



**76TH ANNUAL WEST VIRGINIA STATE USBC
WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT
BLUEFIELD, WV
OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM – DEADLINE: APRIL 26, 2024**



<p>ALL EVENTS: MOUNTAINEER LANES 3224 E CUMBERLAND ROAD BLUEFIELD, WV 24701 (304) 325-7037</p> <p>MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE & MAIL ENTRY FORM TO: BLUEFIELD USBC 215 BRUSHFORK SCHOOL ROAD BLUEFIELD, WV 24701</p>	<p align="center"><u>TOURNAMENT DATES</u> MAY 4/5, 11/12, & 18/19 <u>TEAM EVENT TIMES</u> SUNDAY 10:00 AM & 2:00 PM <u>DOUBLES/SINGLES EVENTS TIMES</u> SATURDAY 10:00 AM & 2:00 PM</p> <p>** EACH SQUAD WILL BE REQUIRED TO HAVE A MINIMUM NUMBER OF BOWLERS. ***</p> <p>FOR INFORMATION CALL TOURNAMENT MANAGER SUE PACK - (304) 952-1329</p>	<p align="center">ENTRY FEES - PER BOWLER \$30.00 / EVENT</p> <p>PRIZE FUND \$12.00 LINEAGE \$12.50 EXPENSE FEE \$ 4.50 YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP \$ 1.00</p> <p align="center">OPTIONAL ALL-EVENTS \$5.00 USBC CERTIFIED EVENT</p>
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Captain's Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Team Name: _____ Local Association: _____

Address* (Street, City, State, Zip): _____

Valid Email Address: _____

Confirmation Letter to be sent via: e-mail postal mail

NOTE: Please circle e-mail or postal mail to receive your confirmation letter. If no confirmation received by May 1, please contact tournament manager at number above.

TEAM EVENT (\$120 Per Team)	USBC ID #	HIGHEST 2022-2023 YEARBOOK AVERAGE (SEE RULE 4)	CURRENT HIGH AVERAGE AS OF MARCH 1, 2024 (IF NO YEARBOOK AVERAGE)	CHECK IF USING A USBC SPORT OR CHALLENGE AVERAGE
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1 st Choice: Date- _____ Time- _____ 2 nd Choice: Date- _____ Time- _____				
3 rd Choice: Date- _____ Time- _____ ALL PRIZE CHECK WILL BE MAILED TO TEAM CAPTAINS ONLY				

DOUBLES/SINGLES EVENT (DOUBLES - \$60 PER TEAM) (SINGLES - \$30 PER PERSON)	USBC ID #	HIGHEST 2022-2023 YEARBOOK AVERAGE (SEE RULE 4)	CURRENT HIGH AVERAGE AS OF MARCH 1, 2024 (IF NO YEARBOOK AVERAGE)	ALL EVENTS \$5.00 EACH	
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1 st Choice: Date- _____ Time- _____ 2 nd Choice: Date- _____ Time- _____					
3 rd Choice: Date- _____ Time- _____ NO HALF ENTRIES – MUST BOWL BOTH DOUBLES AND SINGLES					

TOURNAMENT RULES AND INFORMATION

ENTRY DEADLINE – APRIL 26, 2024

1. ENTRANT/PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS: ALL BOWLERS MUST REPORT TO THE TOURNAMENT OFFICE AT LEAST ONE HOUR PRIOR TO SCHEDULED BOWLING TIME. BOWLERS MUST HAVE A USBC CARD PURCHASED IN WEST VIRGINIA. THOSE WITHOUT USBC CARDS MUST: A) PROVIDE WRITTEN CONFIRMATION FROM THEIR LOCAL WV SECRETARY/ASSOCIATION MANAGER, OR B) PAY \$24.00 FOR A CARD ONLY TO BE REFUNDED UPON CONFIRMATION OF MEMBERSHIP FROM LOCAL SECRETARY/ASSOCIATION MANAGER. IF YOU ARE A USBC MEMBER IN ANOTHER STATE, YOU MUST PAY LOCAL AND STATE DUES. NO MORE THAN TWO BOWLERS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF OR HAVE APPLIED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN A PROFESSIONAL BOWLING ORGANIZATION CAN BE ON A 4-PERSON TEAM AND ONLY 1 ON A DOUBLES TEAM. **YOU MUST HAVE A 21 GAME AVERAGE FROM AN ADULT LEAGUE AND MUST BE AT LEAST THE AGE OF 18 AT TIME OF ENTRY.** THIS TOURNAMENT IS USBC CERTIFIED.

