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Michigan State USBC Women's Bowling Association 91st Annual Championship Tournament



OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM WATERFORD, MICHIGAN

TEAM EVENT

AIRWAY LANES
4825 Highland Rd
Waterford MI 48328

DOUBLES & SINGLES EVENTS

CENTURY BOWL
7345 Highland Rd
Waterford MI 48327

TOURNAMENT OPENS February 17, 2018
CLOSES May 6, 2018 (unless extended)

CLOSING DATES FOR ENTRIES

Reserved Dates: October 16, 2017 — All Others: January 10, 2018

**** Late entries may be accepted on a space available basis at an additional cost of \$5 per person ****
Call the state office at 616/635-2032 for information and availability

~ Handicap Competition in the Following Average Divisions ~

	Division I	Division II	Division III (Doubles, Singles & All Events Only)
Team (5 Woman)	776 & Over	775 & Under	
Team (4 Woman)	621 & Over	620 & Under	
Doubles	340 & Over	280 - 339	279 & Under
Singles/AE	170 & Over	140 - 169	139 & Under

State Champions shall be declared in each event, each division

Optional Scratch Available in Team(s), Doubles, Singles and All-Events

Mail Entries with Full Fees To:

Michigan State USBC Women's Bowling Association

Sharon Schildroth, Association Manager

P.O. Box 217— Grandville MI 49468-0217

Website: michiganwba.com - Email: miwomenbowlers@comcast.net

Phone: (616) 635-2032 for Reservations

Note: credit card use is also available—(3% fee and email address is required)

Dates and Times are assigned on a first come-first serve basis as completed entry forms and correct fees are received

1. ELIGIBILITY

- All entrants in this tournament must be members of a local Michigan association, the Michigan State USBC WBA (dues of \$1.00) and the USBC. Entrants must have a current season certification card when checking in or pay for a full membership (USBC \$13.00, MI USBC WBA \$1.00, and their local association dues).
- Unmarried grade or high school students who have not attained the age of 18 must furnish written consent signed by their parent or guardian, on a parental consent form, which shall be filed with the tournament manager at least one week before the bowler is eligible for tournament competition, unless the student is accompanied by her parent or legal guardian in which case the parental consent form may be filed up to the time the student starts to bowl. (Signing this form may violate MHSAA rules and disqualify bowler from all high school sports).
- Women who identify themselves as professionals or who are members of, or who apply for membership in any professional or semi-professional bowler organization on or after August 1 preceding this tournament shall be eligible for participation as follows: (a) Not more than two such players on a five/four woman team lineup; (b) Not more than one such player on a two woman doubles lineup; (c) Each such player shall be eligible to enter singles and all events. Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification of the event.

2. FORMAT

- The game of American Tenpins will be played. Each event will be bowled on a pair of lanes, alternating lanes as in league play. *Doubles and Singles will be bowled on the same pair of lanes.*
- The tournament shall consist of **two** four woman handicap divisions and **two five woman** handicap divisions teams, and three handicap divisions in doubles, singles and optional all events. Three games shall be bowled in each event. Highest total pins plus handicap shall be declared State Tournament Champion(s) in each event, each division. The highest actual pinfall in each event across the overall tournament shall be declared the Actual Winners. If an entrant bowls doubles, she must bowl singles. If an entrant bowls singles, she must bowl doubles. **Exception: If bowling a second doubles, will not be required to bowl singles. (Please note such on entry)**
- Optional Scratch events will be available to **both 5 & 4** woman teams, doubles, singles and all-events. Entrants in optional scratch events MUST also be entered in the handicap event. All members of team and doubles MUST enter the Optional Scratch to be eligible for Optional Scratch prize winnings. Paid entrants with highest total pins WITHOUT handicap shall be declared the Optional Scratch Winners in each event. Only one scratch prize fund per event. No breakdown by divisions.

