

MISSISSIPPI STATE USBC WBA TOURNAMENT RULES - 2012

1. The event is a USBC Sanctioned, One Classification-Handicap Tournament consisting of a five (5) woman team event, a doubles event, and a singles event.
2. The entry fee shall be \$22.00 per person for each event, \$4.00 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. **NO ENTRY WITH AN INCOMPLETE TEAM ROSTER WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Entry fee shall not be refunded except when MS STATE USBC WBA notifies an entrant of dates and times assigned and a refusal has been received by MS STATE USBC WBA WITHIN 15 DAYS OF THE DATE OF NOTICE. **WE DO NOT ACCEPT ONE-HALF (1/2) PAIRS OF DOUBLES.**
3. All entrants must be a member of USBC, MS STATE USBC WBA and a MS LOCAL ASSOCIATION. Unmarried grade and high school students who have not attained the age of 18 must furnish written consent signed by the parent or guardian. The consent shall be on a USBC-approved form and shall be on file with the tournament manager at least one week before the bowler is eligible for tournament competition unless the student is accompanied by her parent or guardian in which case the parental consent form may be filed up to the time the student starts to bowl.
4. An entrant shall use her highest sanctioned 2010-11 winter average for at least 21 games. If no 2010-11 average, the highest sanctioned current average as of January 1st for at least 21 games shall be used. If no previous winter average, an entrant shall use the highest sanctioned summer league average for at least 21 games as of the end of the 2010-11 summer league schedule (Travel league included). Any entrant who has not established a 21-game average as of January 1st of the current season shall be permitted to bowl, using her highest current average based on a minimum of 21 games as of tournament opening date, subject to approval of the tournament director. 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 the highest average from 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. Entrants in the doubles event must also enter the singles event and vice versa. Entrants shall bowl in the same order as listed on the entry form. **AN INDIVIDUAL MAY ENTER IN A SECOND TEAM EVENT PROVIDED 2 MEMBERS ARE CHANGED.** First team event bowled will count toward all events. **ENTRANTS MAY BOWL ONLY ONCE IN DOUBLES AND SINGLES.**
7. Three sets of doubles will be scheduled to a pair of lanes. When it is not possible, two complete sets will be scheduled to a pair.
8. **IN ORDER TO BE SCHEDULED AT THE SAME TIME, TEAMS DOUBLING TOGETHER SHALL SEND ENTRIES AND FEES IN THE SAME ENVELOPE.**
9. Teams and individuals must check in 30 minutes before their scheduled time.
10. 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 substitute's participation in any event, PAID ALL EVENTS ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE.
11. **Entries will close April 7, 2012.**
12. Checks for overpayment of fees or prizes won shall be sent to the team captain within 30 days after the close of the annual tournament.
13. Errors in scoring must be reported in writing within 24 hours after games are bowled in order to be corrected.
14. **All remittances MUST be made in the form of Post Office Money Order, Express Money Order, Certified Check or Draft and made payable to the MS STATE USBC WBA. DO NOT SEND CASH.** PERSONAL CHECKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.
15. Any player or team arriving late shall begin play and score shall count beginning within the frame then being bowled. If an entrant is late for the doubles event, the entrant present shall 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, the entrant present shall be permitted to bowl her games in the doubles event in order to qualify her for all events.
16. Delegates to the annual meeting have priority in scheduling for that weekend provided entries are received by March 3, 2012.
17. Confirmation of scheduled bowling time and date will be given via first-class mail to team captains only. Participants in double and singles events only will likewise be notified.
18. Positively no eating and drinking in bowling area. No one except bowlers, scorekeepers and tournament officials will be allowed in bowling area. No flash pictures during tournament play. **No cell phone usage or other electronic device usage will be allowed during tournament play. No smoking inside or outside during your competition. Members are requested to wear suitable attire when participating in the MS STATE USBC WBA Tournament.**
19. The Board of Directors of the MS STATE USBC WBA shall have power to hear and act on all protests arising from or under construction of the rules of the MS State USBC WBA Tournament.
20. 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%.**
21. One prize for each 5 entries for Team, Doubles and Singles and one prize for each 10 entries in All Events.
22. All other USBC rules apply.