

1. ELIGIBILITY

All bowlers must be members of a MN State USBC Association.

Eligible non-members within the jurisdiction of the MN State USBC Association may participate in this tournament by purchasing an USBC Associate Membership (\$4.00) prior to competition.

Failure to have membership shall result in disqualification and forfeiture of all prize winnings.

2. AVERAGES

All certified averages will be used as per the following:

A. Highest **CURRENT** standard average as of March 1, 2023 (minimum of **15** games)

B. If no standard average, highest current adjusted Sport League average as of March 1, 2023

C. All others will use a 210 scratch average.

Please provide a copy of the standing sheet for verification with all entries.

3. ENTRY FEES

**Handicap Team, Doubles & Singles
\$27.50 per Person per Event**

Prize Fee - \$12.00 Lineage - \$11.00; Expense Fee - \$4.50

Handicap All Events \$6.00 (\$5.50 prize, \$.50 expense fee)

**Optional Scratch Events - Doubles, Singles, AE, Team
\$6.00/person per event (\$5.50 prize, \$.50 expense fee)**

4. PAYBACK RATIOS

All prize money will be returned 100% as follows: Handicap Team, Doubles, Singles – 1:4 ratio
Handicap All Events – 1:10 ratio
Optional Scratch Events – 1:10 ratio

5. DIVISIONS

Event	<u>DIV 1</u>	<u>DIV 2</u>	<u>DIV 3</u>	<u>DIV 4</u>
Team	740 & Over	600-739	480-599	479 & Under
Doubles	370 & Over	300-369	240-299	239 & Under
Singles	185 & Over	150-184	120-149	119 & Under

HANDICAP

90% of the difference between the team average and 840, doubles 90% of the difference of team average of 420 and singles 90% of 210.

6. PARTICIPATION

Team Event – A bowler may enter the Four Person Events three times. Team rosters may NOT have more than two of the same players on a 4 person team.

Bowler’s first score in the Team Event shall be used for their All Events. USBC Rule 322b applies to absentee scores.

Doubles– Bowlers may only participate in Doubles once. Bowler’s first score in the Doubles Event shall be used for their All Events.

Singles- A bowler may only participate in Singles once. Bowler’s first score in the Singles Event shall be used for their All Events.

7. SUBSTITUTIONS

Bowlers failing to appear at scheduled times and are unable to be rescheduled will forfeit their entry fees. Credit card handling fees will not be returned

8. OPTIONAL EVENTS

A. **HANDICAP ALL EVENTS**- Girls and Boys

The \$6.00 entry fee must accompany entry form.

B. **SCRATCH EVENTS**

The \$6.00 per person per event entry fee must accompany entry form. Prizes will be based on ACTUAL scores.

9. AWARDS

The Actual & Handicap Champions, and a guest for each, in each event in each division will receive Awards and Dinners at the Banquet of Champions.

The bowlers in 1st place for each division will receive plaques, medals will be awarded to 2nd & 3rd place per division.

Scholarships will also be awarded to the winners for the following based on **FIRST Team Event**:

- *Gert Finke Scholarship: will be awarded to one girl and one boy in each division for an actual High Game and actual High Series. High Series takes precedents over High Game and the bowler qualifies for only one award. Top 5 for girls and boys.
- *Dawn Crowson Scholarship: will be awarded to one girl and one boy in each division for high game and high series based on individual handicap. High Series takes precedents over High Game and the bowler qualifies for only one award. Top 5 for girls and boys.
- Jamie Tischer Scholarship: will be awarded one boy and one girl in each division who bowls the most pins over their average for their **TEAM** series.

10. OTHER ITEMS

Any tournament game or frame(s) irretrievably lost due to the malfunction of an automatic scorer may be re-bowled, upon approval of tournament management.

Violation of any USBC or tournament rules will result in forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings.

-All Scholarships are deposited in MN State USBC Association SMART Program #8699

-Proper attire must be worn. No tank tops, crop tops, abbreviated shirts, revealing attire and hats or caps. -- Tournament director will make final decisions on all attire.

-All rules not covered will be covered by the USBC Playing Rules.

NO ENTRY FEES WILL BE REFUNDED AFTER RECEIPT.

The MN State USBC Association will be responsible for refund of entry fees only in the event the tournament is prematurely terminated due to causes beyond its control. Prizes will be pro-rated based on the number of participants that have bowled as of that date.