

OFFICIAL RULES: 2012 Storm Bowlers Journal Championships *presented by USBC*

1. **Eligibility:** The 2012 Storm Bowlers Journal Championships Presented by USBC is USBC certified, and all USBC rules will apply unless otherwise stated. Tournament management has the authority to make decisions regarding anything not covered by these rules. All participants must be current USBC adult members.
2. **Dates:** Event is scheduled to begin February 11, 2012 and conclude July 9, 2012.
3. **Hours:** This is a walk-in tournament. Bowlers will start as lanes become available. The event will run from 10 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. daily. Bowlers will not be able to begin bowling after 4:30 p.m. Hours are subject to change and may be expanded as the tournament progresses.
4. **Format:** Four (4) games will be bowled in each event. After each game, bowlers will move one pair of lanes as decided by tournament management's pre-determined rotation. For all Open, Senior and Classic events actual scores are used. These events are scratch events. The 199 & Under Singles handicap to be based on 90% of the difference between the bowler's entering average and 220 per game. Handicap for the Mixed Doubles will be 90% of the sum of the bowlers' entering averages and 440 per game.
5. **Prize Fund:** Will be based on at least 1:8 ratio in every event., 100 percent of prize portion of entry fee will be returned in prizes and merchandise. Bowlers may cash only once in every division they are eligible for and only once with the same partner in any doubles event. Bowlers may only instant cash one time in each singles event and only one time with the same partner in each doubles event.
6. **Entry Fees & Expenses:** All Open, Senior and Classic Singles events - \$80 (\$37 prize, \$16 subscription, \$27 lineage and expenses). All Open and Senior Doubles events - \$80 (\$40 prize, \$40 lineage and expenses). 199 & Under Handicap Singles - \$60 (\$24 prize, \$16 subscription, \$20 lineage and expenses). Handicap Doubles - \$60 (\$30 prize, \$30 lineage and expenses). Side Pots - \$10 (\$8 to yearlong prize fund and \$2 expenses). Mulligan \$10 (\$8 to yearlong prize fund and \$2 to expenses). **No refunds will be issued after practice has started.**
7. **Entering Average:** Will be determined in the following order: (USBC rules 319 a, b, c, d, e & f will apply). It is the bowler's responsibility to submit the correct average. Entering average should be verified prior to bowling. Those without verification may submit the verification within 14 days of bowling.
 - a. Highest book average from the 2010-11 USBC winter or summer season based on 21 games or more. Bowlers who have both a USBC Sport league average and a standard average from the same season shall use the higher of his/her adjusted Sport average and standard league averages.
 - b. If no 2010-11 USBC winter or summer season average, the highest 2011-12 USBC winter season average as of Jan. 1, 2012 based on 21 or more games. If no USBC winter season average as of Jan. 1, 2012, the highest 2011-12 USBC winter average as of date of participation based on 21 or more games. Bowlers not meeting any of the preceding requirements may enter the "Open" division.
 - c. When a bowler's current average for 21 or more games as of Jan. 1, 2012 is 10 or more pins higher than the previous season's average, that average must be used.
 - d. When a bowler has exceeded his/her entering average by 15 pins over 21 or more tournament games in the past 12 months (USBC Rule 319e), that average must be used. Entrants must report any re-rate or adjustment to average during the prior 12 months.
 - e. Entrant who has qualified for \$600 or more in any tournament event or division or an event during the 12 months prior to participation must submit a report showing actual score bowled and money won. (USBC Rule 319d)
8. **Special Side Events:**
 - a. Mulligan Jackpot – A \$10 entry fee will allow bowlers to throw out their worst game. Prize money paid will be based on the participants best 3 scores out of the games bowled.
 - b. Jackpot Trio includes: Clean Frame – High Game – Strike-It-Rich – The \$10 entry fee will give bowlers the chance to share in all three Jackpot Trio prize funds.
 - c. Instant Cash – Those bowlers achieving a score equal to or greater than the posted "Instant Cash" score in that division will receive a cash payout on-site after the completion of their sets. That amount will be deducted from their end-of-tournament prize winnings.
 - d. Dual Entry – Pay both a singles entry fee and one doubles entry fee, and your four-game total will count for both events. Both doubles partners do not have to exercise the option to be eligible for participation in the Dual Entry prize fund.
9. **Other:** USBC will determine the lane pattern and shall apply the same condition throughout the event. Storm, Bowlers Journal International and USBC are not responsible for ball damage during competition. In making application to participate in the 2012 Storm Bowlers Journal Championships we agree to abide by all tournament rules prescribed by USBC, including those set forth in the Termination/Release Clause.

Division	Entry Fee	Re-entry Fee	Max. Entries	Eligibility
Open Singles	\$80.00	\$65.00	8	All bowlers who have not been a member of a professional bowling organization at any time since January 1, 2011.
Open Doubles	\$40.00 per bowler	\$40.00 per bowler	12	Team may have no more than one bowler who has been a member of a professional bowling organization at any time since January 1, 2011. You may bowl with up to two partners at a time!
Senior Singles	\$80.00	\$65.00	8	Open to anyone who will be 50 years of age or older as of date of participation in 2012 Bowlers Journal Championships. Professional bowling organization members are eligible to compete.
Senior Doubles	\$40.00 per bowler	\$40.00 per bowler	12	Both bowlers must be 50 years or older as of date participation in 2012 Bowlers Journal Championships, with no more than one bowler who has been a member of a professional bowling organization at any time since January 1, 2011. You may bowl with up to two partners at a time!
Classic Singles	\$80.00	\$65.00	8	All bowlers are eligible including members of any professional bowling organization.
NEW 2012 199 & Under Handicap Singles	\$60.00	\$45.00	8	Open to any bowlers with a 199 average or below. See Rule 7 above - Entering average rules. Handicap to be based on 90% of the difference between the bowler's average and 220 per game.
NEW 2012 Handicap Mixed Doubles	\$30.00 per bowler	\$30.00 per bowler	12	Team must consist of one male and one female, with no more then one bowler who has been a member of a professional bowling organization at any time since January 1, 2011. Handicap to be based on 90% of the difference between the sum of the bowlers' averages and 440 per game. You may bowl with up to two partners at a time!