

PA STATE USBC WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT RULES

1. The annual PA State USBC Women's Championship Tournament will be for female members only. Must be a member of USBC and a local association served by the PA State USBC.
2. This tournament shall be governed by the rules and regulations of USBC and the PA State USBC.
3. HANDICAPS for each event shall be 100% of the difference between entering average and 660 scratch singles, 1320 scratch doubles and 2640 scratch team. Handicaps will be computed on three game series.
4. Entry Fee: The entry fee shall be \$26.00 per event. \$12.00 shall be allocated to the prize fund and \$14.00 for the cost of bowling and tournament expenses. There will be an optional All Events. The entry fee shall be \$5.00 per bowler and must be paid prior to bowling your first event. \$4.50 shall be allocated to the prize fund and \$0.50 for tournament expenses. Allocation of the prize list in each event will be 75% to handicap and 25% to Scratch. Only those paying the optional fee shall be eligible for prize money in All-Events but all entrants bowling in the three events, qualify for the All-Events Championship Award. Teams and individuals shall be eligible for only one prize in each event, that being the highest prize.
5. Entry fees in full must accompany each entry. Advance reservations will only be held until November 1. Entry closing date is one hour prior to the last squad. Walk-in entries are permitted. Entry fees shall be paid by money order, cashier's check or personal check (one personal check per entry/entries), payable to the Pennsylvania State USBC. A \$35.00 service fee will be charged for all returned checks.
6. Entry fees shall not be refunded except when PA State USBC Women's Tournament Director notifies an entrant of dates and times assigned and a refusal has been received by PA State USBC Women's Tournament Director within 15 days of the date of notice. No change will be made in the entrant's scheduled date and time except in case of emergency and must be approved by the Tournament Director.
7. The games to be played shall be the games of American ten-pins, and shall consist of a four-woman Team event, a Doubles event and a Singles event. Entrants in the Doubles event must also enter the Singles event and vice-versa. Bowlers may enter multiple times in team, doubles and singles. Two team players must change in order to cash. Doubles partners must change in order to cash. Singles and all events can only cash once. In all cases, a bowler's first score in each event shall count toward all events.
8. AVERAGES: Entrants shall use their highest USBC previous season's winter or summer league average of 21 games or more. If no previous winter or summer league average, entrant shall use her current highest USBC league average as of March 1st of 21 games or more. An entrant without a 21 game average as of March 1st shall use her current highest USBC league average for 12 games or more as of April 1st. If none of the above applies, an entrant must enter the tournament with a scratch average of 220. **If, at the time of bowling, entrant's current average is 10 or more pins higher than the entering average, the higher average must be used. USBC Rule 319A-2 applies to all entrants.**
9. 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 their scores. USBC Rule 319A-3 & 319A-4 applies to all entrants.
10. No more than two participants on a 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.
11. Entrants shall bowl in the same order as listed on the entry form. No rearranging of the lineup will be permitted. **Entrants shall check-in 30 minutes prior to squad time.** If a replacement is needed on each of two Doubles teams, the two entrants present will be paired together.
12. Substitute(s) shall be allowed in each event (Team, Doubles and Singles) provided they meet the eligibility requirements. A substitute shall take the place in the lineup of the original entrant.
 - a. A substitute will not be required to reimburse the original entrant with the entry fee paid nor shall the substitute be expected to give the original entrant any prize money or awards she may have won.
 - b. A verification of average as requested under Rule #8 shall be furnished for a substitute(s).
 - c. The captain shall notify the Tournament Director, or her assistant(s) of all substitutions, at least one (1) hour before the scheduled time of bowling.
13. Bowlers **must** have their USBC membership card available when checking in. The current Associate Membership fee will be charged if you do not have your USBC card.
14. Awards will be presented to winners in each event for scratch and handicap. In the event of a tie, duplicate award(s) will be presented. In the event of a tie for first place in any event, co-championships will be declared. (Prize monies shall be combined and divided equally.) Prize ratio for Team, Doubles and Singles will be at least 1 in 5, and for All-Events it will be at least 1 in 8.
15. Prize winnings for previous 12 months must be reported if they are \$600.00 or more in any event. USBC Rule 319D applies to all entrants regardless of average.
16. No practice on any scheduled tournament lanes for that day.
17. Entrants in the PA State USBC Women's Championship Tournament do so at their own risk of personal injury. The PA State USBC shall not be liable for loss to personal property or personal injury received by a participant during travel to and from the annual PA State USBC Women's Tournament.
18. Improper conduct during the course of your competition shall be cause for disqualification of score in that event.
19. All decisions of the tournament director/on-site tournament manager are final unless an appeal is made in accordance with USBC rule 329.
20. DRESS CODE: Entrants are required to wear suitable attire. Attire that is not suitable – halter tops, bare midriffs, workout attire, spaghetti strap tops, short shorts, short skirts/skorts, any shirts with offensive language/pictures. Entrants will be required to change if wearing any of the above.
21. Individual overpayments of \$5.00 or less will not be refunded.
22. Failure to comply with the above rules shall result in disqualification of scores.

PARENTAL CONSENT RULE

Unmarried grade school and high school students under the age of 18 must have written consent of parent or guardian before participating in this tournament. Such consent must be on file at least one week before participation, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. In which case the consent form may be filed prior to bowling. Form can be found on bowl.com

COVID-19

The PA State USBC Women's Tournament will follow all COVID-19 guidelines in affect at time of competition.