

TOZAI NIKKEI RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. This tournament shall be governed by the rules and regulations of the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) with the exception of the below mentioned rules which apply to all entrants. The fee for unattached USBC membership is \$21.00. Bowlers must be certified USBC members in order to receive USBC awards. Non-USBC members may bowl without high score protection.
2. The tournament opens Saturday, November 14, 2009 and closes Saturday, November 15, 2009 and will be held at **AMF Carter Lanes Bowling Center** in Fullerton, CA.
3. Entry deadline is Monday, **October 26, 2009**. Late entries will be accepted based on squad availability. Entry fees must accompany entry forms. Incomplete entries or entries submitted without total fees will be returned. Make check(s) payable to: **Tozai Nikkei**.
4. All entries will be scheduled in the order they are received. Out of town bowlers will be given squad preference if their entry is received by the deadline date. Out of town bowlers are those residing outside the Orange and greater Los Angeles county areas and are required to submit their averages verified by a league secretary or their local bowling association prior to the start of the tournament.
5. Eligibility rules are as follows:
 - a. All persons with no less than 1/4 Japanese ancestry.
 - b. Any non-Japanese person married to 'A' above.
 - c. Any non-Japanese person who has bowled 2 consecutive winter seasons as a regular and is currently bowling in a Nikkei bowling league as a regular. (Please submit league sheet and secretary's written confirmation for verification.)
 - d. All participants of any past Tozai Nikkei Bowling Tournament.
6. The committee also reserves the right to assign bowler(s) to another squad if the requested squad is filled. Second (2nd) choices will be honored whenever possible.
7. All bowlers must check-in 30 minutes prior to their scheduled squad time.
8. In the event a bowler cannot bowl, he/she may name a qualified substitute 30 minutes prior to scheduled squad time. **No entry fee will be refunded to absent bowlers.**
9. Bowlers must bowl in the order listed. Substitutes must bowl in the position of the original entrant.
10. Late bowlers **MUST** bowl from the frame in progress and all missing frames will be counted as zero (0).
11. Tournament entering average shall be based on the following:
 - a. Highest 2008-2009 book average as of April 15, 2009. If none, use (b).
 - b. Highest 2007-2008 book average as of April 15, 2008. If none, use (c) or (d).
 - c. Highest summer 2009 average of 21 games or more. (Must submit league sheet for verification.)
 - d. If none of the above, entrant must use scratch average of 230.
12. The 5-Pin Drop rule shall be in effect as follows: If the current book average is more than 5 pins below the previous year's book average, bowler must use the previous book minus 5 pins.
13. Any member of any professional organization will bowl scratch in all tournament events. Upon releasing their pro card, there will be a period of twenty-four (24) months following that he/she will continue to bowl scratch.
14. Handicap shall be 90% of 230 for both men and women. Minimum entering average is **135** for women and **160** for men and **125** for senior women and **150** for senior men in **SENIOR events only**. All entrants with averages exceeding 230 will receive 0 for their handicap.
15. USBC Rule 319A-1,3&5 shall be in effect. USBC Rules 319A-2&4 shall be waived.
 - a. It shall be the **bowler's** sole responsibility to verify the accuracy of his/her average, whether originally submitted by the bowler or another person.
 - b. A bowler shall be disqualified (from the squad) if their submitted average is lower than their actual average and the proper correction is not completed prior to the completion of the first game. If the submitted average is higher than the actual average and the proper correction is not completed prior to the completion of the first game, the higher average will be used for that squad. All corrections are to be done by tournament officials only.
16. A bowler who has qualified for winnings of \$200.00 or more in any tournament within the previous 12 months must report actual scores, position and amount won to the tournament committee at the time of entry for possible re-rate.
17. USBC Rule 319E shall be in effect. The tournament committee reserves the right to re-rate any bowler. Re-rated bowlers will be notified seven (7) days prior to start of tournament. If the assigned re-rate average is not accepted by the bowler, entry fee shall be refunded.
18. A bowler who is re-rated by any tournament (whether accepted or not) must report the re-rate average when submitting entry. Re-rate average will be used for 24 months from the originating tournament such average was established.
19. A Mixed Team consists of two men and two women. A Men's Team consists of five men. In the Mixed Doubles event, each bowler may enter BOTH events, but may cash only ONCE with each partner. A Senior is defined as a woman age 50+ and a man age 55+. The Junior Singles is a **scratch** event and is open to youth age 4 through 20.
20. Prize fund will be returned 100%. Prior to any prize distribution, the tournament committee has the right to verify averages with all city associations.
21. Any scoring disputes must be brought to the attention of a committee member before the end of the game in question. The tournament committee has the final decision on all concerns of the tournament. Failure to comply with any of the above rules and regulations shall be cause to forfeit all entry fees and prize monies.

Tournament site: AMF Carter Lanes Bowling Center, 1501 S. Lemon St., Fullerton, CA 92832 • (714) 526-7725

Submit entries and fees to: Tozai Nikkei Tournament, 6103 Tonga Circle, Cypress, CA 90630

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