3. AVERAGE REQUIREMENTS: (Please read carefully)

- A **Entrants shall use the Michigan State USBC WBA State Tournament Average based on a minimum of eighteen (18) tournament games over the last four (4) years.**
- B. If no Tournament Average, then entrants shall use their highest 2016-2017 season average (winter) established in any USBC certified league of a local association in Michigan, regardless of whether bowled as a league member or substitute provided they have bowled a minimum of 21 games. **Bowl.com average will be recognized as official.**
- C. If no previous season average, an entrant shall use her highest current average as of December 31, provided she has bowled 21 games or more and average is verified with an individual record sheet.
- D. If no qualifying average under (a), (b) or (c), entrant may use the highest previous season summer average with a minimum of 21 games as documented on bowl.com.
- E. If no qualifying average under (a), (b), (c) or (d), entrant may use the highest average as of the date of participation in the tournament, provided she has a minimum of 21 games or a composite average with 21 or more games and average is verified with individual record sheet(s).
- F. If none of the above apply, entrant shall bowl scratch - (230).
- G. Any bowler who has ONLY A USBC SPORT/CHALLENGE LEAGUE AVERAGE will use the highest of the two **(her adjusted Sport/Challenge Bowling league average versus tournament average). Bowlers who have been rated by USBC will use their highest average (rerate, tournament or league) Whichever average is highest.**
- H. The delivery used in this tournament must be the same as that used when the average was established.
- I. An entrant requesting tournament relief, due to injury or disability, for entry into this tournament, **must be approved** by USBC Headquarters in accordance with USBC Rule 4e. **Please review USBC rule 319 in its entirety (Average adjustments). Rule 319a-2 (10 pin rule) does not apply.**

4. AVERAGE VERIFICATION:

Each entrant is responsible for the accuracy of her average whether submitted by captain or others. Correction of an average must be made by the end of the first game of any event. Falsification of an average will result in disqualification if submitted average is lower than correct average. If submitted average is higher than correct average, prize winnings will be based on submitted average.

5. MULTIPLE PARTICIPATION:

A bowler may enter twice in each team event. Three players on a 5 woman team/2 on a 4 woman team must be different. A bowler may enter twice in the doubles event but with different partners. A bowler may enter **twice in the singles, but may cash only once.** A bowler may enter optional all-events only one time. Optional all-events will be based on a bowler's first time participation in each event. A bowler may not participate more than once per squad in team, doubles and singles.

6. SUBSTITUTES

- An entrant may be allowed to bowl as a substitute an unlimited number of times team and doubles. First time participation only will count towards the All-Events score. A substitute shall take the place of the original entrant in the lineup. **No changes in the line-up (in any event) will be permitted.**
- A substitute will not be required to reimburse the entry fee nor give the original entrant any prize money or awards.
- A substitute's average may change the division.
- Captains must provide verification of averages for substitutes as required in RULE #3 (properly signed affidavits and records when required) *mailed to the state office at least two weeks prior to date scheduled to bowl or at least two (2) hours prior to bowling time.*

- In case of emergency/disability after team or doubles events has started, a substitute will be permitted if available. Combined scores to count and player subbed for cannot return. If no sub is available, only frames bowled will count.
- Paid all-events are not transferable unless the substitute replaces the original entrant in all three events and the transfer is made by a tournament official prior to the time of the substitute's participation in any event.

7. AWARDS/PRIZE MONEY

- In case of a tie for first place in any event, co-champions will be declared. Prize money for first and second place (or more) shall be divided equally between the teams or individuals tied.
- All prize funds shall be distributed within 30 days of the close of the tournament, except when USBC has authorized delay in payment. The team captain shall distribute the prize money within 15 days of receipt.

8. FEES

- Entry fee will be \$25.00 per event per bowler for each handicap event. Optional all-events fee is \$5.00. Total cost for team, doubles, singles and all-events per bowler is \$80.00.
- An entrant in doubles/singles who is not entered on a team or an entrant on a team, who is not entered in doubles/singles, may include \$5.00 optional handicap all-events fee in case she substitutes in the other event(s).
- **OPTIONAL SCRATCH:** Entry fee will be \$5.00 per event per bowler for each optional scratch event. Total cost for optional scratch team, doubles, singles and all-events per bowler is \$20.00.
- **Mail completed entry forms with full fees (money order or certified check preferred). Personal checks that do not clear are subject to a \$30 NSF fee. Optional Payment Method: Credit cards will be accepted for full entry fees and will incur a 3% service charge. Must have email address.**

9. CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY:

- For a full refund, requests for cancellations must be in writing from the team captain within 15 days of the date of the original confirmation letter.
- Requests for cancellations received after the 15 days will be assessed a \$50.00 service fee.
- **No refunds after the start of the tournament (See USBC rule 314).**
- Overpayments of \$10.00 or less will not be refunded.

