

2020-2021 HSC Rules

- The tournament is open only to bowlers with an ADULT USBC/CTF certified average. USBC Youth averages will be used only if USBC adult averages are not applicable. Summer league averages will not be considered. Youth prizes will be paid in the form of a scholarship unless a parental form is received.
- Non USBC members can qualify for entry by purchasing an affiliate membership for \$25.00 or by paying \$5.00 participation fee for adults.
- Handicap is 80% from 230, not to exceed 68 pins per game for men and 80 pins per game for women. Bowlers over 230 average will receive no handicap.
- Bowlers may enter as often as they wish but only cash once with their highest four game score. There will be prizes for the top bowlers for their best eight game scores with handicap.
- Entrants will use the 2019-2020 highest certified average as a basis of handicap. If a 2018-2019 average or any current average (21 games or more at the time of participation) shall exceed the 2019-2020 average by 10 or more pins, use the highest 2018-2019 or current high average to determine entering average. Entrants without a 2019-2020 certified average will use the higher average of 2018-2019 or current average of 21 games or more. Entrants who ONLY have an average from a certified or non-certified sport condition league in any season listed on lines 5, 6 or 7 will use that average as it converts on the USBC Sports Bowling Average Adjustment Chart. All others will bowl at a 230 average.
- You may enter the optional Doubles with any bowler on your squad by paying \$10 per team (\$8 prize fee and \$2 expense fee per team). The prize fee will be returned 100% and there will be at least one prize for each ten entries. You may enter as many times as you wish. Prize list determined by total pin fall for the four games with handicap. You may cash once with the same partner.
- Seniors (age 50 and above) may enter a special senior division by paying \$20 (\$18 prize fee and \$2 expense). The prize fee will be returned 100% and there will be at least one prize for each ten entries. For those seniors 65 and older that enter but do not cash in Seniors, there will be 10 additional prizes paid to Super Seniors (age 65 and over).
- If a bowler is entered in the regular tournament and wants to enter the Scratch division, the additional fee is \$30 (\$27 prize fee and \$3 expense). The prize fee will be returned 100% and there will be at least one prize for each ten entries.
- If a female wants to enter the Ladies divisions, the fee is \$20 (\$18 prize fee and \$2 expense). The prize fee will be returned 100% and there will be at least one prize for each ten entries.
- Squad organizers can be eligible for special prizes if they organize 24 or more bowlers (an organizer must have 24 bowlers paid in full before their score is eligible). The squad organizer or their representative's score will be used and entered in a prize list that will pay 20 prizes which includes a \$1,000 first place prize. The prize list will be determined by the squad organizer's score with handicap. For every 24 or more bowlers paid in full, the squad organizer can either use their score or choose a representative prior to bowling. Representatives may only bowl for one organizer. If a squad organizer bowls more than once and wants to use his/her score they can, but cash once in the squad organizer's prize list. There will be a special bonus prize list for squad organizers that are paid in full for their squad at least 14 days prior to bowling. There are also prizes for squad organizers with 48 or more bowlers for the best eight game scores with handicap.
- Bowlers who have been PBA Tour, PWBA Tour or WBT members in the last 10 years and participated in 10 or more events in any one season of the PBA, PWBA or WBT schedule or won one event are ineligible.
- All entrants must provide full details of any re-rate or disqualification and must report all winnings valued at \$1000 or more from any tournament or event in previous 24 months and/or possible winnings from a current tournament not yet paid off. In addition, all entrants must be able to provide all actual scores from any tournament bowled in previous 24 months. See USBC Rule 319 c, d and e. All average information, tournament scores and tournament winnings must be submitted prior to bowling.
- Entrants must check-in one hour prior to starting time. Participants who have not arrived within 15 minutes of starting time may lose their reservations. Entrants arriving late will get zero pins for frames missed or be assigned another squad time.
- It is the entrant's responsibility to report errors in scoring to a staff member and to verify the accuracy of all averages and information requested. Averages submitted which are lower than the correct average will result in disqualification. Averages submitted which are higher than the correct average shall remain in effect and prize winnings will be based on the submitted average, unless an extension form is signed prior to the start of bowling.
- Tournament management reserves the right to weigh and/or check the balance and/or the surface hardness of bowling balls. If the equipment is not within USBC specifications, the contestant will be disqualified. Bowling balls can be checked for compliance for an additional fee prior to the start of the bowler's squad.
- It is the entrant's responsibility to correctly report onto the recap sheet the last three numbers/letters of each bowling ball serial number used in tournament play.
- Any bowler scoring 1033 or higher must complete and return an affidavit, supplied by tournament staff, within 10 days. Failure to report complete data in due time will result in disqualification unless a 10 day extension is granted, in writing, extending the due date.
- Tournament committee reserves the right to deny entry, to re-rate averages, settle disputes and to disqualify bowlers. If a re-rated average is not accepted before bowling, a refund will be offered. No other refunds will be given, however every attempt will be made to reschedule any entrant who misses their assigned squad time. An entrant who violates the rules of this tournament shall forfeit their entry fee and any rights to claim any prizes awarded in this event. All entrants agree there is no liability on the part of the Hamtramck Singles Classic Tournament or its staff or officers to the entrant.
- In the event of machinery or equipment breakdown, the tournament reserves the right to move bowlers and/or assign bowlers to another squad time. In the event of lost scores, the tournament reserves the right to have lost frames re-bowled.
- The Tournament and Vision Lanes are not responsible for injuries which may be sustained while bowling.
- Premature termination brought about by war, national emergency, fire, strikes, lockouts and etc., or other reasons beyond the control of Hamtramck Singles Classic shall cause the prize fund to be prorated in accordance to the number of entries bowled number of entries bowled at the time of termination.
- Employees of the Hamtramck Singles Classic and Vision Lanes are not eligible to enter or accept prize payoff checks.
- Closing date for entries is July 25, 2021. Any squad organizer(s) that have reservations the last week-end of the tournament, will need to have each spot paid for in full AT LEAST two weeks prior or that spot will be given to the next bowler.
- No personal checks will be accepted unless submitted at least 21 days prior to scheduled bowling date, unless it is the last three weeks; then none will be accepted.
- Special squads may be scheduled upon request.
- There will be a minimum \$30.00 fee for each returned check. Bowlers failing to repay entries and fees will forfeit any rights to claim and prize awarded in this event. See USBC Rule 17b, Item 3.
- In the event of a power failure the last weekend of the tournament, the tournament management reserves the right to reschedule those bowlers to complete their series from point of interruption. In the event of lost scores, the tournament reserves the right to have lost frames re-bowled. All bowlers with deposits paid prior to 11:30 pm the last day of the tournament can be rescheduled.
- DISCLOSURE:** The "HSC" agrees to indemnify, defend and Storm Bowling harmless from any and all claims, liabilities, actions or lawsuits of any kind or nature relating to or arising out of the Hamtramck Singles Classic including payment of all reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred in defense of any action or suit should Storm Bowling elect to provide its own defense except where any such claim, liability, action or lawsuit arises out of gross negligence of willful misconduct of Storm Bowling.