

NEBRASKA USBC ASSOCIATION, INC.
WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT
Tournament rules and information

CAPTAIN: Please send missing national ID numbers and average verifications as soon as possible. It is the responsibility of each bowler in all divisions to see that her average is verified before the time of bowling. Entrants without a verified average will be assigned an average of 220. Membership cards will not be verified at check-in if the tournament director has verified sanctions prior to check-in. If membership cannot be verified, a USBC association membership card must be purchased at the tournament site at a cost of \$25.

All team members must be at the center one hour prior to your scheduled team squad time.

Doubles entrants need to check in with their partner 45 minutes prior to their scheduled squad time.

The tournament is USBC certified and consist of a 4-woman team event, doubles event, singles event and optional handicap all events in each of the four divisions. There is only one division in the scratch all events and scratch singles. The game of American Tenpins will be played.

Optional handicap all events champion in each division will be determined by the highest nine game total bowled in team, doubles, and singles, regardless of whether she paid the optional all events fee. If the champion did not pay the fee, she will only be entitled to the award; the prize money will be awarded to the bowler who paid the fee and bowled the highest all events score in that division.

Doubles and singles will be bowled on one pair of lanes.

A bowler may bowl the team event twice if you change at least 2 members and can bowl doubles/singles twice if you change partners. You must also bowl singles twice, but can only cash one time. Entrants in the doubles event must also enter the singles event and vice versa. Entrants must bowl in the order listed on the entry form. If bowling team and doubles/singles two times the score from the first event bowled will be used for "All Events". Scores bowled by an ineligible player will be disqualified.

1. Eligibility: Entrant must be a female member of an adult local Nebraska association, Nebraska USBC and USBC or have a current USBC associate membership card.

2. Handicap: Handicap shall be computed on the basis of 90% of 880 for team, 440 for doubles and 220 for singles.

3. Parental Consent: Unmarried grade and high school students under the age of 18 must furnish written consent on the USBC parental consent form. The form must be on file with tournament management at least one week before participation when the youth is unaccompanied by her parent or guardian. If accompanied by the parent or guardian the consent form must be submitted prior to participation. Failure to file the form will cause her to be ineligible and subject games bowled to forfeiture or disqualification. Form is available on bowl.com.

4. Entry Fee: All Divisions - \$30 per person per event. Optional Handicap All Events - \$5. Optional Scratch Singles and Scratch All Events - \$10 each. No partial fees will be accepted. Fees for one person in the doubles/singles events does not constitute full fees and will not be scheduled.. Entrants bowling doubles event are automatically entered in the singles event and both must be paid. It is a combined event and doubles cannot be scheduled without singles and vice versa. A fee of \$30 will be charged on all returned checks.

All Events and Scratch Singles will be accepted at check in, as long as you pay the \$5.00 Handicap All Events Fee, the \$10 Scratch All Events fee or the \$10 Scratch Singles prior to bowling any event. **To enter the Scratch All Events, a bowler must also enter the Handicap All Events.**

5. Refunds: The Nebraska USBC Women's Tournament Director will refund entrants fees at their discretion or when entrant dates and times assigned and a refusal has been received by Nebraska USBC in writing within 10 days of the date of the confirmation notice.

6. Divisions	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Division 4
Team	720 and above	600-719	525-599	524 and below
Doubles	360 and above	300-359	260-299	259 and below
Singles	180 and above	150-179	130-149	129 and below
All Events	180 and above	150-179	130-149	129 and below

*****There will only be one division for Scratch Singles and one division for Scratch All Events.*****

7. Average Requirements: Entrants must use their highest average in a USBC sanctioned league whether bowled as a regular or substitute in the following order:

- a. Previous winter season ending average. 21 or more games. Book averages are accepted as final.
- b. If no previous winter season ending average, use previous December 31 average, with 21 games or more
- c. If none of the above, use current average of 12 games or more on the day you bowl in the tournament.
- d. If none of the above, use the previous summer season average, 21 games or more.
- e. Bowlers who do not meet any of the above requirements shall be automatically entered with a 220 average.

Averages need no verification if they have been submitted to USBC or yearbook provided to Nebraska USBC.

8. Substitutes:

- a. Will be allowed in any event.
- b. Will take the place in the lineup of the original entrant.
- c. A substitute's average may change the division.
- d. Are not required to reimburse the entry fee paid by the original entrant.
- e. Are entitled to all prize winnings.
- f. Captains must notify the tournament office of substitutes 1 hour prior to scheduled bowling time.
- g. Paid optional all events are not transferable, unless the substitute replaces the original entrant in all the events which the original entrant was scheduled.
- h. In case of an emergency after a game has started, a substitute, if available, is allowed in the team and doubles event only. The scores bowled will remain under the original entrant name. If no substitute is available, only the actual score of the frames bowled shall count.

