

SACRAMENTO NISEI BOWLING ASSOCIATION

2026 SENIOR INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT RULES

ELIGIBILITY

1. Open to all:

- a) Nisei bowlers (Bowlers of Japanese ancestry).
- b) Non-Nisei bowlers married to a Nisei.
- c) Non-Nisei bowlers that are active members of a recognized Nisei league or association.

Where question of eligibility arises, the burden of proof is on the bowler and the decision of the tournament committee will be final.

2. Minimum age requirement – All tournament participants must be at least **60** years of age.

GOVERNANCE

3. This approved tournament shall be morally sanctioned under USBC Rule 301. Unless otherwise specified, USBC rules and regulations will govern situations not covered by the tournament rules. Participants must be USBC members to qualify for USBC awards.
4. Specific notations regarding USBC Rules: USBC 319a, (1), and (3) apply. USBC 319a (2) and (4) do not apply. USBC 319d applies, USBC 319e does not apply.
5. Tournament committee decisions will be final. Appeals must be made in accordance with USBC Rule 329.

TOURNAMENT AVERAGE/HANDICAP

6. Tournament entering average shall be:
- a) Highest 2025-2026 USBC book average
 - b) Highest 2025-2026 USBC book average, with 5-pin drop rule in effect (see Note)
 - c) Highest 2024-2025 USBC book average
 - d) Highest current league average, 21 games or more, as of the tournament entry deadline. Proof must be furnished.
 - e) Highest 2026 Summer League Average (21 games or more). Proof must be furnished.
 - f) If none of the above, entering average shall be set at 230.

Note: 5-pin drop rule is applied as follows: If the bowler's current book average (2025-2026) is six or more pins below his/her book average for the previous year (2024-2025), the bowler's entering average shall be the 2024-2025 book average minus 5 pins. Otherwise, the current book average shall be used.

7. Average verifications must be submitted to the tournament chairperson prior to the first tournament event.

Note: An extension, not to exceed 48 hours after completion of the first series bowled, may be granted by the tournament chairperson. Following that time period, bowlers with unverified averages shall be adjusted to scratch (zero handicap).

8. All bowlers who have been rerated or readjusted by a local City Association or USBC must report and use that average until such time that rerate or readjustment is no longer applicable.

9. THE TOURNAMENT CHAIRPERSON HAS THE RIGHT TO ADJUST THE ENTERING AVERAGE OF ANY BOWLER. Should an average readjustment be determined, the person who submitted the tournament entry shall be notified. The affected bowler(s) shall be given the option to withdraw from the tournament, with entry fees refunded.

10. Tournament event per-game handicap shall be calculated at **100%** of **230** for each bowler.

ADDITIONAL ENTRY RESTRICTIONS

11. For the **Senior No-Tap Mixed Doubles** event, each doubles team will consist of one man and one woman. Non-Nisei bowlers are permitted to bowl together. The maximum team average is 385. Bowlers may bowl on any number of doubles teams, but may only cash once with the same partner.
12. For the **Senior No-Tap Mixed Team** event, each team shall consist of 4 bowlers (2 men and 2 women). There must be at least one Nisei bowler per team. The maximum team average is 770. Bowlers are allowed to participate on multiple teams. However, a specific team may not bowl more than once (at least two bowlers in the lineup must be changed to be considered a different team).

MISCELLANEOUS

13. Entry forms not completely filled in and/or properly signed may be rejected. Entry fee must accompany all entries.
14. Entries from out-of-town bowlers that are postmarked at least one week prior to entry deadline shall have time preference. Bowlers within a radius of 50 miles shall be considered local, and those entries with earliest postmark shall have time preference.
15. The tournament prize list shall be posted prior to the start of the tournament. 100% of the prize fund shall be paid within 30 days of the close of the tournament. Ratio of prize distribution shall be at least one per eight entries.
16. Captains of teams entered must report at least one hour prior to the scheduled squad start time to check in and to request any roster substitutions. No changes to the order of bowling shall be permitted.
17. ONE (1) LANE COURTESY WILL BE OBSERVED.