

PENNSYLVANIA STATE USBC SENIOR TOURNAMENT RULES

1. All entries and competition in this tournament must be in accordance with the rules and regulations of the United States Bowling Congress and the PA State USBC.
2. Each entrant must be a member of a USBC Association served by the PA State USBC. Participants not in possession of a current USBC card at check-in must purchase membership prior to competing or will be subject to disqualification.
3. Entrants must have attained the age of 50 as of the opening date of this tournament. This date will determine age categories.
4. This tournament consists of an Open team event; an Open and a Women's Minor Event (Doubles and Singles must bowl both first time); and an Open and Women's optional 6 game and 9 game All Events. Bowlers must enter the 6 game All Events before entering the 9 game All Events. First scores bowled in Team, Doubles and Singles counts towards all-events totals.
5. Multiple participation is permitted in each event. Two players must be changed to cash more than once in the team event. In doubles bowlers can only cash once with same partner. Singles and All Events can only cash once.
6. No more than two participants on a 4-man Team may be members of a professional bowling organization on or after January 1, 2022, and through the date of participation. Likewise, no more than one participant of this fashion may compete on a Doubles team.
7. Substitutions will be allowed, provided they meet the eligibility requirements. Substitutes will bowl in the position of the original bowler.
8. AVERAGES: Entrants shall use their highest USBC previous season's winter league average, 21 games or more. If no winter league average, entrant may use highest previous summer league average, 21 games or more. If no previous winter or summer league average, entrant shall use their current highest USBC league average of 12 games or more as of time of bowling. All others will bowl scratch. It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average in this tournament, whether originally submitted by the bowler, team captain or others. Failure to use the proper average or make a correction prior to the completion of the first game of a series shall disqualify score. USBC rule 319A-3 & 319A-4 applies to all entrants. Participants are cautioned to be familiar with USBC Rule 319 C (average adjustment.) The ten-pin increase rule (319E) does not apply. All bowlers must comply with rule 319(D)- Must report winnings of \$300.00 or more in any event, total combined prize winnings of \$500 or more in any one tournament, total combined prize winnings of \$1000.00 or more in all tournaments within the past 12 months.
9. HANDICAPS for each event shall be 100% of the difference between entering average and 660 Singles, 1320 Doubles, and 2640 Team. Handicaps will be computed on three game series.
10. PRIZES The prize ratio is 1 in 5 for Team, Doubles and Singles. The prize ratio is 1 in 8 for All Events. Prizes will be returned 50% scratch and 50% handicap. If the score qualifies for both handicap and scratch, prize of greater value will be awarded. If the score qualifies for the same value, the scratch prize will be awarded. Prize fees returned 100%. In the event of first place tie, duplicate awards will be issued.
11. Walk-ins are permitted in Teams, Doubles and Singles providing lanes are available. Sign up one hour prior to squad time. Bowler may enter any or all of the events.
12. Bowlers are asked to check-in 30 minutes prior to scheduled squad time with their current or temporary USBC membership cards.
13. No practice on any scheduled tournament lanes for that day.
14. Lane assignments for each event of this tournament shall be made by tournament management.
15. An individual sponsoring 14 sets of minor events on same weekend will be reimbursed for his or her entry fee for minor events.
16. All decisions of the tournament manager/on-site tournament manager are final unless an appeal is made in accordance with USBC Rule 329.
17. Overpayments of \$5.00 or less will not be refunded.
18. Failure to comply with the above rules shall result in disqualification and forfeiture of entry fees and prize money.

Note - 6 game Handicap All-Event winner in the Open and Women's Divisions in each age class will be invited to represent the Pennsylvania State USBC at the USBC National Senior Championship Tournament. In case of a tie the highest actual score will determine the winner, if still tied the highest actual series will be used. To be eligible must have paid the All-Events Fee.

Pennsylvania State USBC Tournaments will follow all Covid-19 guidelines in affect at time of tournament.