

DOUBLES TOURNAMENT RULES

1. **COVID:** All state regulations will be followed.
2. **FORMAT:** League format – 3 games per event.
3. **ELIGIBILITY:** This tournament is open to all USBC Adult (18+) female members who observe the USBC rules. Bowlers not sanctioned in the Northern Delaware USBC Association will be required to pay Local Dues (\$6 Local / \$1 Delaware State) **prior to the tournament.**
4. **OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT AVERAGE:** Bowlers are responsible for verifying their own average. Failure to use the proper average or make a correction PRIOR to the completion of the first game bowled, will result in disqualification. (USBC Rule 319) Average to be used in this tournament will be determined in the following order:
 - a. Highest 2022-2023 USBC Final Average of 21 or more games. (This includes Summer & Converted Averages). If no 2022-2023 average,
 - b. Your highest 2023-24 season average with at least 21 games, as of December 29, 2023. (A league-standing sheet must be attached). If bowler has neither “a” or “b”, then
 - c. Bowler will bowl scratch with an average of 220.
 - d. USBC Rule 319 (a, item 2) (10 pins higher) will not be in effect for this tournament.
5. **HANDICAP:** Handicap for all events is based on 100% of the difference of the bowler’s average and 220. Doubles event will have one division. Optional Handicap Singles will have two divisions, Division 1, 161 & Over, Division 2, 160 & under. Optional Senior Handicap Singles will have one division.
6. **MULTIPLE ENTRIES:** Multiple entries are permitted for Doubles and Optional Singles events. One member of the team must be different. A bowler may cash multiple times in doubles event only.
7. **CHECK IN:** All bowlers must report, prepared to bowl, at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the squad. Only the bowlers and the scorers are permitted in the bowling enclosure area. A bowler arriving late will be allowed to bowl. Her score is to start with the frame in which she is ready to bowl, receiving a zero for any missed frames.
8. **REFUNDS & RESCHEDULING:** NO refunds will be permitted after squad is confirmed. However, in the event of an emergency, we will reschedule if possible.
9. **SUBSTITUTIONS:** List bowlers in order in which they are to bowl. Substitutes must bowl in the position vacated by the original entrant. A substitute will not be required to reimburse the entry fee paid not shall the substitute be expected to give the original entrant any prize money she may win.
10. **PROTESTS and RIGHT TO REFUSE:** The tournament manager and/or tournament supervisor will handle all protests. Tournament manager has the authority to accept or reject any entrant. All appeals will be handled in accordance with USBC Rule 329. Any appeal or protest concerning scoring shall be made in writing to the Tournament Manager and must be submitted no later than 24 hours after the game has been played, briefly stating the grounds for appeal or protest. The action of the Board of Directors shall be final.
11. **ENTRY FEES:** Doubles Event, \$35/bowler. Optional Events, \$10 per optional event/bowler. The prize fund will be returned 100% with a ratio of at least 1:5 for each event. LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE CLOSE DATE IF SPOTS ARE AVAILABLE. Any checks that are returned will be subjected to a \$45 NSF fee.
 - a. **Lineage:** \$15.75
 - b. **Expenses:** \$2.25
 - c. **Prize Fund:** \$22.00
12. **AWARDS:** All awards are based on handicap score in each event. Prize fund will be returned 100% at a ratio of a minimum of 1:5 for each event.
13. **TIES:** In the event of a tie for first place in any category, co-champions will be declared, and additional awards will be given.
14. The acceptance of this entry by the Tournament Director constitutes an agreement by all entrants to abide by all rules and regulations prescribed by the USBC and the Tournament committee.
15. **DRESS CODE:** This is the NDUSBCA Women’s Tournament and should be respected as such. Please dress appropriately.
16. **PRIZE CHECKS NOT CASHED WITHIN 60 DAYS OF ISSUE WILL BE NULL AND VOID.**