

# 2024-2025 ST. CHARLES COUNTY USBC WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT RULES

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1. Tournament and Lanes will be certified by the USBC.
2. United States Bowling Congress (USBC) rules and regulations will govern the tournament.
3. The Tournament will have 4 events, Singles, Doubles, Team and optional All Events. Bowlers may bowl more than once. The first score bowled in any event will go toward All Events, Doubles with a different partner and Team with 1 different person.
4. Competition in this tournament is restricted to current female members of the USBC that have bowled in either the previous season and or currently bowling in this season.
5. The entry fee is \$30.00 per event per person. All fees must be paid before bowling. Bowlers wishing to participate in All Events must pay \$5.00 additional.. No refunds will be made after schedule is accepted USBC Rule 314 (No Fees Returned)
6. Entry form must be filled out completely.. Bowlers ID Number must be included on entry. If more than one bowler on entry form line-up must appear on the entry in the proper order of bowling. No lineup changes will be made after entry is received (USBC Rule 324a).
7. Bowlers may request changes in their schedule. The Tournament Director shall have the power to make any changes in the schedules, both as to lanes and times. Only bowlers competing on the squad and Tournament Officials are allowed in the playing area. Original score sheet is official and any obvious errors will be corrected by the Tournament Director (USBC Rule 327b). The prize list and standings will be held subject to change until 48 hours after the last squad of the tournament has bowled. Any appeal from the Tournament Manager's decision or changes must be made to Tournament Officials in person with all data. All prizes will be distributed within 30 days after the end of the tournament (USBC Rule 308).
8. Any protest affecting eligibility and general playing rules must be confirmed in writing to the tournament manager before tournament prizes are paid (USBC Rule 329). A provisional ball is to be used in a situation where a foul or legality of pin fall cannot be immediately resolved.
9. If equipment failure on a pair of lanes would delay the progress of the series, tournament officials can authorize the completion of a game and series on another pair of certified lanes. The interrupted game and series must be resumed from the point of interruption (USBC Rule 321).
10. NO ABSENTEE SCORE, NO PACERS. Tardy bowlers will start in the frame being bowled with zero being given for each frame missed. Tournament Mangers time to be official.
11. All bowlers must check in at least 30 minutes before squad time. All entrants must have USBC membership card,
12. No practice on your scheduled lanes just prior to squad time. You will be allowed 10 minutes practice on your starting lanes prior to tournament play.
13. The champions will be awarded Plaques on the three game total plus handicap. In case of a First Place tie they will be declared Co-Champions with first and second place money divided equally. Duplicate plaques will be awarded. In case of a tie in any other place, the prize money will be split equally.
14. Any bowler who willfully delays the normal progress of the game, or any bowler whose conduct on the lanes is considered objectionable, shall be removed immediately from the lanes and tournament, regardless whether a qualified substitute is available or not.
15. A Parental Consent Form, signed by a parent or guardian, permitted an unmarried grade or high school student who have not attained the age of eighteen (18) to bowl in USBC competition must be furnished to the tournament manager before bowling.
16. Notice of schedule will be sent to the Group Organizer, and they will be responsible for informing their bowlers of the date and time for bowling..
17. ENTERING AVERAGE RULE (USBC Rule 319) – All entrants will be handicapped by 85% of the difference between their highest certified league average and 230 for Singles ,460 for Doubles and 920 for Team. Use highest average with 21 or more games from last season. If no average last season, use highest average 21 or more games at closing date of entry with League Secretary Certification. All others must bowl scratch. USBC Rule 319a, c does apply. (Current average 10 pins or higher than prior season's average). Verification of average, by the tournament director prior to payment of prizes. Bowlers are responsible for verifying their own average, whether submitted by the bowler, the group organizer, or others. If the submitted average is lower than required and results in more handicap, the bowler's score is disqualified. If the submitted average is higher than required, prize winnings will be based on the submitted average. Average corrections can be made up to the end of the first game of a series. (USBC Rule 319e) A bowler shall adjust their entering average and submit the adjusted average to the tournament manager if, during the 12 month period immediately preceding the date and time of bowling the bowler's accumulated average for all, but not less than 21 tournament games exceeds the average to be used for entry by 10 or more pins. In that case, the number of pins to be added to the entering average is 85% of the difference between the entering average and the accumulated tournament average. Failure to use the adjusted average in accordance with the foregoing is cause for forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings, and the bowler is subject to suspension of membership in USBC.
18. PRIZE WINNINGS (USBC Rule 319d) – Bowlers need not report this information.
19. USBC Rule (304a2) will apply. The group organizer shall pay each member of the group within 30 days after receiving prize money in accordance with verbal or written agreements.
20. Reserved Entry closing date will be Oct.26th, 2024 Entries received after the reserved date will be referred to as late entries and will be paid in cash or by money order with a \$5.00 additional expense fee per entry added. These late entries will be accepted up to November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 at the St. County USBC Office or at the tournament site, and subject to lane availability determined by the tournament director. Late entries must be verified by phone by the Tournament Director
21. . Can also paid by Venmo. (There will be a 4% surcharge added to total)