

Reservation holders MUST remit entry form and fees by Jan. 18, 2024, to GUARANTEE your 2024 reservation. After Jan. 18, 2024, first come, first served, depending on availability. Entry fees paid after Apr. 8, 2024, must be paid by credit card, money order or cashiers check. All fees must be paid at least 3 weeks before date of competition.

Deadline for receipt of entries is Sunday, April 21, 2024, unless tournament is extended.

1. ELIGIBILITY

All bowlers must be ADULT members of the MN State USBC and a Local MN USBC Association.

Eligible non-members within the jurisdiction of the MN State USBC Association may participate in this tournament by purchasing a USBC Associate Membership prior to competition.

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

2. AVERAGES

Highest Standard League Average Shall Be Used If No Standard Average, Adjusted Sport/Challenge Average Will Be Used. If No Standard League or Adjusted Sports/Challenge Average, the bowler will use scratch 230 average. (No composite averages used)

All certified averages will be used as per the following:

A Highest **2022-23** average, minimum of **21** games.

B Highest current league average, as of the **BOWLER'S FIRST** date of competition, minimum of **21** games.

If due to an injury, a bowler has established a current season's average by using the opposite hand that was used to establish the previous season's average, the current season's average may be used if the procedures in USBC Rule 4E are adhered to.

Rule 319(a)(c)(e) WILL BE in effect.

Rule 319(d) WILL NOT BE in effect.

CURRENT AVERAGE 10 PIN RULE IS IN EFFECT!

If a bowler has 21 games in the current season and is averaging 10 pins or higher than last season average, current season average must be used.

Bowlers are responsible for verifying their own average, whether submitted by the bowler, the team captain, or others. If the submitted average is lower than required and results in a lower classification or more handicap, the bowlers score is disqualified. If the submitted average is higher than required, prize winnings will be based on the submitted average. Average corrections can be made up to the end of the first game of a series. Or, if an extension has been granted in writing by tournament management before the end of the first game of a series, the correction can be made within 48 hours after the end of the series. If a bowler's average has ever been re-rated, bowler MUST report the re-rate if higher than current average.

3. ENTRY FEES

Handicap Team, Doubles & Singles

\$31.00 per Person per Event

Prize Fee - \$15.50 Lineage - \$12.00 Expense Fee - \$3.50

Handicap All Events \$5.00 - Handicap Seniors \$5.00

Optional Scratch Events - Team, Doubles, Singles, AE

\$5.00 per Person per Event

4. PAYBACK RATIOS

All prize money will be returned 100% as follows:

Handicap Team, Doubles, Singles – 1 for 4

Handicap All Events – 1 for 10

Optional Scratch, and Senior Events – 1 for 8

5. DIVISIONS / SCRATCH / HANDICAP

Event	DIV 1	DIV 2	Scratch
	Average	Average	
5 Person Team	945 & Over	944 & Under	1150
Doubles	378 & Over	377 & Under	460
Singles	189 & over	188 & Under	230
All Events	189 & over	188 & Under	230

HANDICAP 90% Handicap – No Limit

6. PARTICIPATION

Team Event – A bowler may bowl the team event twice.

Team rosters may NOT have more than

Three of the same players on a 5-person team.

Bowler's score in the 1st Team Event bowled shall be used for their All Events.

Doubles & Singles – Bowlers may participate **ONLY ONCE**.

Bowlers must bowl in both Doubles & Singles.

Doubles will be bowled first followed by Singles.

If one bowler is late for the doubles event, the bowler present will bowl their singles first. If the partner has not arrived when the singles have completed and a qualified substitute is not available, the bowler may compete in the doubles alone to qualify for all events.

All six games will be bowled on the SAME PAIR OF LANES.

PBA/PWBA Members - A maximum of 2 PBA/PWBA members may bowl on the same 5-person team. A maximum of 1 PBA/PWBA member may bowl on a doubles team. Members are considered a PBA/PWBA member until 1 year removed from having their card.

7. SUBSTITUTIONS

Lineups as submitted on entry blank must be adhered to.

A substitute must bowl in the position vacated. Scores bowled through the efforts of more than one person will not qualify for any special individual awards.

Bowlers failing to appear at scheduled times and are unable to be rescheduled will forfeit their entry fees.

8. OPTIONAL EVENTS

A. HANDICAP ALL EVENTS

The \$5.00 entry fee must be paid prior to an entrant's first participation in the tournament.

B. SCRATCH and OPTIONAL EVENTS

The \$5.00 per person per event entry fee must be paid prior to the entrant's first participation in the tournament. Prizes will be based on ACTUAL scores for scratch events.

C. BRACKETS

Individual Handicap Brackets will be conducted in each of the bowled events. Portion of proceeds to BVL and Cancer Research.

D. OPTIONAL SENIORS (Age 50+ at time of participation)

Payout based on 1st team series score bowled with handicap. **Fee MUST be paid before bowling team event.**

9. AWARDS

The Actual & Handicap Champions, and a guest for each event entered in each division (Team, Doubles, Singles, All-Events, plus Beyer and Hengen awards, will receive Awards and Dinners at the Banquet of Champions.

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.

The use of bowling ball cleaning agents is prohibited after the start of competition. Bowling ball surfaces cannot be altered during tournament play. The dry towel only rule is in effect.

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. When two establishments are used, only the events involved will be terminated. Prizes will be pro-rated based on the number of participants that have bowled as of that date. Credit card fees will not be returned.