

PENNSYLVANIA STATE USBC SENIOR TOURNAMENT RULES

1. ELIGIBILITY

- This tournament is certified by the USBC and governed by the rules and regulations of USBC and the PA State USBC.
- Each entrant must be a member of the USBC and of a local Association served by the State and must have attained the age of 50 by the opening date of this tournament.
- Appropriate USBC membership must be verified prior to bowling. Participants who are not in possession of a current USBC membership card must purchase an associate membership prior to competing or will be subject to disqualification.
- No more than two participants on a team may be members of a professional bowling organization on or after January 1, and through the date of participation. Likewise, no more than one participant of this fashion may compete on a doubles team.

2. EVENTS

- Tournament consists
 - Four (4) person Open Team event
 - Open Doubles and a Women's Doubles event
 - Open Singles and Women's Singles event
 - Open and Women's optional six (6) game All Events (Doubles and Singles). First scores in an event count toward totals. Women must choose between Open or Women's Division
 - Open and Women's optional nine (9) game All Events (Team, Doubles and Singles). Bowlers must enter the 6 game All Events before entering the 9 game All Events. First scores in an event count toward totals. Women must choose between Open or Women's Division
 - Bowlers must enter Doubles and Singles (both events) first time through.

3. HANDICAP

- HANDICAP for each event shall be 100% of the difference between entering average and 690 scratch for Singles, 1380 scratch for Doubles, and 2760 scratch for Team. Handicaps will be computed on three game series.

4. AVERAGES

- Entrants shall use their highest USBC previous season's winter league average, 21 games or more. If there is no winter league average, an entrant may use the highest previous summer league average, 21 games or more. If there no previous season winter or summer league average, entrants shall use their current highest USBC league average as of the time of bowling of 12 games or more. **ALL OTHERS BOWL SCRATCH (230).**
- The ten (10) pin provision of rule 319A-2 does not apply.
- It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average in this tournament, whether originally submitted by the bowler, team captain or others. Failure to use the proper average or make a correction prior to the completion of the first game of a series shall disqualify their score. USBC rule 319A-3 & 319A-4 applies to all entrants.
- USBC Rule 319C, Average Adjustments & 319D Reporting of Prior Prize Winnings applies to all entrants and must be reported.

5. ENTRY FEES AND ENTRY

- Entry fees in full must accompany each entry filed. Advance reservations will be held only until September 15. The entry closing date shall be one hour prior to the final squad. Walk-in entries shall be permitted. Entry fees shall be made payable to the **Pennsylvania State USBC**. A \$35 service will be charged for all returned checks.
- Entry fees shall not be refunded except when PA State USBC Senior Tournament Director notifies an entrant of dates and times assigned and a refusal has been received by PA State USBC Senior Tournament Director within 15 days of the date of notice. No change will be made in the entrant's scheduled date and time except in case of emergency and must be approved by the Tournament Director.
- An individual sponsoring 14 sets of minor events on the same weekend will be reimbursed for his/her entry fee for minor events.
- Individual overpayments of \$5.00 or less will not be refunded.
- Order of bowling shall be as designated on the entry form. Bowlers should register at least thirty minutes prior to their squad time.

6. MULTIPLE ENTRY

- Bowlers may enter multiple times in the team, doubles and singles events. No more than two players on the same team can place more than once in the prize list for position standings, no player may cash more than once in doubles with the same partner. A bowler may cash only once in single. In all cases a bowlers first score (including substitutions) in each event shall count toward all events. **Multiple participation is allowed; however, bowlers may only bowl with one team, or one doubles set per squad.**

7. SUBSTITUTIONS

- Substitutions will be allowed, provided they meet the eligibility requirements. Substitutes will bowl in the position of the original bowler.
- A substitute will not be required to reimburse the original entrant with the entry fee paid nor shall the substitute be expected to give the original entrant any prize money or awards they may have won.
- The captain shall notify the Tournament Director, or his assistant(s) of all substitutions, at least one (1) hour before the scheduled time of bowling.

8. PRIZES AND AWARDS

- PRIZE FEES shall be paid 100% in cash prizes. Only those entrants who pay the \$10.00 entry fee, qualify for participation in either of the All-Events prize fund but all entrants bowling in these events qualify for the All-Events Championship Award. Teams and individuals shall be eligible for only one prize in each event, that being the highest prize.
- The prize ratio is 1 in 5 for team, doubles and singles. The prize ratio is 1 in 8 for all events. Prizes will be returned 50% scratch and 50% handicap. If the score qualifies for both handicap and scratch, prize of greater value will be awarded. If the score qualifies for the same value, the scratch prize will be awarded.
- Awards of the same type and quality will be awarded to scratch and handicap champions in each event.
- In the event of a tie for first place in any event co-champions shall be declared. Prize monies shall be combined and divided equally.

9. CONDUCT & DRESS CODE

- CONDUCT — if bowler appears intoxicated, uses loud or inappropriate language, or conduct which delays the competition the tournament director will have the right to disqualify and or remove the bowler from the center while tournament is in progress.
- DRESS CODE - Entrants are required to wear suitable attire. All shirts and blouses must cover the shoulders. Attire that is not suitable – bare midriffs, workout attire, short shorts, short skirts/skorts any clothing with offensive language/images.

10. OTHER

- No practice on any scheduled tournament lanes for that day.
- Tournament Management shall schedule tournament lanes for each event of this tournament.
- Bowlers from the local and designated adjoining local associations may be scheduled Saturday mornings and Sunday the last two squads except in emergencies.
- Entrants in the PA State USBC Senior Tournament do so at their own risk of personal injury. The PA State USBC shall not be liable for loss to personal property or personal injury received by a participant during travel to and from the annual PA State USBC Senior Tournament.
- All decisions of the Tournament Director / on-site Tournament Manager are final unless an appeal is made in accordance with USBC rule 329.
- Failure to comply with the above rules shall result in disqualification of scores.

Note - 6 game Handicap All-Event winner in the Open and Women's Divisions in each age category will be invited to represent the Pennsylvania State USBC at the USBC National Senior Championship Tournament. **IMPORTANT – USBC has updated their rule for determining participants age category. The age category will be based on the participants age as of July 1, 2026.** This could mean you are the All-Events winner in your age category in this tournament but not the representative invited to the USBC National Senior Tournament. In case of a tie the highest actual score will determine the winner, if still tied the highest actual series will be used. To be eligible must have paid the 6-Game All-Events Fee.