10. LATE BOWLERS:

- Any player, or team, arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. A bowler who misses one or more frames by not being present and ready to bowl when it is her turn shall not be credited with any pins for frames missed.
- If an entrant is late for the doubles event, the entrant present shall bowl her singles first. If her partner has not arrived by the time she finishes her singles event and a substitute cannot be found, the entrant present shall be permitted to bowl her doubles event without a partner.
- 11. **LOST SCORES:** In the event a game (or portion of a game) is irretrievably lost in the scoring process, the game (or portion thereof) shall be bowled at a time and date determined by tournament management.
- 12. **FOREIGN SUBSTANCE:** The use of talcum powder, resin, pumice or any other foreign substance that, in any manner alters the normal conditions of the approach, is strictly prohibited. Soft rubber soles or heels that rub off on the approach cannot be used during competition.
- 13. **PACERS:** Pacers will not be allowed in the tournament.
- 14. **Smoking will not be allowed during competition including the use of E-cigarettes or Vapes NO BREAK BETWEEN DOUBLES AND SINGLES**

- 15. **ATTIRE:** Bowlers are requested to wear suitable attire when participating in the tournament. (Shirts or Blouses, Skirts, Walking Shorts, Slacks/Jeans are preferred.) Hats will be allowed for medical reasons **ONLY**.

- 16. **EQUIPMENT:** See USBC Rule 18, Bowling Ball—Altering Surface—**Doubles/Singles are run concurrently, therefore altering the surface of the ball between events is prohibited.**

- 17. **DIVISION STRUCTURE:** The tournament division structure will be as follows:

	<i>Division I</i>	<i>Division II</i>	<i>Division III</i>
<i>Team (5 Woman)</i>	<i>776 & over</i>	<i>775 & under</i>	
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- 18. Each participant is expected to exhibit good sportsmanship while participating in this tournament. The use of excessive foul language or improper conduct will result in the bowler being issued one (1) warning. Additional violations will result in the immediate disqualification of the bowler from that event.
- 19. **RULES OF GOVERNANCE:** A protest involving eligibility or playing rules must be confirmed in writing to the tournament manager before the prize payments are made. After a score has been recorded, it cannot be changed, except where there is an obvious error in scoring or calculations. Obvious errors must be corrected by a tournament official when found. Questionable errors shall be decided by the tournament management. The Board of Directors of the Michigan State USBC WBA shall have the power to act on all protests arising from or under construction of the rules of the Michigan State USBC WBA Tournament.

****NOTE: Red print indicates new rules/changes.**

Keep rules – return only this page

Team Captain: _____ Mailing Address: _____

City/Zip _____ Evening Phone: _____ / _____ Daytime Phone: _____ / _____

Email: _____ Entrants are members of: Local Association: _____

Entries are scheduled in order received with completed forms and full fees. Teams wishing same dates and times, **MUST** send in the same envelope

Team Name: _____ We wish to cross with _____

This team is participating in the \$20 / \$25 optional Scratch team event: Yes _____ No _____ Team **MUST** be entered in the handicap event to be eligible for scratch

Name as it Appears on USBC Membership Card			Address		Tournament Average or highest 16-17 Winter
1	Name:		Address:		
	USBC#	Email:	City/Zip:		
2	Name:		Address:		
	USBC#	Email:	City/Zip:		
3	Name:		Address:		
	USBC#	Email:	City/Zip:		
4	Name:		Address:		
	USBC#	Email:	City/Zip:		
5	Name:		Address:		
	USBC#	Email:	City/Zip:		

OFFICE USE ONLY	
Amount Paid:	Entry #:
Date Received:	
Team	Doubles/Singles
Squad:	Squad:
Date:	
Time:	

Tournament Dates

February: 17-18, 24-25
 March: 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 24-25
 April: 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 28-29
 May: 5-6

Times

	Saturday	Sunday
Team:	10:00 am 1:45 pm	10:00 am 2:00 pm
Doubles & Singles:	9:00 am 1:30 pm	9:00 am 1:30 pm

Note: All Squads are subject to cancellation pending number of entries. Limited squads opening weekend.

