

Reservation holders must remit entry form and fees by October 15th to **GUARANTEE** reservation. After Oct. 15, 2016, first come first served, depending on availability. Entry fees paid after March 15, 2017 must be paid by credit card. All fees must be paid at least 2 weeks before date of competition.

Deadline for entries, SUNDAY APRIL 22, 2017.

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 (No Composite Averages)

All certified averages will be used as per the following:

A Highest **2015-16** average, minimum of **21** games.

B Highest current league average, as of the **BOWLER'S FIRST** date of competition, minimum of **12** games.

C All others will use a 210 scratch average.

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!

When the previous season's average is used and an entrant has an average as of the **BOWLER'S FIRST Date of Competition**, for **21** games or more, that is **10 pins** or more higher than the previous season's average, the average as of that date must 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
\$25.00 per Person per Event**

Prize Fee - \$11.00 Lineage - \$10.00; Expense Fee - \$3.00
Special Achievement Awards/Pins - \$1.00

**Handicap All Events \$4.00 – 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 5

5. DIVISIONS / SCRATCH / HANDICAP

Event		DIV 1		DIV 2	
		Average	Average	Scratch	
4 Person Team	Team Avg.	581 & Over	580 & Under	840	
Doubles	Team Avg.	291 & Over	290 & Under	420	
Singles	Ind. Avg.	146 & Over	145 & Under	210	
All Events	Ind. Avg.	146 & Over	145 & Under	210	

HANDICAP 90% Handicap – No Limit

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 three games in BOTH events will be bowled on the SAME PAIR OF LANES.

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 \$4.00 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.

D. HANDICAP SENIORS (Age 55+ at time of participation)

Payout will be 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, in each event in each division will receive Awards and Dinners at the Banquet of Champions.

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.

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.