

2023 COLORADO STATE USBC SENIOR LADIES HANDICAP TOURNAMENT RULES AND INFORMATION

CALL (970) 250-1647 FOR EARLY RESERVATIONS UNTIL OCTOBER 1, 2023. ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE PAID BY OCTOBER 6, 2023.

ENTRIES CLOSE MIDNIGHT OCTOBER 14, 2023.

- DRESS CODE – ALL BOWLERS must wear suitable attire when participating in the tournament. ACCEPTABLE: Slacks, jeans (no holes) and capris. All “formal wear” shorts, skirts or skorts MUST BE BELOW FINGERTIP LENGTH WITH ARMS HANGING. Collar or collarless shirts with sleeves. UNACCEPTABLE: Athletic or workout attire of any kind including leggings and yoga pants. Tank tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, etc. No hats or electronic devices can be worn during competition. Smoking electronic cigarettes or vapor devices in the center while bowling will NOT be ALLOWED. Tournament management decision will be final.**
- BALL CLEANING /CHANGES –** After entrant begins competition, the outer surface of the ball may only be cleaned with a dry towel. Non-compliance may result in use of the ball for the remainder of the competition.
- MULTIPLE TEAM EVENTS -** Entrants may bowl more than once in the team event, subject to these conditions: a. No more than two (2) players may compete on the same team more than once in this tournament, USBC RULE 315b.1. A bowler participating more than once in the team event **MUST** count her first team score for All-Events.
- DOUBLES AND SINGLES –** Entrant may bowl only once in each event. **PENALTY –** Any doubles/singles after the first set will be forfeited. Bowlers entering doubles and singles **MUST** enter both events. Doubles will be bowled first with doubles/singles bowled on the same pair of lanes.
- ELIGIBILITY -** The 2023 Colorado State Senior Ladies Tournament is open to all USBC Members of any association chartered with the United States Bowling Congress within the State of Colorado. All participants must be 50 years of age or older as of the date of bowling their first event in the tournament. Any USBC member who identifies themselves as a "Professional" may participate in this tournament, limiting the number of individuals defined as professional bowlers to two on a four-person team and one on a doubles team.
- AVERAGES – USE HIGHEST 2022-2023 USBC certified league AVERAGE OF 21 OR MORE GAMES.** A bowler without a 2022-2023 average may use their highest 2023-2024 USBC certified league average of 12 or more games as of the starting date of the tournament (October 21, 2023). If the bowler has none of the above, an average of 220 will be assigned with no handicap being offered. **BOWLERS USING AN October 21, 2023, AVERAGE must have the average verified by the league secretary, with verification presented at the time of bowling the first event.**
- USBC RULE 319a, PARAGRAPH 2 (10 PIN RULE) DOES APPLY.** If the bowler’s average of 21 or more games as of October 21, 2023, is 10 pins higher than their 2022-2023 certified league average, the highest average must be used.
- AVERAGE ADJUSTMENT (Rerating) – Bowler’s tournament average adjustment (USBC RULE 319c) APPLIES TO THIS TOURNAMENT.**
- VERIFICATION OF AVERAGES -** It shall be each bowler’s responsibility to verify the accuracy of his/her average, whether submitted by the bowler, the Team Captain or others. Failure to use the proper average or make the correction prior to the end of the first game of a series shall disqualify the score if the submitted average is lower than the actual average. If the submitted average is higher than required, prize winnings will be based on the submitted average.
- HANDICAP – WILL BE 90% OF 220.**
- 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).
- ALL EVENTS CLASSES WILL BE ASSIGNED BY AGE GROUP.** Class 1: 75 and up, Class 2: 70 to 74, Class 3: 65 to 69, Class 4: 60 to 64, Class 5: 55 to 59, Class 6: 50 to 54. The Colorado State USBC will pay each handicap all-events winner’s entry fee and award \$200.00 for expenses for the National Seniors Championship in 2024. The money for these entries will come from the tournament expenses. If the winner does not go, the entry fee and expense fee will be awarded to the 2nd place finisher and if the 2nd place finisher does not go, then no one in that class will qualify for these fees.
- TIES -** Should a tie occur for 1st 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.
- 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 October 14, 2023.
- 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 her team members throughout the times they are on the lanes in competition.
- W-9’s -** Any team whose members have not provided W-9’s for IRS purposes may have their prize checks delayed until all W-9’s are collected.
- REPLACEMENTS -** Are authorized by the team captain and must occupy the same position in the lineup as the original entrant. Once a replacement bowler has been added to the roster, and the replacement bowler has delivered the first ball in competition, the replacement bowler shall be allowed to complete the entire series.
- CHECK-IN REQUIREMENTS –** One hour before scheduled team time for the event; 45 minutes before scheduled doubles/singles time for the event. Bowlers should not leave the center after checking in as the squad may start early once all participants have checked in.
- ENTRANTS WILL BE ASKED TO SHOW THEIR CURRENT SEASON USBC MEMBERSHIP CARDS or SIGNED RECEIPT STUB FOR THE 2023-2024 SEASON WHEN CHECKING IN. MEMBERSHIP MAY BE PURCHASED FOR \$30.00 AT THE TOURNAMENT SITE IF AN ENTRANT HAS NO PROOF OF MEMBERSHIP AT CHECK IN. (NO EXCEPTIONS)! Membership will be verified before prize money is distributed.**
- TARDY PLAYERS –** All squads will start on time, barring unforeseen difficulties. 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 for tournament play; NO score for frames missed. 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.
- LOST SCORES - SCOREKEEPERS -** USBC RULE 327a, USBC RULE 327c
- SCORE SHEETS -** After a score sheet has been signed by the bowler or team captain, it cannot be changed except in the case of an obvious error. Bowlers are cautioned not to sign score sheets before or during the competition. Duplicate score sheets are available for bowlers. Computer printouts will be the official score sheet in case of discrepancies in scores.
- PROTESTS –** RULES 329a (1) and 329b (1). Any protest affecting eligibility or Tournament Rules must be confirmed in writing to the Tournament Manager within 72 hours of the infraction or prior to tournament prizes being paid, or whichever occurs first. The decision of the tournament manager is final unless a written appeal is filed with USBC headquarters within 10 days of notification of the tournament management’s decision.
- USBC RULES WILL APPLY IN ALL INSTANCES NOT SPECIFICALLY COVERED BY THE ABOVE RULES.**

****SLOW BOWLING –** 3 hours are allowed for team event and 3 ½ hours for Double/Singles. Entrants are expected to complete their competition within these time frames; if not, entrants may expect to be monitored by tournament staff. **

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