NO ½ Doubles Pairs – List Doubles on ONE entry only If bowling doubles, must bowl singles - Bowlers **MUST** participate in the handicap event to participate in the optional scratch.

Doubles pairs (1-3)			THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED! Please indicate amount paid for each event listed on THIS entry/per person.							
Name as it Appears on USBC Membership Card	Average	HANDICAP EVENTS			OPTIONAL SCRATCH EVENTS				Total owed per person	
		Team \$25	D/S \$50	AE \$5	Team \$5	Doubles \$5	Singles \$5	AE \$5		
1										\$
										\$
2										\$
										\$
3										\$
										\$
NOTE: Please indicate amount paid for bowlers events listed on THIS entry ---- if d/s are on another entry, indicate amount for those events on THAT entry – do not list on both – EX: team on this entry, d/s on another entry									Total owed THIS entry	\$

List 3 choices of Dates & Times:

	Team	D/S
1 st choice:	_____	_____
2 nd choice:	_____	_____
3 rd choice:	_____	_____

Circle most important: Date or Time

Is this a reserved date: Yes ___ No ___

Reservation Name: _____

Choices will be honored **ONLY** if available.

Fees Enclosed: yes ___ no ___
 Please invoice me to use my credit card _____


IF BOWLING DOUBLES AND SINGLES ONLY (no team event) - please complete this section/ otherwise DO NOT complete

Name as it Appears on USBC Membership Card		Address	Tournament Average or highest 16-17 Winter
1	Name:	Address:	
	USBC# Email:	City/Zip:	
2	Name:	Address:	
	USBC# Email:	City/Zip:	
3	Name:	Address:	
	USBC# Email:	City/Zip:	
4	Name:	Address:	
	USBC# Email:	City/Zip:	
5	Name:	Address:	
	USBC# Email:	City/Zip:	
6	Name:	Address:	
	USBC# Email:	City/Zip:	

SPECIAL REQUESTS/INFORMATION

We will be arriving on: Friday ____ Saturday ____ . We will be leaving on: Saturday ____ Sunday ____ We would like to bowl all 9 games on **ONE** day: Saturday ____ or Sunday ____

Name(s): _____ (already bowling doubles) will not bowl 2nd singles



Please list participants to be considered for recognition in the squad announcements (example: Last year's Champion, State Hall of Fame)

Name: _____

Accomplishment: _____

Name: _____

Accomplishment: _____

Name: _____

Accomplishment: _____

For additional names—please attach a note.

Please list any entrants who have participated in 25 or more Michigan State Womens Championship Tournaments and indicate how many years. **To be eligible for the award recognition — the bowler MUST have completed the participation application. (Call the office or go on-line at michiganwba.com for the form)**

	Name	# of Years	Has Plaque ?
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____

The following bowler : _____ is Not in our Team Line-up and is bowling on the following team:

Team Name: _____ Captain: _____

I hereby certify that all information including averages is accurate and that I have familiarized myself and my team-mates with the rules

Signature of Captain: _____

Entry Fee Breakdown:

Prize Fee:.....	\$10.00
Lineage:.....	\$ 8.00
Expense Fee.....	\$ 7.00
Total Per Person Per Event.....	\$25.00
Optional AE Fee.....	\$ 5.00
Optional Scratch Events Per Person/Per Event.....	\$ 5.00
Prize ratio is 1 in 5 entries:	
..... Team, Dbls, Singles	
Prize Ratio is 1 in 10:	
All Events & All Optional Scratch Events	

- Frequently Asked Questions**
- Can I bowl on both a 4 & 5 woman team? **Answer:** Yes! in fact, you can bowl on 2 of each.
 - Will you need my social security number? **Answer:** Social Security numbers are required by the IRS for prize winnings only. If you win \$600 or more....we will have to have it.
 - What is an Individual Record Sheet? **Answer:** It is **not** the League Sheet. It is the record sheet that shows every game you rolled every week and that is the one we need. And every secretary/center can provide it for you.
 - How can I make a reservation? **Answer:** Call the office at 616.635-2032 and we will work with you on available dates/times.
 - Can I use my credit card? **Answer:** Yes, You must have an email address— we send you an invoice and NEVER see your Information.

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