

OAHU USBC WOMEN'S
78th Annual Championship Tournament
Rules and Regulations

- Rule 1: This tournament is open to all female members of the OAHU USBC. All entries will be numbered in the order it is received and is limited to the first 26 entries.
- Rule 2: The tournament shall consist of a four-woman Team Event, a Singles Event, and a Doubles Event. Three consecutive games shall be bowled in each event and total pins with handicap shall decide the winner. The total of nine games bowled with handicap shall determine the All-Events winner in each division.
Senior Division will be open to all participants 50 years or older as of March 20, 2020. Senior bowlers may bowl on an Open Division team (mixed ages) event and choose to bowl in the Senior Division in the Doubles/Singles events. Seniors may choose to compete in both senior and open divisions by paying an additional \$15 per bowler per event and \$10 for all events. (Team event - all participants must enter both divisions. Doubles event- both participants must enter both divisions.)
Senior Team – All 4 members of the team must be 50 years or older as of March 20, 2020.
Senior Doubles – Both partners must be 50 years or older as of March 20, 2020.
Senior Singles – Bowler must be 50 years or older as of March 20, 2020.
****NOTE: There must be a minimum of 8 teams in the Senior Division, if not, the teams will be moved to the OPEN division.**
- Rule 3: AVERAGES: Averages for the tournament shall be the highest *certified* average, from the following sources:
A. Highest USBC certified Standard Composite average based on 21 or more games from
1) 2018 - 2019 season
2) 2017 - 2018 season
3) 2016 - 2017 season
B. For bowlers who **only** have sport or challenge averages, the USBC adjustment scale will be used
C. Highest completed average on file or current average of 12 games or more as of March 14, 2020. (It is the bowler's responsibility to provide a current league standing sheet with the entry form to verify average).
Note: Only current averages from USBC certified leagues will be considered.
D. Previous season's highest average from another association based on 21 games or more as verified on Bowl.com.
E. If none of the above applies, entrant will use a scratch entering average of 175.
The tournament committee reserves the right to re-rate any bowler entering this tournament.
- Rule 4: Tournament handicap will be based on 100% of 200.
- Rule 5: No refunds will be made after entries have been received and dates assigned by the Tournament Director. Entry fees should be paid by cash, check or money order. Make checks payable to "Oahu USBC".
There will be a \$30.00 service handling fee for all returned checks.
- Rule 6: Substitutes will be allowed if necessary. The Director should be advised of any substitutes at least one hour before the scheduled bowling time, if possible. Substitutions may be permitted after a game has started for the Team and Doubles events. However, once a player is removed, they cannot return to bowl for the remainder of the event. No substitutions may be made after the series has started for the Singles event. Scores bowled through the efforts of more than one individual shall not qualify for any USBC or tournament individual awards, nor shall the score be included in the All-Events total.
- Rule 7: Entries will be scheduled according to requests, if possible, and in the order received. The Tournament Director, except for emergencies will not change the schedule. The Tournament Director will assign lanes for each event. Each event will be bowled on one pair of lanes. The lineup will be the same as shown on the entry form.
- Rule 8: Any player or team arriving after the game has started will be allowed to bowl and the score(s) will count beginning in the frame that's being bowled. **NO SCORE WILL BE GIVEN FOR FRAMES MISSED.**
- Rule 9: **The Doubles event will be bowled first, followed by the Singles event.** If a scheduled bowler has not arrived in time for the Doubles Event and a substitute is not available, the scheduled bowler's partner will be permitted to bowl her games in the Doubles Event in order to qualify for All-Events.
- Rule 10: The team captain will check-in the entire team 30 minutes prior to the scheduled bowling time for the Team Event. All bowlers in the Doubles and Singles Events must check in 30 minutes prior to bowling time.
- Rule 11: Any protest affecting eligibility or general playing rules must be confirmed in writing to the Tournament Director before the tournament prize distributions are made. Error in scoring must be reported to the Tournament Director within 24 hours.
- Rule 12: In case of a tie in any event, winners will be declared Co-Champions. The prize monies for the tie will be divided equally. Trophies will also be awarded to the Co-Champions.
- Rule 13: Prizes will be paid for handicap scores with at least one prize for every four (4) entries. Prize checks will be mailed to the team captains within thirty (30) days after the tournament has closed. The captains shall distribute the checks within fifteen (15) days after receipt.
- Rule 14: Food and beverages may be consumed in compliance with the respective bowling center's guidelines. **UNREASONABLE DELAYS IN THE PROGRESS OF ANY GAME WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.**
- Rule 15: Bowlers are required to wear suitable attire. Example of prohibited attire include: Hats (medical reasons only), biker shorts, biker pants, leggings, tank tops, halter tops, bare midriffs, spaghetti strap tops, workout attire, short shorts*, short skirts*, short culottes*, bib overalls, torn jeans, cutoffs, etc. Sleeveless tops are allowed, but must have a collar.
*The length of these items (shorts, skirts, culottes) must go beyond the fingertips when your arms are at rest along your sides.
- Rule 16: The use of an artificial device (headphones etc.) to listen to music or a broadcast is prohibited during competition.
- Rule 17: The tournament shall be conducted in accordance with the USBC rules governing local association tournaments and the USBC general playing rules in addition to the rules adopted by the association. The Board of Directors of the Oahu USBC shall decide any questions not covered by these tournament rules.
- Rule 18: The Board of Directors of the Oahu USBC Association shall have the power to hear and act on disputes, complaints or protests relating to the tournament. The decision of the board is final except when an appeal is made to USBC. The entrants, whose names appear hereon or their authorized replacements, hereby agree that the Oahu USBC, its officers and agents shall be liable only to the extent of returning entry fees if and when these entrants shall be prevented from bowling any event in the tournament through delay, unexpected yet necessary schedule change, or premature termination of the tournament, which may be brought about by war, national emergency or emergency of causes relating thereto or resulting there from, fires, strikes, lockouts, labor difficulties or other causes beyond the control of the Oahu USBC.

****CAPTAINS PLEASE KEEP RULES AND SHARE WITH ALL TEAM MEMBERS****