2026-2027 CITY OPEN TOURNAMENT RULES

1) **Preamble to Tournament Rules**
   a) LAUSBCA City Tournament is a USBC Certified Tournament
   b) Bowling Fee
      i) The dollar amount paid to the bowling center for each game bowled
   c) Tournament Manager Salary
      i) $1.00 per each event, not including all events (3 games, per person, per event)
   d) Prize Fund
      i) The dollar amount collected from each entry will be designated to the prize fund, all of which will be returned to the bowlers
2) **Entries**
   a) Entry in this tournament is open to all members of the Lewiston-Auburn USBC Association subject to the following conditions:
      i) Participants must be a member of the LAUSBCA and USBC in good standing
         (1) Those not a member of LAUSBCA may bowl after paying the local association fee of $9.00
      ii) Non USBC members may qualify for entry and receive full USBC services by paying $25.00 for a national membership before bowling
3) **Participation**
   a) Team Events
      i) Open Team event will consist of 4 players
   b) Unlimited re-entries are allowed in the Team, Doubles and Open Singles events subject to the following conditions:
      i) Re-entry in the team and doubles events will be allowed on a space available basis, requests must be received **thirty (30) minutes** before squad time, and is subject to the discretion of the Tournament Manager
      ii) The association, by rule, can limit the number of bowlers classified as professionals to two on a five bowler team and one on a doubles team
      iii) A 4 person team with the same 3 players as another team will be considered to be the same team and will only be allowed to cash once. A doubles team with the same players will be allowed to cash only once. Single re-entries will be allowed to cash only once.
   c) After an entry has been received, and the dates assigned by tournament management are not refused before preparation of the schedule, the entry fee cannot be refunded (USBC Rule 314).
   d) No more than three players will be scheduled on a lane for singles and doubles events, unless deemed necessary by the Tournament Manager. The Tournament Manager has the final discretion to add players to lanes based on availability.
   e) Youth may only bowl in the Singles event, provided, prior to bowling they comply with USBC Rule 400. All entrants who have not attained the age of 18 MUST submit a Parental Consent Form prior to the start of competition.
4) **Check In**
   a) All team captains must check in with their team members **15 minutes** prior to 1st squad bowled.
5) **Tardy Players**
   a) Unless the tournament rules allow missed frames to be made up, a player or team missing one or more frames by not being present and ready to bowl in turn shall:
      i) Begin play with the score to count from the frame then being bowled.
      ii) Not be credited with any pins for the frames missed.
   b) If a team refuses to start because a full lineup is not present, tournament management, at its discretion, can declare the game score forfeited.
   c) A bowler must bowl on the same lanes and at the same time his/her team bowls. (USBC Rule 322a)
6) **Averages**
   a) Entrants must use their average from the previous year with the most number of games but no less that 21 games in one league. Bowlers with no qualifying prior year average will use their highest 21 game or more league average as of the starting date of the tournament. Failure to use the proper average shall disqualify your scores if submitted average is lower than the actual average. Bowler will bowl scratch if they have NO previous year's or current year average. The tournament manager may make corrections to submitted averages.
      i) The average of a bowler may be adjusted upward before participation in any event. If the assigned average is not accepted by the bowler, the entry fee shall be returned. (USBC Rule 319c)
      ii) It shall be the bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their submitted average, whether submitted by the bowler, team captain or anyone else. Failure to use the proper average or to make a correction before or at the time of bowling, shall disqualify scores, if the submitted average is lower than the actual USBC average. Prize winnings will be based on the submitted average if the submitted average is higher. (USBC Rule 319a)

7) **Handicap**
   a) Based on 100% of 240 with no maximum
8) **Awards**
   a) All entrants who have qualified for a prize of $600 or more in any event or tournament within the previous 12 month period, must report their actual score, position and amounts won at the time of entry and are subject to possible re-rating. Failure to comply with this provision shall be just cause to forfeit tournament entry fees and/or prize money. It is the bowler's responsibility to report their scores in any tournament where the prize money has not been paid, but in which they have qualified for $600 or more in any event. (USBC Rules 319d & 319e)
   b) Any entrant qualifying for both scratch and handicap awards that are of equal monetary value, shall be awarded the scratch prize first.
   c) Prize fees shall be returned 100% in each event. The prize fees shall be divided 50% to scratch and 50% to handicap. The prize fees shall come from the tournament prize fund only. Any sponsorship monies awarded will be added to the prize fund.
   d) Ratio of prizes shall be at least 1 in 10 in the team, doubles, and singles events, and 1 in 20 in All Events.
   e) All entrants who have qualified for prize winnings in any event will not receive prize monies until averages have been verified and the prize list is made official. All prize money will be paid within 30 days of the closing date of the tournament.
   f) Bonus Prizes. First place only in each of the following events shall be awarded a $500 bonus: Scratch All Events and Handicap All Events. In event of a tie, the tiebreaker will be highest single event score. First place only in Women's Singles Scratch and Women's Singles Handicap will be awarded a $250 bonus. In the event of a tie in Women's Singles, the tie breaker will be the highest game score.
9) **Scoring**
   a) Any game, or frame within a game, that is irretrievably lost in the scoring process may be re-bowled with the approval of tournament management, unless prohibited by rule. The decision of tournament management shall be final, except where an appeal is made to USBC for final consideration (USBC Rule 327c)
10) **Payment**
   a) Entries should be paid for by CHECK or MONEY ORDER, payable to LAUSBCA. DO NOT MAIL CASH! Entries shall be mailed to the Tournament Manager. Entries may be placed in the Managers box behind the front desk. Cash can be delivered directly to the tournament manager with no recourse for the entrant.

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11) **Dress Code**
   a) Men and Women participants **may** wear any of the following
      i) Casual slacks; trousers or jeans (in good condition); Capri pants (below the knee); shorts/culottes (knee length) sport Skorts; shirts with a butterfly type collar, mock collar or collarless dress shirts or appropriately designed team shirts
   b) Men and women participants **may not** wear the following: Any clothing with inappropriate or vulgar wording or design or any clothing that reveals private parts.

The dress code will be enforced by designated tournament staff members. They will make judgment calls relative to the dress codes questions or concerns, while any questionable items or special circumstances will be addressed by the Tournament Manager on duty.

12) **Disclaimers**
   a) The entrants whose names appear hereon or their authorized replacements hereby agree that the Lewiston-Auburn USBC Association, its officers and agents shall be liable only to the extent of returning entry fees if and when these entrants shall be prevented from bowling an event in the tournament through premature termination of the tournament or cancelation of squads, which may be brought about by weather conditions, war, national emergency or emergencies or causes relating thereto or resulting there from; fires, strikes, lockouts, labor difficulties or other causes beyond the control of the Lewiston-Auburn USBC Association.
   b) Anything not listed above needs to be brought to the Tournament Manager and will deemed a case by case basis.