

The 2014-15 Madison (USBC) WBA Queens Tournament is an individually handicapped USBC certified women's tournament limited to 45 participants.

1. The Queens Tournament is open to any Madison (USBC) WBA member with an average of 170 or higher.
  - a. Exception: Anyone having competed in the previous Madison Queens Tournament whose average has dropped below 170 will be grandfathered for the following 3 years; however they must use a 170 average.
  - b. Participants must use their highest 2013-14 USBC book average. If they don't have 2013-14 average then use their highest current 2014-15 season average as of December 15<sup>th</sup> (minimum of 21 games) will be used.
  - c. Participants averaging less than 170 in 2013-14 but now meets the minimum average requirement of 170 in 2014-15 season (minimum of 21 games), a certified average from their league secretary as of December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 must be submitted with entry form.
  - d. The ten pin rule (319a) (2) will be in affect
2. Handicap will be based on 90% of 220. If over 220 you will bowl scratch.
3. All USBC rules and regulations shall govern this tournament along with specific rules as approved by the Madison (USBC) WBA Board of Directors
4. Flash pictures and cell phone use is prohibited during tournament play.
5. The Madison (USBC) WBA has the entrant's unqualified permission for use of her photograph for publicity purposes.
6. Dress code for participants will consist of solid colored slacks, jeans shorts skirts, or skorts with a **collared** shirt. Name on back of shirt is encouraged but not required. Shorts, skirts or skorts are allowable if they are of appropriate length (length must meet fingertips at sides while standing tall). No distressed, ripped, frayed, torn or otherwise compromised clothing will be allowed. Tournament Director has final say. No refunds will be provided for failure to meet dress code
7. Entry fee is \$30.00 if received by Jan 10, 2015. Walk in registration fee will be \$35.00 (\$5.00 sur charge added to prize fund).
8. All paid entries will be accepted on a first come basis until the squad is full. (see rule #1) A waiting list will be created if the maximum number of entries is received. Entries received that are placed on the waiting list will be returned after the conclusion of the tournament if not permitted to bowl.
9. Substitutions will be allowed with Tournament Director pre-approval. If an entrant is unable to bowl due to unusual and/or compelling reasons, requests for refund s must be directed to the Tournament Committee no later than 1 hour prior to start of tournament. Tournament Director reserves the final approval/disapproval of any refund requests based on Tournament Committee input.
10. Prize money is returned 100%
11. First place guaranteed \$100.00
12. Entrants shall report to the tournament office 30 minutes prior to squad time. It is the right of the Tournament Director to replace any entrant(s) not registered 15 minutes prior to scheduled squad time.
13. Lanes and positions will be assigned by the MWBA office.
14. The qualifying round will consist of 3 games with each game being bowled on a different pair og assigned lanes.
15. Bowlers will be allowed 10 minutes of practice only on their starting pair.
16. The top qualifiers will move into single elimination brackets. The number of qualifiers for match play bracket6s will be announced the day of the tournament based on number of entries.
17. The bracket rounds will consist of one game match play elimination using pro-format. The highest seeded player chooses the lanes they wish to bowl on and which lane they wish to end on. Qualifiers will be allowed 2 practice balls on each lane. Following matches will be bowl allowed only practice ball on each lane. If tournament has a bye a practice pair will be added.
18. Bracket positions will be determined by qualifying score with handicap. If a tie exists for qualifying positioned, a coin flip will determine the higher seed except for the final qualifying position. If a tie exists for the final qualifying positions, then a 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll-off with handicap will determine the final qualifying position
19. Once in match play all ties will be broken immediately by a 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll-off with 2/10 handicap.
20. Bowlers will draw for starting lane positions in case of a tie.
21. Should a tie exist after a roll-off additional 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll-off with handicap will be bowled until the tie is broken. Bowler will maintain their position on the lanes.
22. The Tournament Director retains the right to cancel the tournament due to inadequate entries, inclement weather, or in the event of other uncontrollable situations which may cause undue hardship.

*The tournament director shall have the authority to decide any other matters pertaining to the operation of the tournament not covered by the above rules*