



Maine State USBC 2024 Senior Tournament Rules



1) Eligibility: All entrants, in the Maine State USBC Senior Tournament, must be members in good standing of their Local Maine USBC Association, Maine State USBC, and USBC.

Entry into this tournament is open to all MSUSBC senior members aged 50 and over, as of the entrants' first set of competition. Entrants must have an average from a USBC certified league, based on a minimum of 21 games. **(See Rule 11)**

2) Proof of Age: Bowlers must provide proof of current USBC membership and proof of age at check-in.

3) Check In: Registration will be one (1) hour before squad time.

4) Divisions: There will be two divisions, Open and Women's. Female participants must make a choice, on the entry form, to bowl in the Women's Division or in the Open Division.

5) Classifications: In each division (Open and Women's) there will be six (6) age classifications:

Super Senior	75 and up
Class A	70 - 74
Class B	65 - 69
Class C	60 - 64
Class D	55 - 59
Class E	50 - 54

6) Professional Bowlers: No professional bowler may compete in the tournament.

7) Handicap: Handicap will be 100% of 240 with no maximum.

8) Game Play: Bowlers will bowl six (6) games in two (2) three (3)-game sets. Bowlers may enter only once. No more than four (4) bowlers will be scheduled on a lane. The choices of sets need not be made for the same day.

9) Entry Fees: All entry fees must be paid by check or money order, made payable to MSUSBC, and postmarked no later than the first post office business day following the entry closing date. **(See Rule 23)**

All late entries will be returned.

Total entry fee must accompany the entry form.

In the event of a returned check, all reasonable attempts will be made to notify the bowler by e-mail or phone call, prior to the start of the tournament. The bowler will not be scheduled to bowl, until a \$35.00 processing fee and the entry fee are paid with a money order or cashier's check. Returned checks will not be re-deposited. No fees will be refunded after entries have been received, except as noted in Rules 12 and 20 below.

10) Prizes: This is a handicapped tournament. Prize fees will be returned 100% in each age classification, in each division. Ratio of the prizes will be at least 1:10, or major portion thereof, in each classification in each division.

11) Averages: Bowlers will use their highest USBC average, based on a minimum of 21 games, from the 2023-2024 season. If no 2023-24 average, entrants must use their highest current USBC certified league average, minimum 21 games, as of the first set of competition. **(See Rules 1, 12 & 13)**

12) Corrections to Averages: Corrections may be made up to completion of the entrant's first set of competition, or within 48 hours after completion of the first set if the tournament manager, prior to completion of the first game of competition, has given the bowler written consent to correct his/her average. The tournament manager reserves the right to adjust any bowler's average prior to bowling. If the bowler refuses the adjusted average, the entry fee will be refunded.

13) Responsibility: It is the entrant's responsibility to verify the accuracy of his/her average in the tournament. Failure to use the proper average shall disqualify the entrant, if the submitted average is lower than the actual average. Prize winnings will be based upon the submitted average, if it is higher than the actual average.

14) Reporting Prior Prize Winnings: All entrants who have qualified for a prize of \$600 or more in any event, of any tournament within the previous 12-month period, must report their actual score, position and amount won at the time of entry here. The entrant will be subject to rerating. **USBC Rules 319a, 319c, 319d, and 319e apply except 319a/2.** (which states if his years average is 10 pins higher you must use it)

15) Ties: In the case of a tie for championship, the highest single game with handicap, of those tied in the



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competition, will be used to break the tie. If a tie still exists, the second highest game will be used, etc.

16) Class Winners: If funds are available all class winners will have his/her entry fee paid to the USBC Seniors' Championships, by the MSUSBC Association. If the funds are not available for all class winners' entries, the entry for the overall winner in each division will be paid. Each class must have a minimum of five entries to qualify.

17) Scheduling: If entries are received by November 2, 2024, (not postmarked by) bowlers traveling the greatest distance will be given priority. All other entries will be scheduled as received. Lanes may be assigned or drawn by the tournament manager(s) before the start of the tournament.

18) Dress Code: At check in all participants must wear the attire they plan to bowl in. Any changes to attire after check-in must be approved by the Tournament Management prior to the beginning of event. The dress code will be enforced by designated tournament staff members and they will make judgment calls relative to dress code questions or concerns at the time of check in. If any bowler is not in compliance, the bowler may be disqualified in said event.

All clothing must be neat, clean and in good condition. Bowlers are required to wear: a collared or mock collared shirt, dress slacks, jeans (clean with no holes), Capri's, shorts/skort/skirts (hem must sit at or below the bowlers' fingertips with arms relaxed at their sides) or bowling apparel. Team T-Shirts are permitted (with no offensive materials displayed). Prohibited items are but not limited to sweatpants, yoga pants, tank tops, halter tops, bare midriffs, and hats. Headgear permitted if medically approved.

19) Perfume, After Shave and Scented Body Care Products: Please refrain from using these products, due to the close confines when bowling, people with respiratory problems and allergies may be affected.

20) Disclaimer: The entrants whose names appear hereon agree the MSUSBC Association, its' officers and agents, shall be liable only to the extent of returning entry fees, if and when those entrants shall be prevented from bowling any event in the tournament through premature termination of the tournament, due to causes beyond the control of the MSUSBC Association.

21) Not Permitted in the Playing Area: Refreshments and electronic devices, of any type, are not permitted in the playing area, during tournament play. Cell phones are to be turned off or placed in vibrate status.

22) Rules: This tournament is governed by the above rules and those found in the USBC Rule Book.

23) Entry Closing Date: Entries close Midnight

November 2, 2024

24) Tournament Management:

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Championship Class Winners: – will receive a bowling shirt, a half-paid entry into the next USBC Senior's Tournament and \$100.00 toward expenses, with the provision that the bowler participates. If the first-place winner is unable to attend, the second-place winner will be eligible to enter the USBC Senior's with the same entitled award. This award will be funded by the MSUSBC general fund.

If first or second place winners are unable to attend, other participants who would like to attend the USBC Senior's tournament and represent Maine, MSUSBC will pay for their bowling shirt. All other expenses will be the bowler's responsibility.

*Thank you for allowing us to serve you.
We look forward to seeing you at the
2024 Senior Tournament.*