

JANBA TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS
USBC CERTIFIED

I. TOURNAMENT DATES: Sunday, March 3 through Saturday, March 9, 2024.

II. TOURNAMENT LOCATION: Park Lanes, Hillsboro, OR

III. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES.

- Section 1. The local tournament committee shall make all necessary preparations for the tournament with assistance and guidance from the National Board.
- Section 2. The tournament committee shall advise the captain of each team entered in the tournament of the detailed schedule at least two weeks prior to the tournament.
- Section 3. The tournament committee shall send out information on housing and other pertinent information of the tournament with the entry forms.
- Section 4. The tournament committee's decisions shall be considered final unless appeals are made in accordance with USBC Rule 329.
- Section 5. Any protest of an alleged infraction of the rules or procedures must be in writing to the tournament committee. A time limit of 24 hours will be allowed for correcting errors in scoring.
- Section 6. The tournament committee shall submit a prize payment and report to the USBC (Rule 309) within 30 days after the end of the tournament.

IV. ELIGIBILITY.

- Section 1. Membership in the association is open to all persons of Japanese ancestry with acceptable proof.
- Section 2. **Membership is open to non-Japanese spouses of the above with the following exception:**

There can be no more than 2 bowlers that have been a professional bowler (someone who has paid membership to the PBA or PWBA at any level, including seniors) per team and 1 per doubles team. Such a bowler will bowl in the highest division unless they apply for a hardship average adjustment.

If requested, proof of eligibility must be provided by the bowler.
- Section 3. Any non-Japanese member of the JANBA Hall of Fame is eligible to participate.
- Section 4. Minors below the age of 18 may, with parental or guardianship approval, participate in the tournament.
- Section 5. A non-Japanese member whose Japanese spouse is deceased remains eligible until remarried to a non-Japanese person.
- Section 6. A non-Japanese member divorced from a Japanese person is not eligible unless qualifying under the Veteran's rules (the two-year clause) or if he/she qualifies under Section 3.

V. MEMBERSHIP FEE.

- Section 1. The annual membership fee in this association shall be \$5.00, payable with the tournament entry fee.

Section 2. Membership fee shall be used toward expenses incurred by the Association and approved expenses by Association officials.

Section 3. The Executive Board shall be accountable for all expenditures.

VI. TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEE.

Except as allowed by USBC Rule 314, no entry fee shall be refunded after the tournament entry deadline.

VII. ENTERING AVERAGE.

Average to be used for the tournament shall be determined as follows:

- a) **Highest USBC standard composite or sport composite average of 2021-2022 or 2022-2023 season (min. 21 games), if none, then "b"**
- b) **JANBA tournament average from 2017-2023 (min. 15 games). Hardship cases may be submitted to the JANBA tournament manager and the JANBA Board average committee.**
- c) **If none of the above, the highest known current league average, 21 games or more as of December 31, 2023.**
- d) **If none of the above applies, men will enter at 190 and women will enter at 175.**
- e) **It is the bowler's responsibility to provide written verification of his/her legal entering average for the previous two (2) years by providing a printout from bowl.com.**
- f) **USBC Rule 319A, Section 2 (10 pin or more increase in average rule) does not apply.**
- g) **Averages from Orchid Isle Nisei will be handled on a case by case basis.**
- h) **At the discretion of the Tournament Manager and the JANBA Board average committee, JANBA tournament average from 2017-2023 may also be used for average adjustments.**

VIII. OTHER RULES

Section 1. Each participant may enter only once in any of the scheduled events.

Section 2. Average adjustment requirements of USBC Rule 319E will apply to all participants in the tournament.

Section 3. All participants of the JANBA tournament do not have to be members of USBC. If non-members of USBC wish to qualify for high score recognition, they may, at their option, purchase unattached USBC cards prior to bowling in the tournament.

