

2024 TOURNAMENT RULES

1. The event is a USBC Sanctioned, One Classification-Handicap Tournament consisting of a four (4) woman team event, a doubles event, and a singles event.
2. The entry fee shall be \$30.00 per person for each event, \$5.00 per person for Optional All Events Handicap and \$6.00 per person for Optional All Events Scratch. Entry fee must be submitted with entry form. Entry fee shall not be refunded except when MS STATE USBC notifies an entrant of dates and times assigned and a refusal has been received by MS STATE USBC WITHIN 15 DAYS OF THE DATE OF NOTICE. **INCOMPLETE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED... Please include note if you prefer to bowl on the same lanes with any other team or doubles entries.**
3. All entrants must be a female member of MS STATE USBC and a MS Local Association.
4. An entrant shall use her highest sanctioned 2022-23 winter average (summer, if no winter) with minimum 21 games (travel League included). If no 2022-23 average, use highest sanctioned average as of January, 1, 2024 (minimum 21 games). Any entrant who has not established a 21-game average as of January 1, 2024 will use highest current season average (minimum 21 games) as of tournament opening date, subject to approval of the tournament manager. All others shall bowl scratch. USBC Rules 319a-2, 319d and 319e do not apply; but 319a-3 does apply. **ALL WINNERS' AVERAGES ARE SUBJECT TO VERIFICATION.**
5. Handicap will be based on 90% of 210.
6. The format to be played shall be the game of American tenpins. Three (3) consecutive games shall be bowled in each event and total pins and handicap shall decide the winner. The sum of nine (9) games bowled shall determine the all events handicap and the all events scratch winner. **MAY ENTER A SECOND TEAM EVENT PROVIDED 2 MEMBERS ARE CHANGED; MAY BOWL A SECOND DOUBLES EVENT PROVIDED 1 MEMBER IS CHANGED; MAY BOWL A SECOND SINGLES EVENT BUT ONLY ALLOWED TO PLACE ONCE. FIRST TEAM, DOUBLES AND SINGLES BOWLED WILL COUNT TOWARD ALL EVENTS (NOTE: SUBSTITUTE SCORES BOWLED PRIOR TO PAID ENTRY WILL COUNT TOWARD ALL EVENTS).** **Doubles and Singles are run as one squad. If you enter Doubles, you must enter Singles and vice versa. Doubles are bowled first.**
7. Teams and individuals must check in **30 minutes** before their scheduled time.
8. If possible, substitutes must present themselves to the tournament official at least **ONE HOUR** before scheduled to bowl and their average must be verified. A substitute shall take the place in the lineup of the original entrant. 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 trophy she may win UNLESS a verbal or written agreement between parties involved is reached prior to the event. UNLESS substitute replaces original entrant in all three events, and the transfer is made by the tournament manager or her assistant(s) prior to the substitutes' participation in any event, PAID ALL EVENTS ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE.
9. **Entries will close April 8, 2024**
10. Overpayment of entry fees will be refunded in cash upon check-in. Prize checks will be sent to the team captain within 30 days after the close of the tournament.
11. Errors in scoring must be reported in writing within 24 hours after games are bowled in order to be corrected.
12. **All remittances MUST be made to: MS STATE USBC RETURNED CHECK FEE - \$30.00**
13. Any player or team arriving late shall begin play and score shall count beginning within the frame then being bowled.
14. Confirmation of scheduled bowling time and date will be mailed or e-mailed to team captains only. Participants in double and singles events only will likewise be notified.
15. **DRESS CODE: SUITABLE ATTIRE IS EXPECTED (NO HATS-(MEDICAL REASONS ONLY), NO TANK TOPS, HALTER TOPS, SPAGHETTI STRAP TOPS, ETC., NO SHORT SHORTS, SHORT SKIRTS, WORKOUT ATTIRE, ETC.)** **Tournament management decision will be final.**
16. The Board of Directors of the MS STATE USBC shall have power to hear and act on all protests arising from or under construction of the rules of the MS STATE USBC Women's State Tournament.
17. In case of a tie for first place in any event, co-champions will be declared and presented duplicate awards and prize money. In case of any ties occurring in each event, extra prize money has been allocated per tournament prize list for bowlers' participating in such ties to receive duplicate prizes. **ALL PRIZE MONEY WILL BE RETURNED 100%.**
18. One prize for each 5 entries for Team, Doubles and Singles and one prize for each 10 entries in All Events.
19. All other USBC rules and regulations will govern this tournament.