

**20th Annual NH State USBC
Senior's Championship Handicap Singles Tournament
Rules**

1. USBC Rules and Regulations will govern this tournament. The Tournament Director and the Tournament Committee reserve 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 the New Hampshire State USBC and are fifty (50) years of age or older as of the date of the tournament. Out of State Bowlers please visit Bowl.com to pay local and state association membership fees. PBA touring players are not eligible. **Reserved entries must be mailed by January 31, 2026. Walk-in entries will be allowed pending lane availability.**
3. There will be one division, men and women combined with six (6) classifications **based on age as of July 1, 2026.**
75 and Up 70-74 65-69 60-64 55-59 50-54

Each entrant shall bowl two (2) three game sets with a short break between sets, or one (1) three game set on Saturday and one (1) three game set on Sunday.
4. Handicap will be 90% of 220, no maximum.
5. Prize ratio will be at least one in six entries for each age classification. Prize fund will be returned 100%. NH State USBC will be adding an additional \$400.00 to the tournament prize fund.
6. Entrants will use their highest USBC certified league average based on a minimum of twenty-one (21) games from the previous winter, summer or composite average based on 21 games. If neither criteria is met the highest winter season average as of February 1, 2026 based on 21 games will be used. It is the responsibility of the bowler to provide average verification when a twenty-one-game average or composite is used.
7. USBC Rule 319 will not apply except for **USBC Rule 319a-2** will be applied, which states in brief that at the time of entry, if an entrant has a current season's average 10 or more pins higher than the prior season's average, the bowler must use current average for entry in the tournament.
8. Failure of the bowler to submit a correct average they will have their score **DISQUALIFIED**, if submitted average is lower than actual average thereby resulting in a higher handicap. Prize winnings will be based on the submitted average if it is higher than actual average.
9. If there is a tie for 1st Place, in any class, the contestants shall bowl a one (1) game roll-off at such time and place as determined by the Tournament Director.
10. Protests must be made in writing to the Tournament Director before tournament prize fund is paid out and the winner in each class declared. In accordance with USBC rules, prize payout must occur within thirty (30) days of event completion.
11. The top male and female finishers in each class are eligible for entry into the USBC National Senior Championship. A portion of the entry/shirt fee (\$100.00) will be paid by the NH State USBC upon their return from the USBC tournament.
12. The winners of each average division must notify the NH State USBC Association Manager as to whether they will attend the USBC Championship Tournament in Green Bay, Wi at Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley on August 4 – August 7, 2026.

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