2. BOWLING OPPORTUNITIES: A BOWLER MAY COMPETE TWO (2) TIMES IN THE TEAM EVENT OF THIS TOURNAMENT. NOT MORE THAN TWO (2) BOWLERS ON THE SAME TEAM MAY PLACE MORE THAN ONCE IN THE PRIZE LIST FOR POSITION STANDINGS. A BOWLER'S FIRST TEAM AND FIRST DOUBLES/SINGLES EVENT SCORE WILL COUNT FOR ALL-EVENTS. A BOWLER MAY COMPETE TWO (2) TIMES IN THE DOUBLES AND SINGLES EVENTS. THE PENALTY FOR AN INFRACTION OF THIS RULE IS DISQUALIFICATION AND FORFEITURE OF ENTRY FEES AND PRIZE MONEY IN THE EVENT IN WHICH IT OCCURS. ONLY SUBSEQUENT APPEARANCES ARE SUBJECT TO ANY DISQUALIFICATION AND FORFEITURE OF ENTRY FEES AND PRIZE MONEY. ALL BOWLERS ENTERING THE DOUBLES MUST ALSO BOWL IN THE SINGLES EVENTS. ALL BOWLERS ENTERED IN THE TEAM, DOUBLES AND SINGLES EVENTS MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE ALL-EVENTS BY PAYING THE SUM OF FIVE DOLLARS (\$5.00) PER ENTRANT. ANY BOWLER WHO PLACES FIRST IN THE ALL-EVENTS BUT HAS NOT PAID THE ALL-EVENTS FEE IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE ONLY THE NON-CASH CHAMPIONSHIP PRIZE FOR THE ALL-EVENTS. ALL-EVENTS WILL BE PAID FOR BOTH SCRATCH AND HANDICAP.

3. SUBSTITUTES: SUBSTITUTES WHO MEET ELIGIBILITY STATED IN RULE 1 MUST REPORT TO TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT ONE HOUR PRIOR TO A SCHEDULED SHIFT.

4. ENTERING AVERAGES: 1) ENTRANTS WILL USE THEIR 2022-2023 HIGHEST USBC LEAGUE AVERAGE FOR 21 OR MORE GAMES. HIGHEST AVERAGE IS FROM ANY CERTIFIED USBC LEAGUE, NO MATTER IF THE AVERAGE WAS BOWLED IN WV OR ANOTHER STATE. 2) IF NO AVERAGE FOR 2022-2023 SEASON, USE HIGHEST CURRENT SEASON 2023-2024 USBC AVERAGE AS OF MARCH 1, 2024 FOR 21 OR MORE GAMES. A COPY OF THE STANDINGS SHEET WITH THE 2023-2024 AVERAGE MUST BE PROVIDED. 3) ENTRANTS WITH NONE OF THE ABOVE AVERAGES MUST BOWL SCRATCH. IT IS EACH BOWLER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO VERIFY THE ACCURACY OF HER OWN AVERAGE IN A HANDICAP TOURNAMENT, REGARDLESS OF SOURCE. FAILURE TO USE THE CORRECT AVERAGE WILL DISQUALIFY THE SCORE IF THE SUBMITTED AVERAGE IS LOWER THAN THE CORRECT AVERAGE, THEREBY RESULTING IN MORE HANDICAP. THIS INCLUDES ANY SPORT OR CHALLENGE AVERAGES ALSO. PRIZE WINNINGS WILL BE BASED ON THE SUBMITTED AVERAGE, IF IT IS HIGHER THAN THE CORRECT AVERAGE (RULE 319A, ITEM 3). WHEN PREVIOUS SEASON'S AVERAGE IS USED, AND AS OF THE DATE OF BOWLING, AN ENTRANT HAS A CURRENT AVERAGE FOR 21 OR MORE GAMES THAT IS 10 PINS OR MORE HIGHER THAN THE PRIOR SEASON'S AVERAGE, THE AVERAGE AS OF THE DATE OF BOWLING MUST BE USED. A COPY OF THE STANDINGS SHEET WITH THE CURRENT AVERAGE OF 10 PINS OR MORE HIGHER MUST BE PROVIDED.

5. AVERAGE RERATING: THIS TOURNAMENT ENFORCES USBC RULE 319. THE AVERAGE OF A BOWLER WILL BE ADJUSTED UPWARD BEFORE PARTICIPATION IN ANY EVENT. IF THE ASSIGNED AVERAGE IS NOT ACCEPTED BY THE BOWLER, THE ENTRY FEES SHALL BE REFUNDED.

