

NYS USBC WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS RULES

- A. The Women's Championship Bowling Tournament of the NYS USBC shall be held each year at a location as determined by the association in compliance with the provisions of the NYS USBC Inc. bylaws and rules.
- B. The tournament shall consist of a four-woman team event, a doubles event, a singles event and all-events.
- C. Entries shall close approximately 30 days prior to the opening of the tournament. Entries shall not be accepted after the closing date except those postmarked the first post office business day after the entry closing date.
- D. The four-woman team, two-woman doubles and the individual entry bowling the highest total pins (NOTE: In Division I, it is the scratch total, in all other divisions, it is handicap total) shall be declared the champions of such event

1. ENTRANTS

- Must be a member of USBC, the NYS USBC and a local association within the state (see specifics on entry form).
- Have a current USBC associate membership card (can be purchased on site)
- Have a current USBC Intercollegiate Division membership card
- May enter and participate THREE TIMES in any event as follows: Not more than two (2) players on one team can place more than once in the prize list (changing two players per team). (2) In doubles event, you must change partners in order to cash more than once (3) In Singles (highest score) and All Events (first appearance) bowlers can only cash once. (4) Scores bowled by ineligible player(s) will be disqualified
- Unmarried students under the age of 18 years must furnish a signed consent form before bowling
- Physically Disabled bowlers must report the need of special aids in writing when entry is submitted

2. PROFESSIONAL BOWLERS

Women who identify themselves as, or who are members, or who apply for membership in any professional bowling organization shall be eligible for participation as follows;

- No more than two such players on a four-woman team lineup
- No more than one such player on a two-woman team lineup
- Eligible to enter singles and all events
- Failure to comply with the above rules means disqualification in the tournament

3. ENTRY FEES

- Fees must be remitted by certified or personal check or bank draft payable to NYS USBC and must accompany the entry form(s). Once entry is processed, there is no refund of fees
- Fee for ALL EVENTS (total of all three events bowled) must be made at the time of entry in all three events or submitted with one event and then bowling as a substitute in the other event for the all events category.
SCORES IN FIRST APPEARANCE IN EACH EVENT COUNT TOWARDS ALL EVENTS TOTAL.

4. AVERAGES

Entrants shall use their highest USBC certified league average, as a regular or a substitute bowler in the following order:

- The end of the previous winter season, 21 games or more
- The end of the current summer season, 21 games or more
- Opening date of the tournament, 21 games or more
- All others will bowl using a 190 entering average
MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN VERIFICATION FROM LOCAL ASSOCIATION IF NOT IN DATABASE FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE Note: Ref Playing Rules Book. 319a Q&A, Chapter 6, pg. 84 regarding average rule for two handed averages

The following also apply to the AVERAGE rule:

- PLEASE NOTE THAT USBC RULES 319a-2&3, RULE 319c AND 319d WILL APPLY. THE 10-PIN RULE WILL BE IN EFFECT (AS OF APRIL 1, 2017).
- All averages not published on bowl.com must be certified by the local association manager or designate representative of which the entrants are members thereof
- All bowlers are responsible for the correct reporting of averages (rule 319a).

5. RESERVATIONS AND SCHEDULING

Reservations may be made up to Nov. 1st for any weekend. Closing date for submitting completed entry forms with full fees is Dec. 1st. If not received, reservations are subject to cancellation

- All entries are scheduled on a first-come, first-serve basis
- In order to be scheduled at the same time, teams doubling together must submit entries together
- The singles event is bowled immediately following the doubles event
Two sets of doubles will be placed on a pair of lanes (in some cases, three sets of doubles per pair will be allowed). When there are two sets of doubles, each set starts on opposite lanes and partner follows.

BOWLING LINEUP

- Players will bowl in the order listed on the entry form. No changes can be made in the lineup
 - The first game of a series shall start on the lane scheduled. Succeeding games shall be started on the lane on which a team finished the preceding game
6. PACERS
- Pacers are not permitted. If bowling alone, each player must complete a frame on one lane before the lead off starts to bowl the next frame on the adjoining lanes.
7. SUBSTITUTES
- Must be reported to the office at least two hours prior to the scheduled bowling time
 - Average must be verified and classification changed if necessary
 - Must take the place of the original entrant
 - Can be made in case of emergency and the score goes to the original bowler if it is not a completed game in the team and doubles events only.
 - In doubles event, only one sub will be allowed unless otherwise ruled by a tournament official
 - In the singles event, only for just cause, if the series has not started
 - Will NOT be required to reimburse the original entrant and are entitled to any prize money won
 - An all-events entry can be transferred if the transfer is made before either of the bowlers involved have participated in any event of the tournament
8. TARDY BOWLERS
- Any bowler who arrived after a game has started will be permitted to bowl, her score will count beginning with the frame then being bowled and no score for frames missed. If a bowler is late in doubles, the other player bowls her singles first. If partner has not arrived by the time she completes her singles, that bowler may bowl her doubles to qualify for all events
9. BOWLING EQUIPMENT AND CHANGING DELIVERY
- Each entrant must have a bowling ball for her individual use in the tournament
 - A bowler must use the same hand to deliver her ball throughout the tournament unless due to injury she seeks the permission of a tournament official to use the other hand to continue bowling
 - Penalty for violation is disqualification in the event and loss of entry
10. APPEAL/PROTEST
- A protest involving eligibility or playing rules must be confirmed in writing to a NYS USBC official or USBC before the tournament prize payments are made
 - Tournament games cannot be re-bowled except as authorized by tournament manager when scores are irretrievably lost in the scoring process
 - Protest must be submitted in writing within 24 hours after the games have been played with the rounds for appeal or protest stated
 - The NYS USBC Board of Directors shall have the power to hear and act on dispute, complaints or protests relating to the tournament. Decisions are final except when an appeal is made to USBC
11. ATTIRE
- All bowlers are requested to wear suitable attire when participating in the NYS USBC Women's Championship Tournament. Dress slacks or skirts preferred. No "SHORT" shorts allowed
12. PRIZE RATIO, TIES, CO-CHAMPION
- At least one prize for each six entries or major fraction there of in team, doubles & singles and all-events
- In case of a tie in any event, co-champions are declared and duplicate awards given
 - In case of ALL other ties, monetary prizes will be divided equally
13. TOURNAMENT CLASSIFICATION AND FEES:
- In team, doubles and singles events the entry fee is \$30 per bowler, per event in Div. I and \$25 per bowler in Divs. II & III and all events fees are \$10 in Div. I, and \$5 in Divs. II & III.
- 4-Woman Team Event – Div I - 760 & Over (Scratch); Div. II - 759-600 (Hdcp.); Div. III - 599 & under (Hdcp.)
 - 2 Woman Doubles Event – Div I - 380 & over (Scratch); Div. II - 379-300 (Hdcp.); Div. III - 299 & under (Hdcp.)
 - Singles Events /All Events – Div. I - 190 & over (Scratch); Div II - 189-150 (Hdcp.); Div. III - 149 & under (Hdcp.)