



67th

U.S. OPEN

COLORADO QUALIFYING RULES

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** Participation in BPAA U.S. Open qualifiers is open to any bowler who is USBC certified or pays the USBC participation fee. The State Association hosting a qualifier may invoke a residency requirement if they so choose. If a bowler should win more than one State Championship, they will advance to the National Finals from the state in which they accumulated the highest tournament average.
 - a) Any PBA member who has an Exempt Status with PBA is not eligible to bowl in State/Center qualifiers or enter direct through BPAA.
2. **DIRECT ENTRY:** If an entry is purchased through BPAA or any BPAA Member Center/State Association as a direct entry to the U.S. Open tournament, the bowler must carry an average of 190 or better.
3. Any BPAA entrant competing in a local or state BPAA U.S. Open qualifying event who wins a spot in the national U. S. Open Tournament but does not participate in this event for any reason, forfeits the spot in the national finals and any expense money which he was to receive. The next person in the standings will receive the spot and any expense money. Expense money is given at the discretion of the state tournament director and is not guaranteed as a condition of advancement.
4. The **COLORADO U.S. OPEN** qualifier format will not be less than eight (8) games and may be more at the discretion of the local tournament director. All qualifiers must be run in BPAA member centers. The qualifier must be concluded and results communicated to BPAA by January 22, 2010 for the event or bowlers will be ineligible to advance.
5. The Tournament Director, at the state/local level, reserves the right to reject any entry, prior to bowling, with the return of the entry fee.
6. The Tournament Director, at the state/local level, will determine all matters not covered by these rules and regulations and all decisions will be final unless an appeal is filed in accordance with USBC Rules.
7. **LUMBER LIQUIDATORS 67TH U.S. OPEN** will be conducted in accordance with the general playing rules of the Professional Bowlers Association.
8. **FORMAT: ROUND 1** - All contestants bowl eight (8) games and the top twelve bowlers advance to round 2. **ROUND 2** - Top twelve bowlers bowl four (4) more games with the top four bowlers advancing to round 3. **ROUND 3** - Top four bowlers bowl one (1) game, 1 vs 4 and 2 vs 3 with the winners advancing to round 4. **ROUND 4** - The two winners of round 3 bowl one (1) game to determine the champion.
9. **TIES:** A one game roll-off will determine the bowler who will advance to the next round.
10. **PRIZES:** The prize ratio will be one for five. Published prize list is based on 50 entries.
PRIZE FUND RETURNED 100%
11. **ENTRY CLOSING DATE:** All entries will close at the beginning of Round one or 10:00 A.M. Sunday November 22, 2009.
12. **ENTRY FEE:** \$125 dollars per contestant. **(Credit cards accepted for an additional \$5.00 dollar processing fee)**
13. **COLORADO U.S. OPEN** Qualifying Tournament will be USBC certified.
14. BPAA Qualifier participants are informed that the U.S. Open tournament or portions thereof may be photographed, broadcast, recorded, televised, or otherwise exhibited to the public and they hereby consent and agree thereto and (a) to use and the license of others to use their respective likeness and biographical materials, alone or with others, in any photograph, sketch, motion picture, video tape recording, broadcast, rebroadcast or other exhibition or reproduction or, any publicly or promotion concerning the tournament, or any part thereof and any advertising, publicly or promotion thereof; (b) to give interviews to be broadcast or included in a motion picture or video tape, in whole or in part for use in any publicity or promotion concerning the tournament or any part thereof; (c) to release all rights title, and interest they or any of them have or may have hereafter in or to all or any part of any photograph, recording, broadcast, rebroadcast or any other exhibition or reproduction of the tournament or any advertisement, publicity or promotion thereof, including but not limited to any part thereof in which their respective names, voices, likeness, biographical materials or interviews are used hereby waiving forever any claim or right to compensation or other consideration on account of any such use, exhibition or reproduction.
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