6. REPORTING OF PREVIOUS TOURNAMENT WINNINGS WILL APPLY (RULE 319D). THE AVERAGE ADJUSTMENT RULE WILL APPLY (RULE 319E). FAILURE TO COMPLY ON EITHER RULE IS CAUSE FOR FORFEITURE OF ENTRY FEES AND PRIZE WINNINGS.

7. HANDICAP PERCENTAGE USED: THE HANDICAP WILL BE 90% OF 225 PER BOWLER.

8. PRIZES: AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE HANDICAP WINNERS IN THE TEAM, DOUBLES, SINGLES, AND SCRATCH AND HANDICAP ALL-EVENTS. PRIZE FEES ARE RETURNED 100% IN CASH AND PRIZES. PRIZE WINNERS ARE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING ENTRY RATIOS: AT LEAST ONE IN FIVE (1:5) IN TEAM, DOUBLES, AND SINGLES. AND AT LEAST ONE OUT OF TEN (1:10) IN SCRATCH AND HANDICAP ALL-EVENTS.

9. DRESS CODE: BOWLERS SHOULD LOOK PRESENTABLE. NO CUT OFFS, SLEEVELESS TOPS, SHORT SHORTS. ANY BOWLER APPEARING TO BOWL IN VIOLATION OF THIS DRESS CODE WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO BOWL AND THERE WILL BE NO REFUND OF ANY ENTRY FEES. ANY BOWLER WHO VIOLATES THIS RULE DURING TOURNAMENT PLAY WILL BE DISQUALIFIED AND FORFEIT ALL ENTRY FEES AND PRIZES.

10. OTHER: TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT WILL SCHEDULE LANE ASSIGNMENTS FOR EACH EVENT. IN THE DOUBLES & SINGLES EVENTS, DOUBLES WILL BE BOWLED FIRST, FOLLOWED BY SINGLES. **THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR WILL ALLOW TEAMS TO BE PAIRED IF REQUESTED AND ENTRIES ARE SUBMITTED TOGETHER.** ENTRIES SHALL BE MAILED WITH A MONEY ORDER, BANK CHECK OR PERSONAL CHECK FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT. ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MIDNIGHT **APRIL 26, 2024.** TWO (2) TEAMS WILL BE ON EACH PAIR OF LANES, AND A MINIMUM OF TWO (2) SETS OF DOUBLES WILL BE ON EACH PAIR OF LANES. LANES WILL NOT BE SKIPPED BETWEEN TOURNAMENT BOWLERS. ALL DECISIONS OF THE TOURNAMENT MANAGER ARE FINAL UNLESS AN APPEAL IS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH USBC RULE 329.

11. LATE ENTRIES: LATE ENTRIES MAY BE TAKEN UP TO **MAY 1, 2024** PRIOR TO THE START OF THE TOURNAMENT. THERE WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL **\$25.00** CHARGE FOR APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED AFTER **APRIL 26, 2024.** **NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER POSTMARK DATE OF MAY 1, 2024!!! NO EXCEPTIONS!!! IF ENTRY IS POSTMARKED AFTER MAY 1, 2024, IT WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU.**

12. TOURNAMENT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND WILL FOLLOW ALL LOCAL, COUNTY, STATE AND NATIONAL COVID GUIDELINES AS NECESSARY. THE OFFICERS AND AGENTS OF WV STATE USBC SHALL BE LIABLE ONLY TO THE EXTENT OF RETURNING ENTRY FEES, IF AND WHEN THE ENTRANTS SHALL BE PREVENTED FROM BOWLING ANY EVENT IN THE TOURNAMENT THROUGH DELAY, UNEXPECTED YET NECESSARY CHANGES IN SCHEDULE, OR PREMATURE TERMINATION OF THE TOURNAMENT.

13. WV STATE USBC AND/OR CENTER MANAGEMENT/OWNER RESERVES ALL RIGHTS TO STOP ANY ACTIONS THAT VIOLATE ANY USBC OR HOUSE RULES NOT LISTED IN THE PRINTED RULES. THIS INCLUDES ANY ACTION THAT MAY DAMAGE THE CENTER'S EQUIPMENT OR LANES. THEY ALSO HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK A BOWLER TO LEAVE THE CENTER IF THE ACTIONS ARE NOT STOPPED. IF THE BOWLER IS ASKED TO LEAVE THE CENTER, THE DECISION IS FINAL, AND THE BOWLER WILL NOT BE ISSUED A REFUND.

FOR INFORMATION CALL: SUE PACK – TOURNAMENT MANAGER – (304) 952-1329