

## THE SOUTHERN EXPRESS ALIBI DOUBLES 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 2017-2018. If bowler does not have a current USBC card, a membership can be purchased for \$25.
2. This is a double/alibi format tournament. Doubles will consist of any combination of male and/or female. An alibi, is bowling with another person during a prepaid entry for an additional fee and those scores will count for the tournament. Multiple partners are encouraged, but can only cash once with the same partner.
3. The entry fee is \$60 ( \$30 per person). Alibi doubles fee is \$10 per person. The breakdown of entry fee will consist of \$10 for prize fund, \$10.50 for lineage and \$9.50 expenses. 100% of all prize funds collected from either doubles and/or alibis will be combined and disbursed according to doubles 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 FEES will be collected up till the start of tournament play. Once tournament play has started, entries are closed. This is a cash only tournament, CHECKS or TABS are not allowed. NO EXCEPTIONS!
5. **ENTERING AVERAGE: Team entering average cannot exceed 455.** The composite average of all leagues (2016-2017) 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. Averages other than published averages must have WRITTEN verification SIGNED by league secretary or association manager (USBC RULE 319a1 & 319b.) 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 prior to bowling, see rule 7.
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 and prize winnings. (See USBC RULE 319d)
11. OFFICIAL SCORE: The computer printout or telescore will be the official score, per USBC rule 327a.
12. 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.
13. In accordance with USBC Rule 18 the use of abrasives on the surface of bowling ball during tournament play will result in disqualification.
14. No food, drinks, non-participants or children will be allowed in the bowler's area.
15. 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.
16. 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).
17. **Payouts will take place immediately after scores from the last squad are verified and placements are determined.**
18. 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.
19. Any prize fund money not picked up will be mailed to the recipient of winning(s.) If no contact information given, monies will be forfeited to Southern Express. It is the responsibility of each participant to ensure that the tournament has his or her contact information. All protests must notify the tournament manager prior to disbursement of prize winnings.

### MAXIMIZE YOUR CHANCES OF CASHING

In a regular tournament, you will pay for 2 teams, singles/doubles and all events, approximately costing \$130. Spend that same amount in this tournament by spending \$70 in one squad equaling 5 double teams and \$60 the next squad will equal 4 more double teams, for a total of 9 double teams! **How many CASH envelopes will you leave with today?**