



4-Rivers USBC Association 2018 Team Champions Invitational Tournament

Certification #04154

Sullivan Bowl

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Subject: 2018 Team Champions' Invitational Tournament

CONGRATULATIONS to your team for becoming a Champion in your 2017-18 league or in a 2016-17 tournament that was sanctioned and certified by **4 Rivers USBC Association**.

As a league or tournament Champion, the **4 Rivers USBC Association** would like to invite your team to participate in our annual **2018 Team Champions' Invitation Tournament** on **Sunday, June 10, 2018** at **Sullivan Bowl** in Sullivan, Missouri. You may enter a team of four (4) bowlers selected from your champions' team roster to bowl 4-games and compete against other league/tournament champions in the **4 Rivers USBC Association**. You may include **ONLY** one (1) substitute roster bowler, with at-least 12-games on a league's FINAL standing sheet, to participate in this tournament.

Your team could be the 2018 Team Champion of Champions for **4 Rivers USBC Association**. We encourage you to read the attached Team Champions' Invitational Tournament rules and submit your team's entry before **June 1, 2018** (the CLOSING DATE) to participate in this annual tournament.

Sincerely,
Sharon Brandhorst
Association Manager & Tournament Director
4 Rivers USBC Association

Lineage	\$36.00
Admin Expenses	8.00
Prize Fund	<u>\$36.00</u> (Prize Fund returned 100%)
	\$80.00

2018 Team Champions' Invitational Tournament – ENTRY FORM

League Name or Tournament: _____ **Bowling Center:** _____

Champion's Team Name: _____ **Team Captain:** _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ **Telephone:** _____

	Team's Bowlers Name	USBC ID	Jacket Size	Leagues' Champion 2017-18 Final League Average (*)	Tournament's Champion 2016-17 Tournament Entry Average (*)
1					
2					
3					
4					
Squad Time Preference (Circle): 11:00 am 3:00 pm				Team Total Average=	

*I certify that the team's bowlers are on Champion's Team roster (or is a substitute bowler with at-least 12-games bowled in a sanctioned league) for the above league or tournament and these averages *) are correct as verified by the Proprietor, Association Manager, League Secretary or on the attached league's final Standing Sheet. I understand that any incorrect team's bowler or average reported is subject to disqualification. The Tournament Director of the 4-Rivers USBC Association has the authority to investigate the team's bowlers and adjust any incorrect average reported.*

Team Captain – Signature

Date

COMPLETED ENTRY FORM AND PAYMENT FOR \$80 TEAM ENTRY FEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY June 1, 2017. Make check or money order payable to: 4 Rivers USBC Association Mail to: 4 Rivers USBC Association, Team Invitational Tournament, 255 West Oak, St. Clair, MO 63077

Team Champions' Invitational Tournament Rules

Team Champions' Invitational Rules stated herein and those of USBC will govern all participants of this Tournament.

1. The Tournament Director will invite the team champions of ALL adult leagues and tournaments that were sanctioned by the 4-Rivers USBC Association and determined during the periods covering August 1 through July 31 in each fiscal year, to participate in an annual Team Champions Invitational Tournament to be held within 30-days after the conclusion of the Fall/Winter/Spring leagues.
2. The annual 2018 Team Champions' Invitational Tournament is scheduled for **Sunday, June 10, 2018** at Sullivan, Missouri. The Tournament will hold two squads with the first squad starting at **11:00 a.m.** and the second squad starting at **3:00 p.m.**, after allowing 10- minutes of practice time. At the Tournament Director's discretion, squads may be added or deleted (as needed).
3. By invitation only, the Team Champion for ALL adult sanctioned FY2017-18 leagues (men, women, and mixed) and certified association tournaments (2017 Team Champions' Invitational, 2018 Women's Championship and 2018 Open Championship) may enter a team of four (4) bowlers selected from their team roster to bowl 4-games. A qualifying Team Champion may include ONLY one (1) substitute bowler, with at-least 12-games bowled on a league's FINAL standing sheet, to participate in this tournament.
4. Entries must be received by **Thursday, June 1, 2018** (the CLOSING DATE). The entry fee of \$80.00 per team must accompany each Team Champion's entry into this Tournament.

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5. CASH PRIZES will be awarded to participants at a ratio at one in three entries. In the case of ties, the cash prizes for the positions affected will be equally divided and there will be a one-game roll-off for only those teams tied for 1st Place to determine an overall Champion for the Tournament.
6. Averages used in this Tournament will be –
 - a. League Team Champions - the team's averages that are submitted by the league's secretary to Association Manager and posted as the leagues' FINAL score sheets.
 - b. Tournament Team Champions the team's averages used in entering the tournament.
 - c. The Tournament Director reserves the right to adjust any averages for fairness and shall notify the Team Captain of the adjusted average before the team participates. USBC Rule 319e has been waived.
7. Handicap is 90% of the difference between the team's total averages from 880. Teams with a total average of 880 or more must use scratch scores. NO team will be given a negative handicap.
8. There is no absent or blind score. Bowlers arriving late will get "no pins" for frames missed.
9. Registration will begin 45 minutes before squad time. Substitutes must be present 30 minutes before squad time and be cleared by the Tournament Director before bowling. Entries may be forfeited if the team captain does not register 15 minutes before scheduled time. No refund of entry fee will be made.
10. Teams will be assigned to lanes as the team captain register (or check-in). After each game, teams will move one pair to the RIGHT. There will be NO practice allowed between games.
11. Team captains will verify their score as being correct at the completion of each game as it is transferred to the official score sheet. This will be the ONLY opportunity to question the accuracy of the score. Obvious addition or adjustment of handicap errors may be made when the official score sheets are audited.
12. After the final squad, a Tournament Champion will –
 - a. Be determined as the 4-Rivers USBC Association's 2017-18 Team Champion of Champions, and
 - b. Receive an automatic invitation to the 2019 Team Champions' Invitational Tournament
13. . If a bowler or team is found to have violated any USBC, league or tournament rule and the Tournament Director determine(s) that the winning(s) in this tournament be forfeited and paid to other entrants next in line, it is hereby agreed that there shall be no liability on the part of the Team Champions Invitational or its officers to bowler(s) and/or team(s) as an entrant in complying with such ruling.