

Handicap = 90% of the difference between average and 235 Prize Ratio = 1 in 5

TEAM EVENT & DOUBLES EVENT

One Division

SINGLES EVENT

Divisions based on age as of February 7, 2026

Division 1	75 years and older
Division 2	70 – 74 years inclusive
Division 3	65 – 69 years inclusive
Division 4	60 – 64 years inclusive
Division 5	55 – 59 years inclusive

You must compete in Handicap Events to be eligible to compete in Scratch Option events.

1. ELIGIBILITY:

The Wisconsin State Tournament will be open to all members of Wisconsin and/or Upper Peninsula Associations. Non-members who reside in the jurisdiction of these Associations can become eligible by the purchase of a USBC membership card. A non-resident of Wisconsin & Upper Peninsula Associations must have participated in a minimum of 21 games at time of bowling in one league during the current season in a USBC chartered local association in Wisconsin or Upper Peninsula to be eligible.

A. All USBC tournament rules will apply. Rule 303

B. **ENTRANT MAY BOWL ONLY ONCE IN ANY EVENT**

C. Current or Past PBA/PWBA members are limited to two (2) per team and one (1) on any doubles team ** (see below)

2. FORMAT:

A. This is a handicap tournament consisting of a 4 person team event, doubles, singles and optional all-events. Handicap will be 90% of the difference between average and 235.

B. Bowlers entering doubles must also enter singles event, and vice versa.

3. AVERAGES, ENTERING AVERAGES WILL BE AS FOLLOWS;

A. Highest USBC certified league average from the 2024-25 season, based on 21 games or more. This includes converted Sport/Challenge league averages, USBC Youth averages and summer leagues. Collegiate averages are not accepted.

B. **THIS YEAR'S CURRENT AVERAGE AT THE TIME OF BOWLING IF IT IS 15 PINS OR HIGHER MINIMUM OF 21 GAMES**

C. If no 2024-25 average, use of current seasons average with a minimum of 21 games or more at the time of bowling in the tournament will be allowed. If using current average, it must be verified 1 week prior to bowling.

D. If none of the above applies, entrant will be permitted to bowl using scratch figure of 235.

E. Each entrant is responsible for the accuracy of her average whether submitted by captain or others. See USBC Rule 319a-3, 4 and 5. All score corrections and/or average adjustments must be reported within 72 hours, or original score stands. Rule 327b.

F. Any bowler who has had his/her average adjusted/rerated in the past 10 years is required to report that average adjustment/rerate, whether the bowler accepted that adjustment/rerate or not, at the time of entry, **Failure to comply with these provisions is cause for a forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings.**

G. Tournament management reserves the right to rerate any entrant prior to bowling. If the entrant refuses the rerate, the entry fees will be refunded

H. As a condition of entry, a bowler who has qualified for a cash prize of \$300 or more in the position standings prize list in any event of a tournament, \$500 or more in any one tournament or \$1000 or more in all tournaments within the last 12-month period, must give tournament management the following information prior to participation for possible average adjustment. 1. Name of each tournament. 2. The amount of prize. 3. Actual score bowled. 4. Prize position. Failure to comply is cause for forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings. (USBC 319D)

4. AVERAGE VERIFICATION:

Average affidavits will be issued to those among the top rankings in each division, each event. These are to be filled out by the league secretary to verify this year's current highest average at the time of bowling. Those failing to return the affidavits by the requested date may result in an average adjustment to 235 with loss of handicap or DISQUALIFICATION.

5. DRESS CODE:

Shirts, T-shirts and other attire with offensive language or pictures are not allowed.

6. RESERVATIONS:

A. **Entry forms and fees for reservations are due no later than 8 weeks prior to you bowling the event. If entry forms and fees are received after that deadline your reservation will be strictly based on the availability remaining from your original reservation.**

B. **Entry forms must be filled out entirely with all the bowler's information. (Name, Address, Average, and Bowler ID numbers).**

C. **Squad leaders information (person who made reservations with the state office) will be put at the bottom of EVERY entry blank in their reservation block.**

7. REFUNDS:

There will be no refunds after dates are scheduled and assigned with payment.

8. SUBSTITUTES WILL NOT BE PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL ASSOCIATION OR THE STATE OFFICE. YOU MUST OBTAIN YOUR OWN SUBSTITUTE.

A. Rearranging line-up is not permitted, participants must bowl as listed on the original entry, and a substitute must take the place of the absent bowler in the lineup. Non-compliance shall result in disqualification of the bowler.

B. All events are not transferable unless the substitute replaces the original entrant in all three events, and the transfer is made prior to the time of the substitute's participation in any event.

C. Pacers will not be allowed in the tournament.

9. AWARDS/PRIZE MONEY:

A. Awards will be given for handicap scores in each division, in each event.

B. Awards will be given for the overall scratch champions in team, doubles, singles and all events in the whole tournament.

C. In case of a tie for first place in any event, co-champions will be declared. Only one award will be given if someone is a multiple winner.

10. LATE BOWLERS:

Any player, or team, arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled.

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 the Tournament Manager.

12. EQUIPMENT:

No abrasives/cleaners may be used/applied to the bowling ball once the competition begins. No resin or foreign substance will be allowed on lanes or used on a bowler's shoes.

** **Current or Past PBA/PWBA Definition:** For Wisconsin tournament purposes, a "Current or Past PBA/PWBA member" includes any bowler under age 60 who (1) has applied for or held PBA membership during the calendar year prior to the event or before bowling in the current year's tournament; (2) has won a PBA National Tour title, USBC Masters, or U.S. Open; (3) has won a PWBA national title within the past 10 years or a PWBA major title within the past 20 years; or (4) finished in the Top 30 on the PWBA National Tour points list in the previous season.