



54TH ANNUAL TIMES-NEWS OPEN TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM



QUALIFIER - January 14, 2017 at Greengarden Lanes and January 15, 2017 at Rolling Meadow Lanes

BASED ON 160 ENTRIES

SEMIFINALS - January 21, 2017 at Westway Lanes

TOP 32 AFTER 10 gms

FINALS - January 28, 2017 at Lake City Lanes and January 29, 2017 at Eastway Lanes

NAME : _____ SANCTION No. : _____

ADDRESS : _____ PHONE No. : _____

CITY : _____ STATE : _____ ZIP : _____

PLEASE READ **IMPORTANT NOTE** BELOW

SQUAD PREFERENCE

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Please indicate your squad preference by selecting one choice below. You will be given your preference, if available. If your first preference is not available, you will be assigned to the other squad, if available. Your entry WILL NOT be confirmed by the tournament director, If you wish to confirm your entry you may do so by either calling 825-9051 or visiting "Entries" at www.tnopen.org which is updated periodically.

IMPORTANT NOTE: the tournament committee, at its sole discretion, may choose to enlarge the field without prior notice. This may mean that a squad that was full at the time of your entry may have openings at a later date. Please check below the squad of your preference even though it might be full at the time of your entry. If full, you will be wait listed on the squad of preference and placed into the squad that is open. You will be notified if you are not on the squad of preference unless announcement of its closing has been made. The initial limit is being set at 132, or 66 per squad.

<input type="checkbox"/>	SQUAD 9:00 am	January 14, 2017 at Greengarden Lanes	1:00 pm	SQUAD	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	A 1:00 pm	January 15, 2017 at Rolling Meadow Lanes	9:00 am	B	<input type="checkbox"/>

PAYMENT The cost of the tournament is \$80. It is suggested that you pay your entry online (see details on the website) by check and mail it with your completed entry to the tournament director. Checks will only be accepted up to two weeks prior to the tournament (thru 12/31/15) after that time only cash will be accepted. If any checks are not honored by the bank you will be required to pay the full tournament entry fee and any bank charges before you entry will be accepted. Your entry is not valid until proper payment has been received. Checks must be made payable to the: Times-News Open (and not the tournament director or any of the bowling establishments).

ENTRIES The committee strongly suggests that entries be mailed to the tournament director to ensure proper entry and squad preference. Entries that are postmarked on a specific day will be deemed received before any entries hand delivered on that same day. **Entries should not be given to anyone other than the tournament director and should not be left at any bowling establishment.** The committee or the tournament director is not responsible for delays on the part of the United States Postal Service. Entries should be mailed to the tournament director at the following address:



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Attn: David O. Hewett, Tournament Director
1223 Jonathan Drive
Erie, PA 16509-3955

OTHER INFO For the enjoyment of the competitors, the committee generally runs "brackets" and jackpots during the qualifier. So that bowlers may be checked in quickly and efficiently and so that squads can remain on time, please arrive at the lanes at least 30 minutes prior to the start of your squad.

As is the common practice of this tournament, we have suggested that the proprietors oil the lanes prior to the first squad in expectation that the lanes will NOT be oiled prior to the other squads.

It is each entrant's responsibility to read ALL of the tournament rules found on the back of this entry form.

Any and all questions should be directed to the Tournament Director, David Hewett, at 825-9051



TOURNAMENT USE ONLY

____ / _____

DATE RECEIVED

AMT. PAID

SQUAD CHOICE

ENTRY No.

CASH
 CHECK #

WAIT LISTED

NOTES: _____

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TOURNAMENT RULES

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1. The tournament is open to the first 182 (final limit determination left to the discretion of the tournament committee) paid male or female entries who meet one of the following three criteria: 1) legal residence is within the boundaries of the Erie County or 2) is bowling in a league sanctioned by the USBC at a bowling establishment within Erie County and has bowled 21 or more games in such league during the current season at the time the tournament commences or 3) has every competed in a previous Times-News Open event. A temporary card will be accepted. The committee reserves the right to increase the number of entries at any time.
2. The tournament will consist of a ten (10) game qualifying round, followed by a semi-final round of six (6) games and a final round of sixteen (16) match games. Only the top thirty-two (only 32, no ties) bowlers after the first ten (10) games (based on 160 entries). In the event that entries are higher or lower, the semi-final field could be increased or decreased. The top sixteen (16) qualifiers (only 16, no ties) after sixteen (16) games will advance to the final round. Total pinfall will determine the position of the finalists. Ties for the final position(s) when there is a cut (sem-finals and finals) will be broken by a one-game roll-off. Should this end up in a tie, sudden-death 9th and 10th frame roll-offs will be used until a winner is determined.