9. Prize Money and Awards: All prize money paid into each event or division shall be returned to the participants in that event or division. Where replacements or corrections of averages require a change of classification, prizes will be distributed to reflect the actual number of participants in the event or division of the event. **Prizes are paid for handicap scores, with at least one prize for each seven entries in team, doubles, and singles; at least one prize for each ten entries in the handicap all events, scratch all events and scratch singles.** In the event of a tie in any event, co-champions will be declared and prize money will be divided equally.

Awards will be awarded to all handicap division winners and to the scratch singles and scratch all events winners.

Nebraska USBC shall mail prize checks to the captain within 30 days after the end of the tournament, unless an extension has been granted. The team captain shall in turn distribute them within 30 days of receipt (USBC Rule 304)

10. Appeals, Protests, and Tournament Authority: Any appeal or protest concerning scoring must be made in writing and submitted to Nebraska USBC not later than 24 hours after the game has been played. Any other protest must be filed in accordance with USBC Rule 39. The Board of Directors of the Nebraska USBC Association, Inc. shall have power to hear and act on all protests arising from or under construction of the rules of the Nebraska state association tournament.

Any entry, which includes a person who falls into one or more of the following categories, shall subject all involved to disciplinary action, as well as immediate forfeiture of their team and/or doubles/singles entry, as the case may be:

- a. Bowling under an assumed name.
- b. Bowling under the name of another entrant who was scheduled in the tournament and is unable to attend.
- c. Individual bowling under suspension from USBC membership.
- d. Misrepresenting an average to gain an unfair advantage.

Tournament management has the authority to make decisions regarding anything not covered by these rules.

11. Attire: Entrants are expected to wear suitable attire. Use good judgment when selecting the appropriate attire. Clothing with derogatory, offensive or suggestive language will not be permitted. Examples of prohibited attire include but are not limited to: hats (medical reasons only), tank tops, halter tops, bare midriffs, spaghetti strap tops, workout attire (sweats, yoga pants, etc.), short shorts, short skirts short culottes, bib overalls, cutoffs, **jeans with numerous holes**, or torn jeans that are not neat, clean or in good condition. Bowlers will be required to change if attire is deemed inappropriate by tournament management or designee. Tournament management or designee decision will be final.

12. Teams Bowling Together: Teams wishing to cross lanes (bowl together) must mark the entry appropriately and submit them in one envelope. Nebraska USBC does not guarantee the doubles and singles events will be scheduled together.

13. Each entrant must have a USBC approved bowling ball for her individual use in the tournament.

Other Rules:

- a. Teams and/or individual arriving late shall begin play and the scores will count beginning with the frame then being bowled. Entrant will receive a zero for all frames missed.
- b. If an entrant is late for the doubles event, the entrant present will bowl her singles event first. If her partner has not arrived by the time the singles event is completed and a substitute is not found, the entrant present will be permitted to bowl in the doubles event to qualify for all events.
- c. In the event a team is unopposed on a pair of lanes, each frame shall be completed on one lane before the next frame is started on the adjoining lane. This rule shall apply to doubles and singles events also. Pacers shall not be permitted in the tournament.
- d. Tournament games cannot be re-bowled, except as authorized by the tournament manager when scores are irretrievably lost in the scoring process.
- e. No bowler or scorer may eat, drink or smoke within the area reserved for bowling and scoring. Only scorer and the scheduled bowlers are allowed in the bowling area. Flagrant disrespect of tournament rules or misconduct by a participant may be cause for disqualification at the discretion of the tournament manager.
- f. The use of such substances as aristol, talcum powder, pumice, rosin, etc. on shoes or the use of soft rubber soles and heels that rub off and in any manner alter the normal conditions of the approach, is strictly prohibited.
- g. All cell phones and electronic equipment must be turned off once competition has begun. **No earbuds on the lanes while bowling.**
- h. PRIORITY POLICY applies to entries from outside a 125-mile radius of tournament city. Entries processed on FIRST COME/FIRST SERVED basis.
- i. **Groups:** Groups of three or more teams wanting to be scheduled together may call for reserved space. These must be paid by October 15.

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO MOVE ENTRIES IF SHIFTS CANNOT BE FILLED.

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