

Southeastern Ohio USBC Women's Tournament Rules

1. This tournament is open to **any female SEOHUSBC Certified bowler** who meets at least one of the following:
 - (a) Have an average with at least 21 games in a SEOH USBC certified league during 2007-2008 season.
 - (b) Have an average with at least 21 games in a SEOH USBC certified league during the current season as of 12-31-2008.
 - (c) Bowlers holding membership in the SEOH USBC but not meeting average requirements – see rule 2.
 - (d) **Bowlers who are eligible to bowl in another association's championship tournament must have bowled 21 games in the current season in the SEOH USBC to be eligible to compete in this tournament.**
2. AVERAGE REQUIREMENTS-The highest SEOH USBC book average for 2007-2008 season. If no 07-08 book average, a verified current average of at least 21 games as of December 31, 2008, in a SEOH USBC certified league must be used. If no current average, a verified 2008 summer average of at least 21 games, in a SEOH USBC certified league. If none of the average requirements are met, bowlers must use 225 scratch for an average.
3. No refund of entry fees after the closing date December 27, 2008. Walk in entries for the team event only will be accepted if lanes are available with an additional \$10 processing fee. Total fees must be paid in cash and the team must be entered a minimum of 1 hour prior to the squad time.
4. Teams with ineligible bowlers will be disqualified with no refund of entry fee.
5. Each entrant is responsible for assuring each 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 score, if the average is lower than their actual average. If the average is higher, prize winnings will be based on the submitted average.
6. Entry fee shall be \$14.00 per bowler, per event. **Optional fees:** All Events Actual \$4.00; All Events handicap \$3.00; Doubles Actual \$6.00 per set of doubles; Singles Actual \$3.00; Actual Team Event \$15.00. **All optional fees must be submitted along with and in addition to other regular tournament fees.** Optional event expenses will be \$.50 per bowler per event entered.
7. HANDICAP WILL BE 95 % OF 225. The 10-pin rule does not apply (USBC rule #319E).
8. Awards will be presented to the champions of each event. If the winners are the same for both actual and handicap divisions in any one (1) event, one (1) plaque will be awarded and properly engraved. 1st place champions (only) will receive a paid banquet meal at the Association Spring Banquet. Date and time will be announced
9. Prize fee will be returned 100% cash and prizes. At least 1 out of every 8 will cash.
10. 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 of the entry fee.
11. Doubles and singles may be entered twice only but you must change doubles partners. You may cash twice in the doubles but only once in the singles with your highest score. Your first appearance in each event will count toward your All Events score (handicap and/or actual). **Doubles will be bowled first.**
12. The line up is as entered on the entry form and must be followed unless a substitute is used. (NO NICKNAMES.) Subs will bowl in the position of the original bowler.
13. BOWLERS MUST BE PRESENT 30 minutes before scheduled starting time. LATE BOWLERS WILL RECEIVE A ZERO (0) FOR EACH FRAME MISSED. (No make-up frames)
14. All USBC TOURNAMENT RULES WILL APPLY.
15. Altering the surface of a bowling ball by the use of an abrasive while bowling in certified competition is prohibited. All bowling balls so altered shall be removed from competition. PENALTY: FORFEITURE OF THE GAME, ENTRY FEES AND DISQUALIFICATION, AS WELL AS POSSIBLE SUSPENSION OF USBC MEMBERSHIP.
16. PRIZE MONEY WILL BE DISTRIBUTED FOR ALL WINNERS no more than thirty (30) days after tournament completion. Place and date will be announced later. Awards will be presented to the champions at the Association Spring Banquet date and time to be announced. See rule #8.
17. Lane assignments will be done by the tournament director.

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, if officers and agents, shall be liable only to the extent of returning entry fees if and when entrants are prevented from bowling and 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 there from fires, strikes and lockouts or labor difficulties beyond the control of the SEOH USBC.