



2014 ARMED FORCES MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIP

1. COMPETITION RULES: Current United States Bowling Congress (USBC) Rules for Men and Women as amended by the Armed Forces Sports Council (AFSC), if applicable.

2. TEAM COMPOSITION: Roster not to exceed 10 individuals:

4 Males

4 Females

1 Coach

1 OIC

10 Total*

*Note: Rosters must be submitted NLT four days prior to championship report date.

3. SCORING:

a. Service Team Champion determined by the total pin fall from all team bowlers and their eighteen (18) games from the doubles, mixed doubles, and singles sessions; plus the final Team Challenge Score. The Team Challenge Score includes the total pin fall from the three traditional scoring games of all team bowlers, plus the three-game total team score of the Baker's Format.

b. Individual Armed Forces Champion (All Events) shall be determined by the total pin fall from individual performance in the Doubles, Mixed Doubles, Singles Challenge, and three-game traditional team scoring from the Team Challenge (Total 21 games).

c. Singles, doubles, mixed doubles and team challenge are conducted as a part of the overall Armed Forces Championship. Tie-breaking lines (games) are used only to break ties. Tie-breaking scores will not replace nor add to scoring in regulation tournament or in any of the championship events.

d. King and Queen Champion results will not be used for Service Team or Individual Results.

4. TOURNAMENT COMPETITIONS-SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Note: The Host installation will determine times for session and other activities. Established times must be consistent each day, and must be set to draw maximum fan participation.

a. Team Challenge (1st Session) consisting of three traditional scoring games and three Baker's Format games. The three traditional scoring games will count the total pin fall of all team bowlers. The three -game total score will carry over to the Baker's Format, three -game challenge. The Baker's Format will consist of four-person teams bowling to one score. Each bowler must bowl at least two frames, with the remaining two frames bowled as determined by the team captain.

b. Doubles Challenge (2nd Session) 6 games, each branch of the service designates two men's teams and two women's teams (teams must be declared by conclusion of Tournament Organization Meeting).

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c. Mixed Doubles Challenge (3rd Session) 6 games, each branch of the service designates four mixed doubles teams (teams must be declared by conclusion of Tournament Organization Meeting).

d. Singles Challenge (4th Session 6 games), bowling will be on two different pairs of lanes for men and two different pairs of lanes for women.

e. King and Queen Champion shall be a challenge between the overall Individual Men's and Women's Champion for all events.

f. Schedule

(1) Day One: Team Arrivals

(2) Day Two: Practice Session and Ball Weigh-In
Round One – Service Qualifying Games

(3) Day Three: Practice Session and Ball Weigh-In
Round Two – Service Qualifying Games (final Service teams selected)
Team Photos (Final Service Teams Only)
Organizational Meeting

(4) Day Four: Bowlers Departure (Those not making Service Teams)
Armed Forces Championship Opening Ceremony (Optional). However, the National Anthem must be played prior to the start of competition. If flags are posted, all five Service flags must be posted

Practice Session and Ball Weigh-In
Team Challenge Competition (1st Session – 6 games):
 Three-game traditional scoring games
 Three-game Baker's Format
Informal Ice-Breaker**

**Note: Authorized team members must attend the event in their Service polo shirt, coordinated slacks, and appropriate footwear (exceptions may be made dependant on host site letter of instruction). Additional personnel or guests may only attend if pre-coordinated in advance with the host site through the Service Representative. Final decision will be based on availability. Additional personnel and/or guests will assume responsibility of costs to attend the Ice Breaker.

(5) Day Five: Practice Session and Ball Weigh-In
Doubles Competition (2nd Session – 6 games)
Mixed Doubles (3rd Session – 6 games)

(6) Day Six Practice Session and Ball Weigh-In
Singles Competition (4th Session – 6 games)
King and Queen Champion Competition (1 game)

Awards Ceremony - (Immediately following the final game) Service teams are required to wear Service warm-ups or competitive uniforms at the

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awards ceremony. Individual athletes who do not comply will not receive awards. If the Awards ceremony is conducted as a separate function in conjunction with the Ice- Breaker Social, then all Service Members must comply with Ice-Breaker Dress Policy.