Section 4. It shall be the bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of his/her legal entering average. Failure to use the correct average shall disqualify the score if the submitted average is lower than the actual average, thereby resulting in a lower classification. Prize winnings shall be based on the submitted average if it is higher than the actual average.

Section 5. Reporting prize winnings USBC Rule 319D will apply to all participants in the tournament.

Section 6. Eligibility for special Veterans All Events:
Men – must have participated in 16 or more tournaments.
Women – must have participated in 11 or more tournaments.

IX. DIVISIONS

Participants in each event will be divided into divisions according to the average submitted on the entry form. Participants will be assigned to lanes in successive divisions beginning with the lowest average.

X. PRIZE MONEY

Prize money will be returned 100% on the ratio of at least one for every ten (10) participants divided approximately 80% in division prizes and 20% in grand prizes. If there is added money from the Storm raffle, all of the proceeds will go into division prizes. The tournament committee will have the option of changing the percentage to 70% division prizes and 30% grand prizes. In the event of a tie for first place in any official tournament event or All Events, the winners will split the prize money equally and duplicate trophies will be provided out of the Association treasury. Where only trophies are involved (i.e., tournament High Series and High Game), duplicate trophies will be provided by the Association.

XI. SKIPPING LANES

- Section 1. To assure equal conditions for all, bowlers will move a pair of lanes to the right for the next game.
- Section 2. When men and women's events are held simultaneously, certain lanes will be designated for the men and certain lanes for the women without any interchange.
- Section 3. As much as possible, the Tournament Committee shall schedule bowlers so they will not be bowling on the same lanes for their various events.

XII. BOWLER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- Section 1. Bowlers must report 15 minutes before their squad time. Tardy bowlers will begin from the frame in progress on their assigned lanes.
- Section 2. ***All JANBA bowlers are expected to wear attire suitable and representative of participation in a JANBA National Tournament. Examples of prohibited attire include, but are not limited to, the following:***
 - a. ***Tank tops, halter tops, spaghetti strap tops, undergarment t-shirts, tops that show bare midriff. In general, tops should not be transparent, mesh, or low cut (revealing). Basketball jerseys are allowed as long as a T-shirt is worn underneath it.***
 - b. ***Shorts/skirts/skorts of length shorter than the end of your fingertips when your arm is fully extended down by your side.***
 - c. ***All athletic shorts (basketball, soccer, running, bicycling, etc.).***
 - d. ***Distressed jeans - Any denim product with tears, holes, frays, and other apparent signs of damage can be called distressed.***
 - e. ***Sweatsuits/bodysuits/track suits/workout clothing of any kind. Leggings that are non-black or include mesh, cut-outs, or see-through material.***
 - f. ***Joggers that are baggy and made of heavier material similar to sweat pants.***
 - g. ***Headwear of any kind unless approved for religious or medical reasons.******JANBA bowlers will be required to change if attire is deemed inappropriate by tournament management (local committee and/or JANBA Board). Tournament management's decision will be final.***

XIII. SUBSTITUTIONS AND REPLACEMENTS

- Section 1. Where a substitution is made after the entry deadline and the schedule is posted, a team or individual average, which is higher than the highest in that division, shall be ineligible for that division prize or division high game pot.
- Section 2. A “substitute” is one who replaces a bowler in an event.
- Section 3. A “replacement” is one who takes a bowler’s place in every event entered by the replaced bowler.

XIV. RAGTIME DOUBLES

- Section 1. This event is for those entered in the tournament and shall be conducted in two divisions:
1. Regular – two (2) men.
2. Mixed – one (1) man and one (1) woman, or two (2) women.
- Section 2. This event shall be conducted on a handicap basis, computed at 80% of the highest average entered in the tournament and rounded out to the next highest ten figure.
- Section 3. This event shall be terminated with the start of the team event.
- Section 4. No bowler in this event may bowl on the same pair of lanes where he or she had just bowled.
- Section 5. No bowler shall be permitted to cash more than once with the same partner.