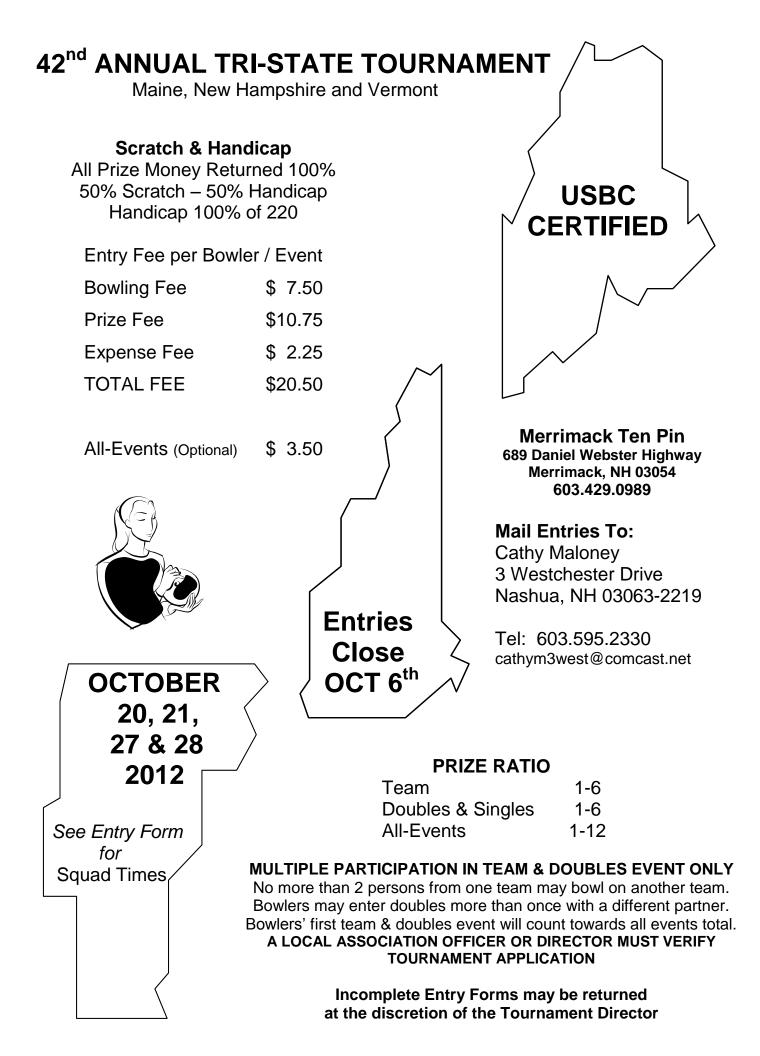
2012 TRI-STATE TOURNAMENT RULES

- 1. The tournament shall be USBC Certified for women members of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont USBC associations. Incomplete entry forms may be returned at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- 2. All USBC rules and regulations shall govern this tournament.
- 3. This tournament shall consist of 4-women team, doubles and singles events. Three consecutive games shall be bowled in each event. All-Events are optional.
- 4. Entrants shall use her highest league average in USBC certified league from the previous 2011/2012 winter and 2012 summer seasons provided she has bowled 21 games or more. If an entrant has no previous winter/summer average she shall use her highest current average of 21 games or more as of October 13, 2012. Composite averages equivalent to 21 games will be accepted. All others will bowl <u>SCRATCH</u>. It is the bowlers' responsibility to provide average verification to the Tournament Director prior to competition. The entrant shall use her highest certified league average whether established as a regular or a substitute member. USBC rules 319A-2, 319D, and 319E will not apply. USBC rule 319A-3 will apply.
- 5. Tournament dates are October 20, 21, 27, and 28, 2012. Entries close October 6, 2012. All entries postmarked the first business day following the closing date will be accepted.
- 6. An estimated prize list will be posted at the beginning of the tournament.
- 7. The tournament will be scratch and handicap events, including all-events with equal prize distribution. Handicap will be 100% of the difference between 220 and the entrant's entering average.
- 8. Bowlers may enter the team event as many times as they wish, not more than two (2) players on one team may place more than once in the prize list in the team event position standings. Bowlers may enter doubles more than once with different partner. Scores bowled in the first of each event shall count toward all-events. Bowlers are not required to bowl both doubles and singles.
- 9. Substitutions are allowed when a replacement is necessary. The tournament director must be notified (1) hour prior to scheduled bowling time.
- 10. Lineup will be the same as shown on entry form.
- 11. Entries will be scheduled daily according to requests, if possible, and order received with priority given to distance. All lanes will be assigned. After schedule is posted no changes will be made except in the case of an emergency. Confirmation of scheduled times will be sent to the team captains.
- 12. Any player or team arriving after the game has started will be allowed to bowl and scores will count beginning with the frame then being bowled. No score will be given for missed frames. No absentee score will be permitted and bowlers must bowl on the same lanes and at the same time as her team bowls.
- 13. Check in for tournament is forty-five (45) minutes prior to scheduled time.
- 14. Any protest affecting eligibility or general playing rules must be confirmed in writing and filed with tournament director, prior to the payment of tournament prizes. Rule 329 will apply.
- 15. If a tie occurs for first place scratch or handicap, co-champions will be declared. If a tie occurs in any position, prize money will be combined and divided equally. This applies to both scratch and handicap.
- 16. Prize ratio: Team, Doubles, and Singles pay one (1) in six (6) entries. All-Events pay off will be one (1) in twelve (12). All prize money is returned 100%, 50% scratch and 50% handicap. Any entrant qualifying for scratch and handicap awards will be awarded the prize of greater value, unless the prizes are of equal value, in which case <u>Scratch</u> will prevail.
- 17. All prize monies must be distributed within thirty (30) days of the close of the tournament except when USBC has authorized delay in payment pending the settlement of any claim or protest which affects position standing.
- 18. The executive board of the Tri-State Tournament shall decide any questions not covered by these rules. The board shall have the power to hear and act upon all protests, arising from or under the construction of the rules of the 2012 Tri-State tournament.
- 19. No open bowling will be allowed on assigned tournament lanes.
- 20. After an entry has been received and the dates assigned by the tournament director, and are not refused, and the tournament schedule has been set, no entry fees will be refunded.
- 21. The lanes will be oiled and dressed at least prior to 1st squad.



<u>Tournament</u>	Office Use Only
Entry #	
Date Rec'd	

Amount Rec'd _____

Please send only one (1) check payable to: **Tri-State Tournament RETURN CHECK FEE: \$30.00**

TEAM EVENT

TEAM NAME

CAPTAIN

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE EMAIL (Print)

Saturday Oct. 20 & 27, 2012 12:00 pm () Sunday Oct. 21 & 28, 2012 9:00 am () *4 Women Event – List in Bowling Order – X indicates first time Tri-State Participant

USBC #	Avg	X	Name *	Address	A-E

DOUBLES EVENT

Saturday Oct. 20 & 27, 2012 12:00 pm () 3:00 pm () Sunday Oct. 21 & 28, 2012 9:00 am () 12:00 pm () *2 Women Event – List in Bowling Order – X indicates first time Tri-State Participant

USBC #	Avg	X	Name *	Address

SINGLES EVENT

Saturday Oct. 20 & 27, 2012 1:30 pm () 4:30 pm ()

Sunday Oct. 21 & 28, 2012 10:30 am () 1:30 pm ()

USBC #	Avg	Name *	Address

I certify that the above bowlers are a member of USBC in good standing and that the averages listed are accurate.

Association Manager/Director – Circle One