

## RED EXPRESS ALIBI TEAM TOURNAMENT RULES

1. This is a non-sanctioned tournament, but it is governed by USBC Playing Rules. Any participants in this tournament must be a member of USBC, for the 2018-2019 bowling season. If bowler does not have a current USBC card, a membership can be purchased for \$25.
2. This is a 5 person team/alibi format tournament. Bowlers will bowl 3 games across 6 lanes. Teams will consist of five (5) members, **ANY COMBINATION**. An alibi, is bowling with another person(s) during a prepaid entry for the cost of the prize fund fee and having those scores count for the tournament. Multiple alibi teams are encouraged, but must change out two team members to cash multiple times.
3. **The Entry Fee is \$175 (\$35 per person). Alibi team prize is \$75 (\$15 per person). "NEW" Each Alibi team will incur a keying, printing and posting fee of \$15 (\$3.00 person).** Fee will be reflected on alibi form. The breakdown of entry fee will consist of \$15 for prize fund, \$20 lineage and expense fee. 100% of all prize funds collected from either teams and/or alibis will be combined and disbursed according to team placements. 80% of Prize Fund will be paid to Handicap Placements and 20% will be paid to Scratch Placements. Prize Fund Payout will be 1:10. Breakdown of Prize Fund Payout as follows: Handicap 1:12 and Scratch 1:60.
4. Entry fee must be paid in full prior to start of practice. Alibi prize will be collected, till the start of tournament play. Once tournament play has started, entries are closed. This is a WALK-IN, CASH ONLY tournament. CHECKS or TABS are not allowed. NO EXCEPTIONS!
5. **ENTERING AVERAGE: The composite average of all leagues (2017-18) consisting of 45 games or more will be used.** Sport league bowler's average will be adjusted by tournament manager based on USBC Sport Average Adjustment Chart. All others will bowl scratch. USBC Rule 319a2 does not apply. As per USBC, anyone who has been re-rated, MUST report their re-rated average or will result in disqualification with no refund to any competitors. Tournament manager(s) has the right to rerate a bowler.
6. **AVERAGE ADJUSTMENT:** USBC Rule 319e "AVERAGE ADJUSTMENT FOR ENTRY" will apply.
7. **AVERAGE RESPONSIBILITY:** It shall be each entrant's responsibility to verify the accuracy of his/her average in handicap tournament (USBC Rule 319a3) whether originally submitted by the entrant or his /her alibi partner(s.) Failure to use the proper average shall disqualify the scores(s) if the submitted average is lower than the actual average. Prize winnings shall be based on the submitted average if it is higher than the actual average. Tournament Manager has the right to adjust or reject any entry(s) without penalty prior to the time of bowling. If a bowler does not accept assigned average prior to bowling, the entry fee shall be refunded.
8. **HANDICAP:** Handicap will be 90% of the difference between the bowler's entering average and 220.
9. **If any participant has an average lower than 140, handicap will be CAPPED at 216 pins.**
10. **PRIZE REPORTING:** Any bowler who has qualified for cash and/or merchandise prize of \$600 or more in any event the position standings prize list of a tournament within the previous 12 months must report their actual scores, position and amount won to tournament manager prior to bowling for possible re-rating. Such re-rating must be accomplished before the entrant bowls and if not accepted, the entry fee shall be refunded. As per USBC, anyone who has been re-rated, MUST report their re-rated average or will result in disqualification with no refund to any competitors. **Failure to comply with these provisions shall be cause for forfeit of entry fee, prize winnings and entry into future SE tournaments.** (See USBC RULE 319d)
11. **OFFICIAL SCORE:** The computer printout or telescore will be the official score, per USBC rule 327a.
12. **OPTIONAL MEGA SINGLES:** Each bowler has the option to pay an extra \$20, during the team event, for Guaranteed Optional Handicap Singles. **"NEW"** Singles Prize will be \$15. Each Singles will incur a keying, printing and posting fee of \$5. Multiple entries are allowed. Each entry will be printed and posted, **but can cash only once.** **"NEW":** Overall Ratio will be 1 N 28, Handicap: 1 N 36 and Scratch: 1 N 120. Prize Fund for Optional Mega Singles breakdown: Handicap 80% and Scratch 20%.
13. In accordance with USBC rule 12, the application of any foreign substances on any part of the approach that detracts from the possibility of other players having normal conditions is prohibited. This includes, but not limited to such substances as talcum powder, pumice and resin on shoes and soft rubber soles and/or heels that rub off on the approach.
14. In accordance with USBC Rule 18 the use of abrasives on the surface of bowling ball during tournament play will result in disqualification.
15. No food, drinks, non-participants or children will be allowed in the bowler's area.
16. Premature termination of the tournament brought about by war, national emergency or emergency causes relating thereto or therefrom, fire, natural disaster and any other reason beyond the control of the Southern Express shall cause, to the extent required thereby, any advertised prizes, guaranteed or otherwise, to be prorated in accordance with the number of entrants who have bowled in each of the respective squads up to the time of such termination.
17. **PROBLEMS/DISPUTES:** Any problems/or disputes which may occur and are not covered by the above tournament rules/USBC rules shall be decided upon by the Tournament Manager(s).
18. Abuse of equipment, cheating or obscene conduct is not allowed. Action taken: 1) warning, 2) disqualification, no refund 3) termination from future Southern Express tournaments.
19. Tournament officials can participate in this tournament, but only three officials per team.
20. In case of a tie for first place, co-champions will be declared. When a tie occurs the prize money will be combined and divided equally among the tied position winners.
21. No past or present PBA or PWBA cardholders will be allowed to participate in this tournament.
22. **Payout will be within 30 days after the close of tournament.**