

## TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Entry will be open to members sanctioned thru the Madison USBC Women's Bowling Association. All entrants must use their highest USBC book average. USBC Rules shall govern this tournament.
2. **The tournament shall consist of a 4-person team event, doubles, singles and all events. Three consecutive games shall be bowled in** each event and the total pins shall decide the winner. The total of 9 games bowled shall determine the all events winners in each division. Bowlers may enter more than once in team event provided no more than 2 bowlers from a 4-person team, may bowl together with another 4-person team. Scores from first team event bowled to count for all events. Enter ONLY ONCE in doubles and singles. You must enter both events.
3. Entrants shall use their **highest USBC book average** as of August 2014(21 games or more). If no average for the past season, use **highest USBC book average** as of August 2014(21 games or more). If a bowler ONLY has an established summer league average, which will be used (21 games or more). If no average for prior 2 seasons, bowler will be considered a new bowler. NEW BOWLERS MUST USE HIGHEST LEAGUE AVERAGE AFTER 21 GAMES. AN ENTRANT WITHOUT A 21 GAME AVERAGE SHALL BE PERMITTED TO BOWL USING HER HIGHEST CURRENT LEAGUE AVERAGE FOR AT LEAST 12 GAMES AS OF Dec.31, 2014, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE TOURNAMENT MANAGER. ALL NEW BOWLERS MUST SUBMIT AVERAGE VERIFICATION FROM LEAGUE SECRETARY TO THE TOURNAMENT MANAGER. NO BOWLER WILL BE ACCEPTED WITH LESS THAN A 12 GAME AVERAGE AS OF Dec 31,2014  
The 10-pin rule (319a) (2) will be in effect.
4. No fees will be returned after entries close. Entry fees should be paid by check or money order, payable to the MADISON USBC WBA. Complete entry fee must accompany entry.
5. Substitutions are allowed when a replacement is necessary. The tournament manager must be advised of substitutions at least one hour before the scheduled bowling time, if possible. There will be no re-arrangement of doubles partners under any circumstances. PAID "ALL EVENTS" ARE TRANSFERABLE IF THE SUBSTITUTE REPLACES THE ORIGINAL ENTRANT IN ALL 3 EVENTS AND THE TRANSFER IS MADE BY THE TOURNAMENT MANAGER PRIOR TO TIME OF SUBSTITUTES' PARTICIPATION IN ANY EVENT. All subs will qualify for prize money.
6. The line-up will be the same as shown on the entry form. Substitutes will assume the position of the replaced bowler.
7. Entries will be scheduled according to requests, if possible, and in the order they are received. The schedule will not be changed by the tournament manager except for emergency. Lanes will be assigned by the tournament manager for each event. Teams will stay on same lanes for each 3 games series. Doubles will be bowled on the lanes assigned. For singles event, you will move to the next assigned pair of lanes.
8. Any player or team arriving after the game has started will be allowed to bowl and the score(s) will count beginning in the frame then being bowled. Zero score will be given for frames missed. In the event a team is unopposed on a pair of lanes, each frame shall be completed on one lane before the next frame is started on the adjoining lane. This rule shall apply to doubles and singles events also. Pacers shall not be allowed.
9. Singles are bowled immediately following doubles. If one bowler is late for the doubles event, the entrant present may bowl her singles event first. If her partner has not arrived by the time the singles event is finished, and a substitute is not available, she will be permitted to bowl her game in the doubles event in order to qualify for "all events".
10. In the team event, the captain checks in the entire team ½ hour prior to the scheduled bowling time. All bowlers in doubles/singles events must check in with the tournament office ½ hour prior to bowling time. (Refer to rule No. 7 if there are substitutions).
11. Any protest affecting eligibility or general playing rules must be confirmed in writing to the tournament manager before the tournament prize payments are made. Errors in scoring must be reported to the tournament manager within 24 hours.
12. Co-champions will be declared in case of tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place in any event with 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place prize money divided equally and duplicate medals awarded.
13. Prize money paid into each event and division will be returned to the winners in that event only. Prize money will be paid for handicap scores only. Medals to be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> place team in each division-handicap. Medals will be awarded to winners in doubles and single in each division-handicap. Medals will be awarded to all events winner in each division-handicap whether entered in all events or not.
14. No practicing on tournament lanes the day of tournament play, however, 10 minute practice will be allowed prior to squad time. No food or beverage will be allowed in the playing area. No resin, powder or foreign substance will be allowed on lanes, runways or for use on a bowler's shoe. Violation of any of these rules may result in disqualification or forfeiture.
15. Official scorers will be furnished by the Madison USBC WBA.
16. Tournament games will not be re-bowled except as authorized by a tournament official when scores are irretrievably lost from an automatic scoring device.
17. The Board of Directors of the Madison USBC WBA shall decide any questions not covered by these tournament rules, and the Board shall have the power to hear and act on all protests covering the tournament.