

SANDY CATALANO SCHOLARSHIP OPEN RULES

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1. Entry Fees

- a. **Entry fees** shall be \$100 for the 49 & under scratch event and \$60 for the senior scratch and handicap events. A 5% administration fee will be charged for credit card entries. The 5% fee is waived for all cash entries.
- b. **There will be no guest fees or membership fees** collected for this event. This is an open event and not associated with any club or organization.
- c. **Top Prizes** – For the 49 & under scratch event the top prizes will pay \$2,500-1st and \$1,250-2nd regardless of entries. The senior scratch and handicap events will pay \$1,500-1st and \$750-2nd regardless of entries. All prizes are being guaranteed by the Catalano Family.
- d. **Payout & Finalist ratio** - 1:8 for all events make finals and 1:4 cash for a minimum of their entry fee.
- e. **Last cash**—\$100 scratch events, \$60 for senior scratch and handicap events.
- f. **Prize Fund Breakdown** – Scratch - \$100: \$13 to scholarship fund/\$7 for lineage/ \$80 to prize fund— (100% returned) Senior scratch and handicap events: - \$60: \$8 to scholarship fund/\$7 for lineage/\$45 to prize fund (100% returned)

2. Membership, divisions, eligibility, fees

- a. **Eligibility: Scratch Events;** Everyone is eligible except **current (2009-10)** PBA exempt players and anyone who has won a PBA national title as a professional the past 10 years. **Handicap Event;** All amateur bowlers are welcomed as long as they have not averaged over 220 in the past two league seasons. All averages must be verifiable on bowl.com. **All bowlers that have a book average will receive a 10 pin drop from their highest average for handicapping purposes only. Bowlers averaging over 220 must bowl scratch as the 10 pin drop rule does not apply to become eligible for another division. No league average past 2 years;** for bowlers with no league the past 2 years but are currently bowling in a league please bring your most current league sheet to determine a tournament average (**you will receive a 10 pin drop off your current average**) and proper handicap. **No league average ever:** A bowler that is not currently bowling in a league and has no league average the past two years may bowl but will receive zero (0) handicap. **Bowlers that have a club average with the LGBT or the Great American Seniors (Bob Steppe's Club) may use their current tournament average with a maximum drop of 20 pins from their entering club average. Bowlers under age 21:** Bowlers looking to maintain their amateur status may participate as long as they provide the proper form. All winnings will be forwarded to USBC in the bowler's name to be used as future scholarship money.

- b. **Tournaments;** Scratch Events; **Any age bowler may participate in the 49 & under scratch tournament. To bowl in the senior tournament all bowlers must be 50 or older on the day of the tournament.** You may try to qualify in multiple tournaments but must inform the tournament director which finals you want to bowl in if you advance in multiple tournaments. If you make the finals in more than one event you will receive the last cashing spot in the finals for the event finals you choose NOT to bowl. Handicap Tournament; there are no divisions in qualifying or finals. A 220 & under bowler may bowl in the scratch tournament as long as they pay the full \$100 entry fee. Their scores will only count in the scratch division.

3. 220 & under Average Rules

- a. **Bowlers with a sanctioned league average for the past 2 years,** that can be verified on bowl.com, will use their highest certified average (**minus 10 pins**) to determine their handicap. If a bowler has no certified average they may bowl and will receive no handicap. There are no negative handicaps in this event. Tournament officials reserve the right to re-rate any bowler during the event if they feel a bowler has an average that truly does not reflect their ability.

4. Entry Deadline, etc.

- a. **Prepaid Bowlers;** Bowlers that register on line or prepay by phone or mail will be guaranteed a spot in the squad they reserved as long as they register on-site within 30 minutes of the squad time. Walk-in entries are welcomed as long as space is available. **There will be a maximum of 6 bowlers to a pair for each squad except for the final squad of each day where there will be no maximum.**
- b. **Acceptable forms of payment** - any major credit card or cash. No personal or business checks.
- c. **Withdrawal** - any bowler that prepays and doesn't bowl will receive a full refund (except for credit card fees—CC will be credited) as long as tournament management is notified 1 hour prior to the start of the scheduled squad.
- d. **Entries close** for each squad when practice is completed.

6. Score sheets – All players are responsible for their own score sheets at all times. Lost score sheets will result in a score of zero for qualifying or finals. Any player who deliberately alters a score for their advantage will be immediately disqualified from the event.

7. Settee Area - Only players are allowed in bowling settee area during competition. Others (such as media or sponsors) may be allowed in adjacent settee areas at the discretion of tournament management.

8. Conduct - All complaints or concerns regarding the tournament must be discussed with a tournament official in private. Destruction of property, profanity, obscenity - any gestures which are offensive at any time during the event will be cause for immediate disqualification and loss of entry fees and side action fees.

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Playing Rules; the rules of the tournament and those of the USBC will govern all participants of the tournaments. The "rules" are found in the official tournament brochure, in the rules section of the tournament website; www.scholarshiptournaments.com, and will be posted at the host center during competition. Tournament management will determine matters not covered by those rules and regulations. Any rules not covered in the application or on the website will be decided by tournament management and be considered final and binding. Tournament management reserves the right to refuse any entry for any reason. If a bowler provides false information the bowler shall be liable to return any prizes won. There shall be no liability on the part of the host center, sponsors, or tournament officials, to any entrant as a result of false information furnished.

1. Bowling Balls - unless otherwise designated, all bowling balls approved for use by USBC are acceptable for use in this event. Plugged balls are allowed.

2. Use of abrasives/polish on ball surfaces - balls may be sanded or polished prior to competition. It is recommended this be done away from the settee area or in pro shop. Once event begins (1st ball of competition), balls may not be polished or sanded.

3. Powder substances - All powder or lubricating substances may be used on hands. NONE of these substances may be applied to the bottom of bowling shoes during competition at any time.

4. Warm-up sessions – There will be a 10 minute practice session prior to all squads and final rounds.

5. Delay - In the case of breakdown or delay of 10 minutes or more, the tournament director may allow players two shots prior to re-start on opposite lane. Tournament director must be notified of breakdown and these shots must be approved by tournament director

6. Re-Racks - Players will be allowed 2 re-racks per game. Additional re-racks must be approved.

7. Lane Courtesy - Bowlers shall be permitted a maximum of two lane clearance to the left and right.

8. Ties

a. Qualifying - players that tie for the final qualifying spot will have the tie broken by highest game in qualifying. **Handicap will be included when breaking ties in the handicap tournament.**

b. Finals - a tie game will require a 9th/10th frame roll off to determine who advances. If there is a tie for first and second place in the final match a 9th/10th frame rolloff will break the tie. If there is a tie for any other spot in the championship shootout the prize money will be split among all of the tied bowlers.

9. USBC rules - All rules not covered by these rules will be governed by the official rulebook of the USBC.

10. Tournament Conduct and Refund- If by war, terrorism, fire, tornado, gas shortage, water damage, or labor unrest, etc., or act of God, it becomes impossible to conduct or complete the tournament as publicized, all unused portions of the entry fees will be returned.

11. Consent- Participants are hereby informed that portions of the tournament shall be photographed, broadcast, recorded, televised or otherwise exhibited to the public. They consent to such exhibition and to the use and to the licensing of others to use their respective names, voice sketch, motion picture, video tape, thereof and in any advertisement, publicity or promotion thereof, to release all rights, title, and interest they or any of them may have thereafter, waiving forever any claim or right to be compensated or to other consideration on account of cash use, exhibition or reproduction.

12. Non-solicitation- No products or tournaments may be promoted at host site without permission.

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Rules are subject to change. This event is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (USBC)