

# 2023 COLORADO STATE USBC WOMEN'S CLASSIFIED HANDICAP TOURNAMENT RULES AND INFORMATION

CALL (719) 252-3971 FOR EARLY RESERVATIONS UNTIL MARCH 12, 2023. ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE PAID BY MARCH 16, 2023.

- DRESS CODE** - All entrants must wear suitable attire when participating in the tournament. **ACCEPTABLE:** slacks, jeans, capris (no holes). All "formal wear" shorts, skirts or skorts **MUST BE KNEE LENGTH**. Collar or collarless shirts with sleeves. Hats will be approved for medical reason only! **UNACCEPTABLE:** Athletic or workout attire of any kind including leggings and yoga pants, halter tops, tank tops, spaghetti straps etc. No hats or electronic devices can be worn during competition. Smoking of electronic cigarettes or vapor devices in the center while bowling will NOT be ALLOWED. Tournament management decision will be final.
- BALL CLEANING** - After the entrant begins competition, the outer surface of the ball may only be cleaned with a dry towel. Non-compliance may result in loss of use of that ball for the remainder of the competition.
- ELIGIBILITY**- To be eligible to bowl in the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual State Women's Classified Tournament, a woman bowler must be a current member of USBC, Colorado State USBC, and a Local Association. **NO ONE UNDER THE AGE OF 18 CAN BOWL IN THIS TOURNAMENT!!**
- ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS** – Multiple participation is allowed in the team event, however no more than 2 members from one team may participate together on another team. Entrants may bowl only once in the Doubles and Singles event (must enter both doubles & singles) which will be bowled on the same pair of lanes. No rearranging of Doubles partners. Singles event will follow immediately after the Doubles event. The first scores bowled in the team event will be used for all events totals. **SCRATCH TEAM & ALL-EVENTS ENTRIES WILL BE GROUPED INTO ONE CLASS.**
- ALL EVENTS** - To qualify for the **OPTIONAL ALL EVENTS** an entrant must pay fees and be entered in all 3 events: TEAM, DOUBLES AND SINGLES. Total pin fall for the nine games shall constitute the All Events total. If bowling more than one team, the bowler's first team event will count for all-events.
- AVERAGES - USE HIGHEST 2021-2022 USBC certified league AVERAGE OF 21 GAMES OR MORE.** A bowler without a 2021-2022 average may use their highest 2022-2023 USBC certified league average of 21 games or more as of April 15, 2023. Members who wish to bowl in the tournament and are unable to meet any of the above requirements shall use their highest current USBC verified average of at least 21 games or more as of the date of participation. If the bowler does not have a 21-game current USBC average, she may enter and will use an assigned 220 average. We reserve the right to use your composite average on bowl.com. Rule 319a-3 will apply if an incorrect average is reported. Attach a league standing sheet for verification of any current average.
- USBC RULE 319a, PARAGRAPH 2 (10 PIN RULE) DOES APPLY.** If entrant's average of 21 games or more as of April 15, 2023, is 10 pins higher than her 2021-2022 USBC certified league average, the entrant will use the highest average.
- HANDICAP – WILL BE 90% OF 220.**
- SUBSTITUTES** - Should a duly scheduled entrant be unable to bowl, the captain shall have the right to substitute a bowler, provided the substitute meets all entry qualifications. All substitutions must be made **at least 1 hour before the scheduled time of bowling**, accompanied by properly signed average verification, unless a substitution must be made because of an emergency. In case of disability after a game has started, a substitute will be allowed, if one is available, and the combined scores will be used. This applies to Team/Doubles events. Any score bowled by more than one individual will not be counted toward the All-Event total. Paid All Events are not transferable unless the substitute replaces the original entrant in all three events. **NO REARRANGING OF TEAM LINE-UP OR DOUBLES PARTNERS DUE TO SUBSTITUTES.**
- LATE BOWLERS** - A bowler arriving late for any event will be allowed to bowl, with her scores to start with the frame in which she is ready to bowl. If one bowler is late for the Doubles event, the bowler present will bowl her Singles event first. If her partner has not arrived by the time the Singles event is finished, and a substitute cannot be found, she will be permitted to bowl her games in the Doubles event to qualify for All Events. In the Team event, when an emergency substitute has been entered in the line-up with the consent of the team captain, and has officially begun the game, she cannot be replaced, except by illness, injury, or other necessity. **USBC rule #11 DELAY OF GAME will be enforced.**
- ERRORS IN SCORING** - All scoring errors must be reported within 48 hours after bowling.
- PRIZE RATIO** – For Team, Doubles, Singles and All-Events will be 1 in 7.
- PRIZE FEES** – **100%** of all prize fees collected will be returned to the participants in each event or division. (Rule 308). **Rule 319d reporting prize winnings of more than \$300.00 is in effect!**
- AWARDS** – Awards will be awarded to all champions for team, doubles, singles, all-event in each class, high scratch game and series. Scratch all – events will receive prize money only and will get to go the Queen's Tournament. To qualify bowler must enter scratch all–events.
- TIES** - Should a tie occur for 1<sup>st</sup> Place in any event of the tournament, "Co-Champions" shall be declared, with appropriate award to each, and prize money involved for the 1st Place & 2nd Place shall be combined and divided equally between the participants in the tie.
- TIME & DATE** - Time & date preference will be given in the order in which entries are received.
- TEAM CAPTAINS** are the team representative and will serve in all matters pertaining to individual behavior and compliance with tournament and USBC rules. The team captain will be responsible to the Tournament Manager for the conduct of his/her team members throughout the times they are on the lanes in competition.
- ANY TEAM** whose members have not provided Social Security numbers for IRS purposes may have their prize checks delayed until all Social Security numbers are collected.
- REFUNDS - USBC Rule 314.** After an entry has been received, and the dates assigned by tournament management are not refused before preparation of the schedule, the entry fee cannot be refunded after March 24, 2022.
- CHECK-IN REQUIREMENTS** – One hour before scheduled team squad and 45 minutes before scheduled doubles/singles squad for the event. Participants should not leave the center after having checked in, as the squad may start early once all participants have checked in.
- ENTRANTS WILL BE ASKED TO SHOW THEIR CURRENT 2022-2023 USBC MEMBERSHIP CARDS WHEN CHECKING IN.** ANY BOWLER UNABLE TO PROVE MEMBERSHIP AT CHECK IN MUST PURCHASE AN ASSOCIATE CARD FOR \$30.00 (USBC - \$15 – COLORADO STATE USBC \$2 – LOCAL ASSOCIATION \$13). **\*\*NO EXCEPTIONS\*\***
- PROTESTS – RULES 329a (1) and 329b (1)**
- USBC RULES WILL APPLY IN ALL INSTANCES NOT SPECIFICALLY COVERED BY THE ABOVE RULES.**

**(A FEE WILL BE ASSESSED FOR ANY RETURNED CHECKS)**

**\*\*SLOW BOWLING – 3 hours are allowed for team event and 3.5 hours for doubles/singles. Entrants are expected to complete their competition within these time frames. If not, bowlers may expect to be monitored by tournament staff\*\*.**