## **IMPORTANT TOURNAMENT RULES**

## **TEAM CAPTAINS — PLEASE REVIEW BEFORE COMPLETING ENTRY FORM**

- 1. This tournament will be open to all female members of any local USBC chartered association in the state of Missouri and will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the United States Bowling Congress. Non-members of the USBC who reside in the jurisdiction of these associations who are not members of another state association can become eligible by the purchase of a full USBC membership (online purchase through bowl.com is encouraged). A USBC member who resides in the jurisdiction of these associations but IS a member of another state association can become eligible by paying the appropriate state and local dues for the association hosting this event at the time of entry. A USBC member who is a non-resident of Missouri and a non-member of a Missouri local association may participate in the tournament by paying the appropriate local and state dues for the association hosting the event at the time of entry, but only one such bowler may be on a team roster, and such bowler must be on a team roster in order to be eligible for doubles and singles events.
  - a. Bowlers may bowl twice in each actual event in the tournament. Teams may cash twice by changing one player. Bowlers may cash twice in Doubles by changing one player. Bowlers may cash twice in Singles. All-Events is a virtual event, and a bowler's first series in each actual event will count towards any All-Events entry.
  - b. Not more than two PBA/PWBA players on a four-person team and not more than one such player in a doubles pair.
- 2. All entrants will be handicapped 80% of the difference between their highest certified league average and 220 for singles, 440 for doubles, and 880 for team. All averages must be established in a USBC certified league and will be used in the following order:
  - a. Previous season's highest (standard or adjusted sport/ challenge) for 21 games or more in any association area. This includes those established in USBC Youth competition.
  - b. If no previous season average, the entrant's highest current average as of January 1, 2025, based on 21 games or more.
     (MUST SUPPLY INDIVIDUAL BOWLER RECORD OR LEAGUE STANDING SHEET WITH AVERAGE ON JANUARY 1, 2025).
  - c. If neither of the above, use the highest current season average at the time of participation, based on 21 games or more.
    (MUST BRING AN INDIVIDUAL BOWLER RECORD, CURRENT LEAGUE STANDING SHEET, or provide the ability to check averages on the internet AT THE TIME OF BOWLING).
  - d. If none of the above, bowler will bowl scratch at 220.
- LATE ENTRY: Allowed subject to availability of lanes up to one day before squad. Money order or cash only accepted for fees. Late fee of \$5 per person will be assessed for entries postmarked or submitted after February 8, 2025.
- 4. USBC Rule 319a3 will apply. Rule 319a2 does not apply (10-pin rule).
- 5. DIVISION CLASSIFICATIONS: Division 1: Team 600 and up, Doubles 300 and up, Singles and All-Events 150 and up. Division 2: Team 599 and below, Doubles 299 and below, Singles and All-Events 149 and below.
- 6. ENTRY FEE: Each event is \$30 per person per event. (Doubles is one event, Singles is a separate event—must enter both.) All-Events Handicapped is an additional \$5 per person: entry optional. All-Events Scratch is an additional \$10 per person: entry optional. ALL FEES MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY FORM.
- 7. SUBSTITUTES will take the position of the bowler replaced and no rearranging of the line-up will be made. Substitutes MUST have written verification of average (SEE RULE 2.) All substitutions should be made at least ONE HOUR prior to squad time. All financial arrangements will be the responsibility of the substitute and the original entrant. Prize

winnings will be issued to the actual bowler in each event. MOUSBC will not furnish bowlers for teams or doubles.

- NO refunds will be made after schedule is accepted. Schedule will be considered accepted unless refused within ten days of postmarked or emailed confirmation. Please ensure email address is correct.
- 9. Pacers will not be allowed.
- 10. DOUBLES entries must be complete 2 or 4 women.
- TEAMS wishing to cross lanes shall submit entry forms and fees in the same envelope along with <u>WRITTEN REQUEST</u> to cross lanes and a <u>NOTATION</u> on each entry form also stating request.
- RESERVATIONS will be accepted and encouraged. Full fees and completed entry forms must be forwarded to the MOUSBC Women's Tournament Director on or before January 11, 2025.
- 13. We reserve the right to cancel squads and move entries with insufficient entries on squads.
- 14. TEAM captain will collect her team members' USBC cards and check in ONE HOUR before squad time at Team Event. Doubles partners will check in together at least ONE HOUR before squad time at the Doubles/ Singles event.
- 15. BOWLERS are asked to wear suitable attire when participating in this tournament. Skirts and slacks are preferred. Short shorts ARE NOT considered suitable attire.
- 16. Teams or individuals failing to appear at their scheduled time to bowl may start in their regular turn, coinciding with the rest of the squad at the discretion of the Tournament Director. Those who do not show, forfeit their place and entry fees. Any player or team arriving late shall begin play with the score counting beginning with the frame then being bowled.
- 17. Any entrant appearing at her scheduled time of bowling who appears to be under the influence of intoxicating liquors or drugs, or any entrant who willfully delays the normal progress of the game, or any entrant whose conduct on the lanes is considered objectionable, shall be removed immediately from the lanes and tournament, whether a qualified substitute is available or not.
- 18. Violation of USBC or tournament rules will result in disqualification. Decisions of the Tournament Director will be final. Appeals will be directed to the MOUSBC Tournament Committee. USBC Rules Department will be final authority.
- A tournament game or frame(s) within a game irretrievably lost in the scoring process may be re-bowled at a time set by the Tournament Committee.

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