

Reservation holders **MUST** remit entry form and fees by **November 30, 2023** to **GUARANTEE** your 2024 reservation. After Nov. 30, 2023, first come first served, depending on availability. Entry fees paid after March 15, 2024 **must** be paid by credit card. **All fees must be paid at least 2 weeks before date of competition.**

Deadline for entries, SUNDAY APRIL 14, 2024.

1. ELIGIBILITY

All bowlers must be ADULT FEMALE members of the MN State 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 an 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 The Adjusted Sports/Challenge Average Will Be Used. If No Standard League or Adjusted Sports/Challenge Average the bowler will use scratch 210 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 **12** 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)(d)(e) WILL BE in effect.

CURRENT AVERAGE 10 PIN RULE IS IN EFFECT!

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

Bowlers are responsible for verifying their own average, whether submitted by the bowler, captain or others. If the submitted average is lower than required and results in a lower classification on 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 a 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 been re-rated in the past 2 years, bowler **MUST** report the re-rate.

3. ENTRY FEES

Handicap Team, Doubles & Singles

\$28.00 per Person per Event

Prize Fee - \$11.50, Lineage & Expense Fees - \$15.50

Special Achievement Awards/Pins - \$ 1.00

Handicap All Events \$5.00

Handicap Seniors \$5.00 Handicap 600 - \$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, 600 and Senior Event – 1 for 5

5. DIVISIONS / SCRATCH / HANDICAP

	<u>DIV 1</u>	<u>DIV 2</u>	<u>DIV 3</u>	
Event	Average	Average	Average	Scratch
4 Person Team	620 & Over	537 – 619	536 & under	840
Doubles	310 & Over	269 - 309	268 & Under	420
Singles	155 & over	135 - 154	134 & Under	210
All Events	155 & over	135 - 154	134 & Under	210
HANDICAP 90% Handicap – No Limit				

Bowling Attire – No halter/spaghetti strap/tank tops. No short shorts/skirts, skirts, daisy duke shorts. No profane language/images on attire or in team name.

6. PARTICIPATION

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

Team rosters may NOT have more than two of the same players on a 4 person team. Bowler's first score in the 1st Team Event 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 the Singles.

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

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

PWBA Members - A maximum of 2 PWBA members may bowl on the same 4 person team. A maximum of 1 PWBA member may bowl on a doubles pair. Member is considered a 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 accompany entry form.

B. SCRATCH EVENTS

The \$5.00 per person per event entry fee must accompany entry form. Prizes will be based on ACTUAL scores.

Doubles entries remain with Entry # & Pair # regardless of substitutions.

C. BRACKETS

Individual Handicap Brackets will be conducted in each of the Events. Portion of proceeds to Cancer Research.

D. HANDICAP 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.**

E. HANDICAP 600

- All entrants MUST have previously bowled an actual 600 series in a USBC-certified league or tournament. Payout based on singles series with handicap.

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. In the event of tournament cancellation, payout based on current standing, cash prizes, no banquet. The bowler having the Highest Actual All Events Total will receive an award and a paid entry into the USBC Queen's Tournament - provided she meets the entry requirements.

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.

Dry towel Rule 18 in effect. The use of bowling ball cleaning agents is prohibited after start of competition. Bowling ball surfaces cannot be altered during tournament play.

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.