

# The Men's and Women's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual United Slovak Fraternals Tenpin Handicap Bowling Tournament

This event is being sponsored by the First Catholic Slovak Union, the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union, the National Slovak Society, and the Slovak Catholic Sokol, for the purpose of promoting fraternalism and good sportsmanship, and to generate nationwide interest in the Slovak fraternal organizations. The National Officers of the First Catholic Slovak Union, the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union, the National Slovak Society, and the Slovak Catholic Sokol, wish to extend to all members a cordial invitation to the Host City, Wickliffe, Ohio, in this rapidly growing tournament.

The 1st Annual United Slovak Fraternals Handicap Tenpin Bowling Tournament will be held at Freeway Lanes 28801 Euclid Ave, Wickliffe, OH. The tournament will be held the weekend of May 4 - 6, 2012. Opening Ceremonies will be held on Friday, May 4, at 5:45 PM.

**ENTRIES WILL CLOSE MIDNIGHT MARCH 16, 2012.**  
PLEASE NOTE: ALL FORMS MUST BE FILLED IN COMPLETELY. PRIZE FEES, AS STATED ON THE FRONT OF THIS ENTRY BLANK, MUST ACCOMPANY THIS ENTRY. ALL INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE RETURNED TO TEAM CAPTAIN FOR RESUBMISSION.

In submitting this entry, the captain and the team members agree to forfeit all rights to prize money as well as the total entry fees in the event that any information listed herein should be found to be false. We are not responsible for errors in averages made in filling out this entry form. No refunds of tournament entry fee.

USBC Bowling Rules shall govern in all matters concerning the actual play on the lanes in this Tournament.

**ELIGIBILITY:** This Tournament is open to all First Catholic Slovak Union, Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union, National Slovak Society, and Slovak Catholic Sokol male and female bonafide MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING. *Note that Slovak Catholic Sokol members must be members for at least three months SPL or one year for all other policies prior to the date of the tournament with a minimum of \$3000 coverage. Slovak Catholic Sokol bowlers must be policy holders, not social members. Slovak Catholic Sokol members enrolled after January 1, 2008, require a minimum of \$5000 insurance coverage to participate.* All winners will be checked before any prize money is awarded.

Only members with USBC Membership Cards will be eligible for the USBC special awards in this USBC Certified Tournament. Bowlers without USBC Membership Cards may purchase some from the Tournament Committee at current local fees prior to actual participation in this Tournament.

**CONSENT RULES:** Any unmarried grade or high school student who has not attained the age of eighteen (18) must have written consent of his/her parents or guardian in order to participate in USBC Certified Tournament where cash or merchandise prizes are offered. Said written consent must be on a form approved by United States Bowling Congress and must be on file with Tournament Committee at least one week before the bowler is eligible for tournament competition unless the student is accompanied by his/her parents, in which case the parental consent form may be filed up to the time the student starts to bowl. USBC Rule No. 13

**AVERAGES:** All entrants will use their highest average of any USBC league of at least 21 games from the 2010-2011 season. Bowlers with no such average from the 2010-2011 season and with at least 21 games in the 2011-2012 season will use their current league average. This must be designated as such on entry form by his name and a league year-to-date statistics sheet must be presented to the Tournament Committee at the Tournament. Non-certified bowlers, with no certified league average, that have bowled in previous FCSU, LPSCU, NSS, or SCS tournaments will have their averages

calculated from their three most recent tournaments. All male bowlers with no established USBC average will bowl a 175 scratch. All female bowlers with no established USBC will bowl a 150 scratch. Summer league averages will be accepted.

Any contestant whose current average of at least 21 games as of January 1, 2012, is TEN (10) PINS or more above his or her average from previous season, must use his or her current average and will indicate this on the entry form at time of entry.

**AVERAGE CHANGES:** The original averages submitted on the Entry Blank cannot be changed prior to participation by anyone except the Team Captain, who must submit written proof thereof to the Tournament Committee.

It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of his average in handicap or classified tournaments, whether originally submitted by the bowler, his team captain, or others.

Failure to use the proper average shall disqualify score of submitted average if lower than actual average, thereby resulting in a lower classification or more handicap. Prize winnings shall be based on the submitted average if it is higher than the actual average.

Corrections in averages can be made up to the completion of the first game of a series, or within 48 hours after completion of a series if the tournament manager prior to the completion of the first game of the series has given written consent to the bowler authorizing such extension of time to correct his average.

**HANDICAPS: MEN** – The handicap allowed will be 90% of the difference between 210 and the submitted average. **WOMEN** – The handicap allowed will be 90% of the difference between 180 and the submitted average. The maximum handicap awarded to any bowler will be 45 pins.

Under no circumstances will handicap be increased after participant has bowled.

**PRIZES: MEN and WOMEN** - One prize will be paid for every seven (7) entries in each event, with the exception of All Events, which will pay one prize for every fifteen (15) entries. No duplicate prizes will be awarded and prize fees will be returned 100 percent.

All prizes will be subject to the approval of the Tournament Committee.

Any entrant who has qualified for a prize of \$300 or more in any event of a tournament in the 12-month period prior to entry, must report actual score, position, and amount won to tournament management at time of entry for possible rerating.

**LINE-UP CHANGES:** All participants must bowl according to where they are listed on the submitted entry form. Any replacement of participants originally scheduled to bowl on team or doubles will take same position on team and doubles event.

**ABSENTEES:** To alleviate absentee problems, the Tournament Committee will provide a replacement bowler when notified of the absentee.

**TARDY BOWLERS:** Tardy Bowler will receive zero for each frame missed. USBC Rule 322

**SCORING:** Errors in scoring or calculations must be presented to the Tournament Committee within 48 hours after completion of play. Captains of Teams or Doubles Partners have the option to pick up duplicate score sheets upon completion of play.