

## 2019 ALASKA STATE USBC WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT RULES

1. All entrants in the Alaska USBC Tournament must be female member in good standing in their local association, Alaska state association and USBC. To be eligible to enter the Alaska USBC Tournament, a bowler must have a current season card purchased through a certified league or purchase a card from the tournament coordinator or a tournament official. An unmarried grade or high school student who has not attained the age of 18 shall have the written consent of one of her parents or guardian in order to participate in the association championship tournament. The consent shall be on a USBC approved form and shall be on file with the tournament secretary at least one week before the bowler is eligible for the tournament competition, unless the student is accompanied by her parent or guardian, in which case the parental consent form may be filed up to the time the student starts to bowl.
  2. Handicaps shall be as follows: Divisions I, II and III will be 90% of the difference between the individual's average and 240.
  3. Entrants in the Alaska USBC Tournament shall use their highest USBC women's certified average in the following order:
    1. Previous winter season, provided they have bowled 21 or more games.
    2. If no previous winter season average, an entrant shall use the highest USBC women's certified league average as of the end of the previous summer season, provided she has bowled 21 games or more.
    3. If no previous winter or summer league average, an entrant shall use her highest current USBC certified league average for 21 games or more as of December 31, 2018.
    4. An entrant without a 21 game average as of December 31, 2018 shall use her highest current certified average for 12 games or more as of February 29, 2019.
    5. In the event of an association's only bowling center closing, member's certified average may be used for 2 consecutive years.
    6. Tournament average relief will be governed by USBC rule number 4e
    7. All others will bowl scratch
- The entrant must use her highest USBC certified league average regardless of whether bowled as a regular member or a substitute. When a bowler competes in leagues in more than one association, she shall use her highest current certified average to enter the tournament, based on the number of games required, unless the association tournament rules provide for the use of only those certified averages established in leagues within its jurisdiction.
4. USBC Rule 319a2 (10 pin rule) does not apply. Rule 319c does not apply. Rule 319d does not apply. Rule 319e is waived. Rule 324a applies.
    1. If an entrant's certified average is 10 pins higher than her yearbook average by December 31<sup>st</sup>, she will use her December 31<sup>st</sup> certified average.
  5. All winners are subject to average verification by the tournament director.
  6. Unlimited participation is permitted under the following provisions:
    1. 4-woman team event - Not more than 2 players on one team can place more than once in the event in any division for position standings. Should a duplicate team place in multiple divisions; the prize amount paid will be determined by the Winlabs software program.
    2. Doubles event - In no case shall the same 2-woman team be permitted to place more than once in the prize list for position standings.
    3. Singles event - In no case shall the same individual be permitted to place more than once in the prize list for position standings.
- Bowlers entering doubles or singles must enter both events. When a bowler competes more than once, her highest appearance in each event shall count toward her all events score.
7. Changes can be made in the entrant's scheduled time with the approval of the tournament coordinator.
  8. If a duly scheduled entrant is unable to bowl either in the team, doubles or singles events, the Captain shall have the right to substitute a bowler. A substitute must be able to provide her highest certified average. In the case of disability after a game is started, a substitute will be permitted if available, and the combined score shall count. This applies in the team and doubles events only.
  9. Substitutes will be allowed when warranted. Tournament office should be advised as soon as possible, but not later than one hour before scheduled bowling time. Substitutions made because of an emergency are subject to the approval of the tournament coordinator. If the substitutes certified average changes the division in any event, the event will be reclassified. An entrant arriving late will be permitted to bowl, with her scores to count beginning with the frame being bowled.
  10. Team captains, doubles, and singles are to check in the entire team 30 minutes before squad time.
  11. Singles will be bowled first. If one bowler in a doubles event has not arrived by the time the doubles event starts, and a substitute is not available, her partner will be allowed to bowl her games in the doubles event in order to qualify for all events.
  12. When a team is scheduled by itself on a pair of lanes, and it is not possible to schedule this event with another team entered in the tournament, the team must bowl by itself on a pair of lanes. Each member will complete the frame on one lane before the team shall start its next frame on the adjoining lane. Pacers are not permitted.
  13. No smoking, beverages, or food will be allowed in the bowling settee area. House rules prevail.
  14. Each entrant must have a bowling ball for her individual use in the tournament.
  15. Prize fund will be returned 100% based on one in seven entries for team, doubles and singles events, per division (see entry form). Handicap and scratch all events per division prize fund will be returned 100% based on one in fifteen entries. Optional all events fees must be paid prior to the start of the bowler's first event. An all events entry may be transferred provided the transfer is made before the bowlers involved have participated in any event of the tournament. Overpayment of \$19 or less will not be refunded. In case of a tie, Co-Champions will be declared.
  16. Schedule and preliminary prize list will be posted and/or available on or before the opening of the tournament.
  17. All prize funds shall be distributed within 30 days following the close of the tournament, except when USBC has authorized delay in payment pending the settlement of a claim or protest which affects position standings.
  18. Any protest affecting eligibility or general playing rules must be confirmed in writing to an association official or USBC before the tournament prize payments are made. Errors in scoring must be reported to the tournament secretary within 24 hours.
  19. Entries shall be accepted up until one hour prior to the squad time chosen on a space available basis. Entry fees are non refundable shall be \$25 per person per event. (\$16.00 expenses; \$9.00 prize fund)
  20. This tournament shall be conducted in accordance with the USBC rules governing state association tournaments and the USBC general playing rules.

**CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO ALASKA STATE USBC. ALL ENTRIES AND CHECKS SHOULD BE MAILED TO: ALASKA STATE USBC, PO BOX 221515, ANCHORAGE, AK 99522-1515. Questions or inquiries can be made to [alaskastateusbc@gmail.com](mailto:alaskastateusbc@gmail.com).**