

Mesquite Senior Games Holiday Tournament

9-Pin No Tap Singles Tournament Rules

Date: December 10, 2022

Check-in: 9:00 a.m.

Start time: 10:00 a.m.

1. The Mesquite Senior Games is open to all senior male and female participants over the age of 50 on or before December 31, 2022. This is a non-sanctioned USBC tournament, but it is governed by USBC Playing Rules and rules adopted by Mesquite Senior Games.
2. This is a handicap tournament. The handicap will be 100% of 240.
3. Event: The tournament will consist of 3 games using a 9-pin No-Tap format. Nine pins on first ball thrown is an automatic strike. Men's and Women's Singles Divisions.
4. Registration fee: Registration fee is \$35.00. Last date to register is November 21, 2022.
5. Age Divisions: Age divisions will be in 5-year increments. There will be nine age divisions. 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85-89, 90+ for all events.
6. Entering Averages: In accordance with USBC Rule 319a, all bowlers are required to submit the highest average of a single league based on the following priorities:
 - a. Highest 2021-2022 Winter book average with at least 21 games
 - b. Highest 2022 Summer average with at least 21 games
 - c. Highest 2020-2021 Winter book average with least 21 games
 - d. Highest current average with at least 21 games as of November 22, 2022 will be used when current season's average is used as verified average
 - e. 2021-2022 non-USBC league average will be verified using final standings sheet for all non-USBC leagues bowled. Bowlers must provide.
 - f. No Sport or Tough Shot averages will be used. If none of the previous (a-e) are available, the USBC conversion charts will be used to determine the entering average for the tournament.
 - g. Averages will be verified using USBC data and non-sanctioned leagues standing sheets.
 - h. All bowlers without an entering average that can be verified will enter the tournament with the following averages: Men - 160. Women - 130. The tournament directors can make adjustments to a bowler's entering average.
 - i. Rule 319a2- When the previous season's average is used, and at the time of bowling an entrant has a current average for 21 games or more that is 10 pins or more higher than the prior season's average, the current average must be used.
 - j. Rule 319a3 - Bowlers are responsible for verifying his/her own average. If the submitted average is lower than required and results in a lower classification or more handicap, the

bowler's score is disqualified. If the submitted average is higher than required, prize winnings will be based on the submitted average.

- k. USBC Rules 319c and 319e will apply to all USBC members (Average adjustment/re-ratings appeal). In accordance with Rule 319c, the average of a bowler may be adjusted upward before participation in the event. If the assigned average is not acceptable by the bowler, the entry fee(s) shall be refunded. Rule 319e, a bowler will adjust his/her entering average, if during a 12-month period immediately preceding the time and date of bowling, the bowler's accumulated average for all, but not less than 21 tournament games exceed the average to be used for entry by 15 or more pins. In that case, the accumulated average must be used for handicapping or classification purposes.
7. Pacers will not be allowed.
8. Line-up Changes: Line-up changes must be made 1 hour prior to the start of the event, unless deemed an emergency.
9. Tardy Bowlers: Any bowler arriving late shall play from the frame being bowled. No score will be given for frames the bowler missed. USBC Rule 322a applies.
10. Awards: Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded for Men and Women in each age division for High Series Handicap. One (1) Gold medal will be awarded in each division for High Game Scratch and High Game Scratch Series. If a participant is eligible for both High Game and High Series, High Series will take precedence and High Game will be awarded to next eligible participant. Special Recognition Award will be awarded for Scratch 9-Pin No Tap 300 game and Scratch 9-Pin No Tap 800 series. Special Honor Score Award will be presented to a participant for a scratch (natural) 300 game or 800 series.
11. Interrupted Games/Series: USBC Rule 321: If equipment failure on a pair of lanes would delay the progress of the game/series, tournament officials can authorize the completion of a game/series on another pair of certified lanes. The interrupted game/series must be resumed from the point of the interruption. There will be no practice upon resuming the game/series per tournament officials.
12. Slow Bowling: The tournament officials shall not allow unreasonable delay in the progress of the game. Should any bowler refuse to proceed with the game after being instructed to do so by a tournament official such games or series shall be declared forfeited. USBC 11. This has no bearing on lane problems.
13. Decisions: Any situation not covered by these rules will be governed by USBC Rule Book. If a USBC rule cannot be found to resolve any situation that arises, the Tournament Directors will determine the outcome. No correction to scores will be allowed 15 minutes after the score is bowled, except for obvious errors. All changes must be made by a tournament official. Tournament Directors decisions will be final.