The finals will be bowled in accordance with the standard USBC sixteen team schedule with a position round used for the sixteenth game. All matches in the finals will be decided on the basis of total pins with the match winner receiving 30 additional bonus pins. In the event that a match is halved, each bowler will receive an additional 15 bonus pins. All matches will be one (1) game. In the event of a tie for first place after sixteen games, the individuals who are tied will bowl one (1) game to resolve the tie. If the tie is still not broken another game will be bowled. If the tie is still not broken the sudden-death procedure described above will be implemented. The qualifying totals WILL NOT be carried over into the finals.
3. There shall be no substitutions during the qualifying rounds, once bowling has commenced. Should a bowler have to withdraw before the start of the qualifier, the position shall be filled from the stand-by list. Otherwise, only pacers shall be used to fill vacancies and all entry fees and prize money shall be forfeited. In the event of a withdrawal of a finalist, prior to the finals, the first alternate (17th place) shall move up to the last qualifying position and all finalists shall move up one position until the vacancy is filled. Should a substitute be required once the finals have begun, the lowest numbered available qualifier shall be used, starting with the seventeenth position. A penalty of one hundred (100) pins shall be imposed on the score of the bowler being replaced. The prize money of both bowlers will be split evenly.
4. Should a contestant be forced to withdraw once his/her entry has been paid, he/she shall be refunded only the prize money portion of his/her entry. However, there will be no refund if a replacement cannot be found to fill the spot or, if the withdrawal occurs after the bowling commences. The committee reserves the right to determine refunds in unusual circumstances.
5. The entry fee is \$80.00 which includes the prize fee (\$42.00), expenses (\$4.00), qualifier bowling (\$28.00) and finals' bowling (\$6.00). All bowling in the finals will be paid from entry fees. This allocation is based on the estimated cost of bowling and expenses and may be adjusted if expenses warrant. Every effort will be made to maintain the prize fund portion. The prize ratio is approximately 1 in 5 and every effort will be made to ensure the smallest prize paid will be equal to or greater than the entry fee.
6. There will be no practice on the tournament lanes at any time during the day of the tournament (this applies only to those lanes to be used by the individual bowlers). The penalty for violation of this rule is disqualification. Practice is allowed on any other lanes in the house up to ten (10) minutes prior to the start of competition.
7. Entries shall be subject to acceptance by the tournament committee which shall be the sole judge as to the acceptance or rejection of any and all entries.
8. The tournament shall be conducted under USBC tournament rules and regulations, and any rules not specifically stated herein shall be handled in accordance with the appropriate USBC rulings.
9. Each bowler shall have his/her choice of starting squad for the first day's bowling only, and this is only on a first come first serve basis. There will be no switching shifts. Bowlers will bowl one of the following combinations: SQUAD A=First/Second, SQUAD B=Second/First.
10. During the qualifier, generally, bowlers will move to their right skipping a pair(s) of lanes after each game and begin on the opposite (odd or even) lane that they started their prior game on. (Example: Game 1 on lane 3, Game 2 on lane 8). The number of pairs skipped will be at the discretion of the committee.
11. There is a dress code rule for both the semi-final qualifying round and both finals' rounds. Detailed dress code information is available at www.tnopen.org/dress_code. Penalty for violation is at the sole discretion of the committee and may be up to and including disqualification.
12. No entries will be accepted prior to December 1, 2016 and ALL ENTRIES MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A COMPLETED ENTRY FORM AND THE FULL ENTRY FEE OF \$80. Entries are generally available online at www.goerie.com and are subject to proper submission and payment. Entries close January 14, 2017 at 1:00 pm. Only cash will be accepted for entries after December 31, 2016 subject to the discretion of the tournament committee.

PLEASE ALSO READ AND BE FAMILIAR WITH "OTHER TOURNAMENT INFORMATION" AT www.tnopen.org/Tournament_information