

12<sup>th</sup> Annual NH State USBC Championship Tournament  
Open and Women's Division Rules and Regulations

1. USBC Rules and Regulations will govern this tournament. The Tournament Manager and the Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject all entries and decide all questions or disputes arising in the tournament, except where an appeal is made to USBC for final consideration.
2. To be eligible to compete in this tournament you must hold a current USBC membership for a New Hampshire State USBC league. No memberships will be sold during the tournament. All bowlers participating in this tournament must present a valid 2017-2018 USBC Membership Card upon check-in. Check-in begins one (1) hour prior to squad time. **Substitutions must be made prior to scheduled bowling time. Changes in line-up must be made one (1) hour prior to schedule bowling time.**
3. No team or individual will be entitled to a refund after the entry form and fees have been received and dates/times have been assigned. The team captain is responsible for ensuring that all information supplied is correct. **NO CONFIRMATION LETTERS will be mailed. Lineup will be as shown on entry form.**
4. Entering Averages: Entrants will use their highest USBC certified league average from the previous 2016/2017 winter/summer seasons based on twenty-one (21) games or their 2015/2016 winter/summer seasons book average, USBC rule 319a. If neither applies they will use their current average of 21 games or more as of January 1, 2018. Composite averages equivalent to twenty-one (21) games will be accepted. Entrants that have no established average will bowl SCRATCH. It is the bowlers' responsibility to provide average verification to the Tournament Manager prior to competition. If an entrants current average based on twenty-one (21) games or more as of January 1, 2018 is ten (10) pins higher than the 2016/2017 or the 2015/2016 winter/summer seasons averages, the entrant will use their current average.
5. It is the bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average. A bowler shall adjust entering average and submit the adjusted average to the Tournament Manager in accordance with USBC rule 319e. Failure to use proper average in accordance with USBC rule 319a shall be cause for disqualification if the submitted average is lower than actual average. If the submitted average is higher, prize winnings will be based on the higher average.
6. USBC rule 319c (Re-Rating) will be waived.
7. This is a Handicap and Scratch Tournament with an optional All Events in the Open and Women's Division Events. Handicap will be 100% of 230.
8. Re-Entries will be allowed in the Team and Doubles Events Only. No more than two (2) bowlers from one (1) team may bowl on another team. Bowlers may enter doubles more than once with a different partner. The bowler's first team and double event series will count towards the individuals All Events score.
9. The tournament consists of an Open and Women's Divisions. The team playing strength the Open and Women's Divisions is four (4) players.
10. The prize fund will be returned 100% in each event, 50% Handicap and 50% Scratch. Any entrant qualifying for scratch and handicap awards will be awarded the prize of greater value. **Scratch will prevail.** Prize ratio will be at least one (1) in five (5) entries for Team Event, and at least one (1) in ten (10) for Doubles and Singles Events and at least one (1) in twenty (20) in All Events in accordance with USBC rule 306 and 308. High Series All Events winner from the Open/Women's will receive partial entry fee to the Masters or Queens Tournaments.
11. Entries close **February 27, 2018** to best guarantee requested date and time, entry must be postmarked by the next post office business day. **Re-Entries and Walk-in entries close 45 minutes prior to squad time, subject to lane availability.**
12. Unmarried students under age eighteen (18) must have parental consent on file with the Tournament Manager at least one (1) week prior to the tournament, unless the student is accompanied by a parent or guardian and the Parental Consent Form is completed prior to the student's participation.
13. Only tournament officials will record scores. Rules 327a and 327b will apply.

**12<sup>th</sup> Annual New Hampshire State Open & Women's Championship Tournament**  
Merrimack Ten Pin 698 DW Highway, Merrimack NH (603)895-9501

**USBC CERTIFIED**

Entries Close February 27, 2018  
Re-entries and Walk-in Entries Close 45 Minutes prior to Squad Time

Mail Entry and Fees to: NH State USBC  
3 Westchester Drive Nashua NH 03063-2219

**[ ] Women's Division Entry – please check  
or your entry will be placed in the Open Division**

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_ Team Captain \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**LIST IN BOWLING ORDER**

**Team Event                      3/17 11:00AM                      3/18 12:00PM                      3/24 2:00PM                      3/25 12:00PM**

USBC #	2016-17 AVERAGE See Rule #4	NAME 4 PERSON EVENT                      \$120.00/Team	ALL EVENTS \$10.00	DATE	TIME

**Doubles Event                      3/17 2:30PM                      3/18 9:00AM                      3/24 11:00AM                      3/25 9:00AM**

USBC #	2016-17 AVERAGE See Rule #4	NAME 2 PERSON EVENT                      \$60.00/Double	DATE	TIME

**Singles Event                      3/17 4:00PM                      3/18 10:30AM                      3/24 12:30AM                      3/25 10:30AM**

USBC #	2016-17 AVERAGE See Rule#4	NAME 1 PERSON EVENT                      \$30.00/Bowler	DATE	TIME