



TIMES-NEWS OPEN DOUBLES



SATURDAY DECEMBER 3, 2016 at EASTLAND BOWL at 1:00

INFORMATION



This event is a USBC sanctioned event, open to both male and female bowlers. Since the entry criteria is based on average all entrants must have previously established an average, either through 50 games of Times-News Open competition or from the previous bowling season.

This is a scratch **Doubles** event. Eligible teams will consist of 2 bowlers with a combined "qualifying" average of no more than 420. Qualifying Average – bowlers who have completed at least 50 games in Times-News Open events will use their historical average through the 2016 TN Open (round down). All other bowlers will use their highest "book" average from the 2015-16 bowling season.

EVENT FORMAT

The **qualifying** portion of the event will consist of 4 games by each bowler, across a number of lanes, resulting in a total team pinfall for the 8 games bowled (Total Pinfall).

The **finals** will consist of the top 16 teams (Total Pinfall) from the qualifying portion. In the event of a tie to determine finalists, there will be a 9th and 10th frame rolloff between the tied teams with bowlers alternating shots.

To encourage bowlers of varying skill, the top team with a combined average of less than 400 will qualify for the finals. For every additional 5 such qualifying teams entered a spot in the finals will be added with a limit of 4 such spots.

The finals will be an **ELIMINATION** format with the top 8 scores advancing after game 1, the top 4 after game 2 and the top 2 after game 3. The top 2 will then bowl a pro-style format for the championship. Any ties will be handled in the manner described above.

All bowling in the finals will be a **BAKER FORMAT** with one bowler bowling all odd frames and the other bowling all even frames. In succeeding rounds of the finals the bowlers will alternate the odd/even frames. (i.e. a bowler bowling odd frames in round 1 will bowl even frames in round 2, etc.)

ENTRY & PRIZES

The cost of this event is \$40 per bowler, \$80 per team and covers all costs and expenses of the event, including prizes.

Entry forms are available online at : www.tnopen.org and at most local bowling establishments. The deadline to enter is 1:00 pm on December 3, 2016. Only cash will be accepted the day of the tournament.

Prizes for this event will be determined solely based on entries with a minimum prize ratio of 1 in 5. Since this is a new event there is no guarantee that all finalists will get a prize nor that the prize received will be of equal or greater value than the cost of the entry. There will be no other expenses other than lineage and all prizes will be distributed at the conclusion of the event.

CONTACT INFO

For more information or questions please contact the tournament director, David Hewett, by email at dhewett@mercyhurst.edu or by phone at 814.825.9051. Mail entries (on back) to TN Open Doubles, 1223 Jonathan Drive, Erie, PA, 16509.



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