject to change prior to the start of the event. Efforts will be made to assign entries evenly for pace and lane equity. Pre-registered entrants will be assigned first with onsite registrations added to the squad as space allows.
 21. Substitutions or changes to the bowling order may be made until the squad begins but must be reported to the Tournament Director.
 22. Tournament official's have the right to inspect and weigh any ball they choose. Illegal bowling equipment used in any event will result in disqualification of scores in that event.
 23. Multiple participation will be allowed, but the same team or doubles team may cash only once. Bowlers may also only cash once in singles and all events.
 25. The highest possible score including handicap for all tournament games will be 300.
 - Prizes**
 26. Prizes will be distributed within 30 days of the completion of the tournament. Averages, totals and handicaps must be verified before standings and payouts become official. In the case of Teams and Doubles, the prizes will be distributed to the captain. In Teams, Doubles, and Singles, 1 cash prize will be awarded for a minimum of 10 paid entries in each of those events. In All Events, the ratio will be 1 cash prize for a minimum of 20 paid entries.
 27. Captain are charged with the USBC responsibility to distribute prize money accordingly, failure to do so could result in action by USBC and the Ocean State Tournament.
 - Declarations**
 28. All bowlers must declare, prior to the start of any squad or event, to the following items if they apply:
 - Any single prize won valued at \$300 or more
 - If prize winnings in the past 12 months total \$1000 or more
 - Any Professional Bowling events won in the past 10 YEARS
 - Any rerates in average, reclassifications, or if a bowler has been disqualified in any event
 - Any televised tournament appearances
 - Any affiliation with a professional bowling organization or staff position with a bowling manufacturer.
 - Omissions**
 29. Any ruling not covered in these official rules will fall under jurisdiction of USBC rules. All protests or appeals must be made in accordance to USBC protocols.