

## **Southeastern Ohio USBC Open & Women's 2024 Tournament Rules**

- This tournament is open to **adult SEOH USBC Certified bowlers** who meet at least one of the following requirements:
  - Have an average with at least 21 games in a SEOH USBC certified league during 2022-23 season.
  - Have an average with at least 21 games in a SEOH USBC certified league during the current season as of the day prior to bowling. This will be verified.*
  - Bowlers must hold a SEOH USBC membership at least 30 days prior to the reserved entry date of this tournament.**
  - Bowlers holding membership only in the SEOH USBC but not meeting (a) or (b) above – see rule 2.
  - Bowlers, who are eligible to bowl in another association's championship tournament and do not meet (a) or (b), must comply with (c) and have bowled 21 games in the current season in the SEOH USBC to be eligible to compete.
- AVERAGE REQUIREMENTS** -The **highest SEOH USBC** average of the 2022-23 season or composite average if higher. If no SEOH USBC 22-23 book average, a verified current average of 21 games or more as of the day prior to bowling in a SEOH USBC certified league. If no SEOH USBC average, the highest USBC certified average in any association will be used. If no current average, a verifiable 2022-23 summer average of 21 games or more, in a USBC certified summer league. If none of the average requirements are met, bowlers must use a 225 for their average.
- No refund of any fees after the reserved closing date **Monday, January 1, 2024**. Walk-in entries **on the day of bowling** will be accepted **only** if lanes are available. An additional **\$25.00** processing fee for teams and an additional **\$20** per set processing fee for Doubles and Singles. **The entry must be completed & submitted to the check in desk 30 minutes prior to squad time including all fees. Total fees for walk in entries must be paid in cash.**
- Each entrant is responsible that the average on the entry is correct.** Failure to use your proper average or make the correction prior to the completion of the first game of their first series shall disqualify scores in that event, if the average is lower than their actual average. If the average is higher, prize winnings will be based on the submitted average. **Use of an ineligible bowler, in any event, will disqualify the entry. No refund of any fees will be made.**
- Entry fee shall be \$20.00 per bowler per event. **Optional events fees: All Events Actual \$5.00; All Events Handicap \$5.00. Optional All event expenses will be \$.50 per bowler. All event entry fees must be paid prior to bowling any event. Optional fees must be submitted with and in addition to other regular tournament fees. Other events may be offered.**
- HANDICAP WILL BE 100% OF 225.**
- USBC rules #319 a, b, c will apply. The 10-pin rule does not apply. *All other USBC TOURNAMENT RULES WILL APPLY.*
- Awards will be presented to the champions of each event.** If winners are the same for both actual and handicap divisions in any one (1) event, one (1) plaque will be awarded and properly engraved. **The option of taking \$10 instead of the plaque will be given.** 1<sup>st</sup> place champions (only) will receive a paid meal at the Association Spring Brunch April 7. Reservations are required to attend by March 24, 2024 at the K of C Hall in Lancaster. **Bowlers may bring guests and payment will be required for their brunch. If a champion reserves a meal and is a no show, they will be responsible for repaying the association for the meal.**
- Prize fees will be returned 100% in cash and prizes. At least one (1) out of every five (5) will cash.
- A team bowling multiple times must change at least two (2) bowlers. Team captains are responsible for a legal line-up and teams not meeting this requirement will be disqualified with no refund.
- Doubles and singles may be entered **multiple times. Partners must be changed every time.** You may cash multiple times in the doubles but **only once in the singles with your highest score.** You must enter the singles event every time you enter the doubles.  
**The first appearance in each event will count toward All Events scores (handicap and actual).  
Doubles will be bowled first. There will be no more than three (3) sets per pair of lanes.**
- The line up is as entered on the entry form. NO NICKNAMES. *Subs will be placed in the position of the original bowler.*
- ALL BOWLERS – SHOULD BE PRESENT 30 minutes before scheduled starting time.**
- LATE BOWLERS WILL RECEIVE A ZERO (0) FOR ALL MISSED FRAMES** and until they are ready to bowl. No make-up frames or delays of the squad will be permitted.
- Squads will begin at the times on the entry. Warm up will begin 10 minutes prior to the scheduled time.**
- Lane assignments will be done by the tournament director.**
- Altering the surface or cleaning of a bowling ball by the use of an abrasive while bowling in certified competition is prohibited. Dry towels or approved non-abrasive pads only to wipe balls!** If a ball is returned with a black belt mark or other foreign substance, the bowler has the option to take it to a tournament official. At that time, the official has the option to clean the ball with alcohol that will be provided by the SEOH USBC. Balls may be wiped by the bowler with **only a dry** towel. No liquid cleaner or substance may be used to clean the ball once tournament play has started. All bowling balls so altered shall be removed from competition. **PENALTY: FORFEITURE OF THE GAME AND ENTRY FEES, DISQUALIFICATION, AS WELL AS, POSSIBLE SUSPENSION OF USBC MEMBERSHIP.**
- PRIZE MONEY WILL BE DISTRIBUTED FOR ALL WINNERS** not more than thirty (30) days after tournament completion. Money may be hand delivered or mailed to the team captain for distribution to team members. All checks are payable to the individual. Only events with paid entry fees will receive prize money including all events actual. No other prize money to be awarded. Actual event winners will receive a paid meal at the brunch.

### **The prize fund will be supplemented by Fairfield Federal Bank.**

Any protest affecting the eligibility or general playing rules must be confirmed in writing to the local association manager before prize money is distributed. Errors in scoring must be reported to the local association manager within 24 hours of bowling. The SEOH USBC Board of Directors shall have the power to hear and act on all protests or questions and shall make decisions. The entrant whose names appear, or their authorized replacement, hereby agree the SEOH USBC, officers and agents, shall be liable only to the extent of returning entry fees if and when entrants are prevented from bowling an event in the tournament through delay, unexpected yet necessary schedule change or premature termination of the tournament that may be brought about by war, national or local emergencies or by causes relating thereto or resulting from fires, strikes and lockouts or labor difficulties beyond the control of the SEOH USBC.