(7) Day Seven Team Departures

5. TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURE:

a. Singles Competition: Participants involved in a tie for first, second, or third place will bowl complete lines (games) until the tie is broken.

b. Doubles Competition: Teams involved in a tie for first, second or third place will bowl complete lines (games) until the tie is broken.

c. Mixed Doubles: Teams involved in a tie for first, second or third place will bowl complete lines (games) until the tie is broken.

d. Team Challenge: For teams involved in a tie for first or second place at the completion of the Baker's Format, teams will continue to bowl in the Baker's Format in complete lines (games) until the tie is broken.

e. All Events: Individuals or teams tied for champion or runner-up after twenty-one (21) games will bowl complete lines (games) until the tie is broken.

6. BOWLING PINS: Pins specifications are outlined in the current USBC Rules (Chapter 7: Equipment Specification and Certifications).

7. PROTESTS: Protests on rules or eligibility are handled by the Tournament Committee (TC). The TC will be made up of on-site Service Representatives and the Tournament Director. Their ruling on all matters is made at the time of the protest and will be final.

8. AWARDS:

a. Host Installation Awards. The host installation will be responsible for purchasing awards for the following competitions:

(1) Singles Competition: Awards are given to the first, second and third place singles competitors in the men's and women's categories.

(2) Doubles Competition: Awards are given to the first, second and third place doubles teams in the men's and women's categories.

(3) Mixed Doubles Competition: Awards are given to the first, second and third place teams.

(4) Team Challenge: Individuals awards are given to each member of the first and second place men's teams and to each member of the first and second place women's teams (to include the OIC and Coach).

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b. AFSCS will provide the overall Team and Individual Awards based on total pin fall for all 24 games.

(1) Team Awards: Gold and Silver (each gender to include the OIC and Coach)

(2) Individual Awards: Gold, Silver, and Bronze

9. DRESS CODE: Dress code must meet Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) and Ladies Professional Bowlers Association (LPBA) dress standards: Absolutely no cut-offs, denim, spandex, or warm-ups allowed. Penalty: Persons not properly attired will not be permitted to bowl until the discrepancy is corrected and will receive (0) for all frames missed.

10. OTHER TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES:

a. Starting times are provided to team captains and service representatives in the pre-tournament meeting and are posted in the bowling center. Bowlers must be ready to bowl at the stipulated starting time for each session or forfeit their participation in that day's scheduled games. Bowlers are assigned lanes based on a draw. The draw takes place at the pre-tournament meeting. Rotation is after each two games to a different pair of lanes. Shadow bowling is allowed for five minutes prior to beginning bowling, and one ball on each lane when rotating at the third and fifth games.

b. Participant's bowling balls must be weighed and marked prior to the start of competition IAW USBS Rules (Chapter 7: Equipment Specification and Certifications).

12. FORMS AND ROSTERS: All final rosters must be turned in to the Host Project Officer at the Organizational Meeting. Rosters for the Armed Forces Championship will be finalized at this time. Doubles and mixed doubles teams will also be declared at this time.

13. ALCOHOL POLICY: There will be no alcohol consumption at the sports venue by personnel involved in the Armed Forces Sports competition, including sports staff, until all competition for the day has been completed to include the award ceremony on the final day if the awards banquet immediately follows the event. The venue is defined as the playing area, venue parking lot, and the assigned eating/spectator area. This policy will not apply if the awards banquet or ceremony is conducted as a separate event at a later time. However, more restrictive installation policies in regards to alcohol will take precedence.

14. HANDLING OF RULE VIOLATIONS: If there is a violation of the SOP or specific sport rule, the AFS Representative or in their absence, the project officer, will address the respective Service Representative to resolve the issue. Service Representative will resolve the violation before the Service competes in the next game.