



## LUISE LESSER TOURNAMENT RULES AND FORMAT

1. **This tournament is certified** by the USBC and shall be governed by the rules of the USBC. Rule 400 will apply. This tournament is open to all 2020-2021 & 2021-2022 certified youth and adult bowlers. USBC rule #321 will apply.
2. This tournament will use the bowlers highest 2020-21 certified season ending average for 15 games or more, fall, winter or summer. **Average verification will be required for all cashing and scholarship positions. Averages will be attempted to be verified via bowl.com or provided standing sheet.** Bowlers using an incorrect average will be subject to their score being disqualified and any winnings being forfeited. Certified sport league averages will be rerated per USBC guidelines. Rule 319d and 319e will be waived.
3. Entry fees are broken down as follows: Prize Fund \$30.00, Bowling Fee \$12.00, Breast Cancer Donation \$3.00. Awards returned 100%.
4. **Entry Fees: No entry accepted without payment. Payments may be made in cash or check/money order made payable to "ISUSBC". Walk-in entries are CASH ONLY on the day of qualifying competition and welcomed, space providing.**
5. **Divisions/Handicap:** Youth divisions will consist of Scratch Boys, Scratch Girls, 161 and Over Handicap (Combined), 121-160 Handicap (Combined), and 120 and Under Handicap (Combined). Adult divisions will be Scratch and Handicap. All Handicap divisions will be 90% of 220.
6. **Format/Scoring:** Bowlers will receive ten (10) minutes of practice and bowl four (4) games on the same pair of lanes. The total pin series for the three highest games will determine the winner. Ties will be broken by the total four (4) game series. If still tied, bowlers will split prize money/scholarship winnings equally. The tournament follows a one (1) lane courtesy rule. A bowler arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled; frames missed shall be credited with a zero. Scoring for the JG qualifier will be the actual total of all four (4) games; no handicap will be included.
7. **Jr Gold Optional Event:** An optional Jr Gold (JG) qualifier is offered with this tournament provided there are enough bowlers to fill a division. Boys and girls may be combined to fill divisions if necessary; notification will be given. Bowlers must bowl the regular tournament in order to participate in the JG qualifier. Entry fee for the JG qualifier is \$25.00. All bowlers in the qualifier must be a JG member; memberships may be purchased on site for an additional fee. **The last 4 digits of the bowlers social security number is required to process all JG memberships, winners, and alternates.**
8. **Dress Code:** All bowlers must wear suitable attire. No short shorts, bare mid-drifts, or cut-offs permitted or clothing with offensive writing, alcohol or tobacco products. **Breast cancer awareness and pink attire is highly encouraged!!**
9. Only bowlers and Tournament Officials shall be permitted in the settee area during competition.
10. After a score has been recorded, it cannot be changed unless there is an obvious error in scoring or calculation. Questionable errors shall be decided on by the Tournament Directors. Claims for errors must be made to Tournament Directors no later than 24 hours after the completion of the tournament and UNOFFICIAL scores are posted.
11. No alcoholic beverages will be served during this tournament.
12. Protests and appeals must be in writing stating the grounds for the protest or appeal. A protest involving eligibility or playing rules must be filed with the Tournament Directors within 36 hours of the completion of the tournament. The decision of the Tournament Directors shall be final, unless a written appeal is filed with the local association or USBC Headquarters and within 24 hours of notice of the decision. Upon notification of a protest or appeal, the Tournament Directors must withhold all affected prizes until the protest or appeal is resolved. The decision of the local association may also be appealed to USBC Headquarters. The decision of USBC Headquarters is final and binding on all involved parties.
13. **Awards:** Scholarships and Prize Money will be awarded in all divisions and shall be returned 100% to bowlers based on at least a one (1) and six (6) ratio, with the money staying within the division paid within.
14. In consideration of ISUSBC, conducting the Tournament releases ISUSBC and USBC from any and all liability for any injury or accident involving entrant as a result of entrant participating therein.
15. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the USBC Rule Book and the Tournament Director(s). Any further protest will be determined by the USBC Rules Department.