

Mesquite Senior Games Holiday Tournament
9 Pin No Tap Singles Tournament
Date: December 9, 2023

Start Time: 10:00 a.m.

Check-in opens: 9:00 a.m.

Tournament Rules:

1. The Mesquite Senior Games is open to all senior male and female participants over the age of 50 on or before December 31, 2023. 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 the first ball thrown is an automatic strike. Men's and Women's Singles Divisions.
4. Registration Fee: \$35.00 (\$30.00 Event Fee, \$5.00 non-refundable Fusesport fee). Last date to register is November 25, 2023
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 2022-23 Winter book average with at least 21 or more games.
 - b. Highest 2023 Summer average with at least 21 or more games.
 - c. Highest 2021-2022 Winter book average with at least 21 or more games.
 - d. The highest current average with at least 21 games as of November 22, 2023, will be used when current season's average is used as verified average in the event an average is not available from criteria stated above.
 - e. 2022-2023 and 2023 Summer 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 averages (a-e) are available, the USBC conversion charts will be used to determine the entering average for the tournament.Averages will be verified using USBC data and non-sanctioned leagues standing sheets.
319b. 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 reserve the right to adjust a bowler's entering average.
Rule 319a2 not in effect.
Rule 319a3 - Bowlers are responsible for verifying his/her own average whether submitted by the bowler or others. 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.
Average corrections can be made up to 72 hours prior to the tournament.
USBC Rules 319c 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 Registration Fee shall be refunded.
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. 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 Series and High Game, High Series will take precedence and High Game will be awarded to the 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. A Special Honor Score Award will be presented to a participant for a scratch (natural) 300 game or 800 series.

In the case of ties medals will be awarded to all eligible participants.

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 a 5-minute practice session allowed prior to resuming the game/series upon request of bowlers.

12. Slow Bowling: The tournament officials shall not allow unreasonable delays 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 the 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.

Dated: 09/06/2023