

IOWA STATE USBC WOMEN'S BOWLING ASSOCIATION, INC.

2012 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

RULES

1. All entrants must be members of the Iowa State USBC WBA, Inc. for the current season. Only members of certified leagues or substitutes whose membership dues have been paid in accordance with the USBC and Iowa State USBC WBA Bylaws may bowl in the ISUSBCWBA State Tournament.
2. The tournament rules shall be governed by the USBC General Playing Rules and Certified Tournament rules, with the exception of rules 300b, 300c (this rule will not apply with the exception of item 2, Associate Membership), 301a-e, 302a-d, 309b-c, 310a-b, 313, 315a-d, 317a-d, 318a-c, 319a-f, 323a-c, and 324a-b, which are hereby waived.
3. Unmarried grade or high school students under the age of eighteen (18) must furnish written authorization signed by a parent or guardian. This signed statement should be attached to the original entry/substitution form when submitted.
4. The tournament shall be handicapped and consist of a five-woman Team event, a Doubles event, a Singles event, an optional All Events, an optional scratch Singles event and optional scratch All Events. Participants who have entered and paid the fees for the regular handicap tournament Singles event and All Events may enter the optional scratch events.
5. Multiple participation will be allowed in the Team event only. At least three (3) members of the Team's lineup must be different on each entry. The first Team score will be the score used for All Events, handicap or optional scratch. Bowlers entering Doubles must enter Singles; bowlers entering Singles must enter Doubles.
6. Tournament entries open August 1st and entries will be scheduled only when completed entry form and full fees are received by the state Association Manager.
7. The final closing date for entries shall be December 1st. Entries postmarked the first post office business day following the closing date will be accepted. Late entries postmarked after the date stated above and before December 10th will be accepted subject to lane availability and at the discretion of the tournament manager. The tournament manager has the right to accept late entries after December 10th.
8. All teams and individuals (when not on teams) will be notified in writing of the time they are scheduled to bowl.
9. No refunds will be made after seven (7) days following the entry closing date of December 1st (December 10th for late entries). When the state Association Manager notifies the entrant of dates and times assigned and a refusal has not been received within fifteen (15) days of this notice, the entry fee shall not be refunded. However, the fifteen (15) day period shall not extend beyond seven (7) days after the closing date for entries. In emergencies only, rescheduling of any event may be made at the discretion of the Tournament Director. Refunds for overpayment of fees will not be issued for less than \$5.00.
10. Entry fees shall be paid by money order or cashier's check. ENTRY FEES MUST BE GUARANTEED FUNDS. ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS. NO PERSONAL CHECKS OR CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED.
11. The total entry fee shall be \$20.00 per person, per event. Doubles is one event and Singles is a separate event.
12. An entrant may pay the \$5.00 handicap All Events fee and the \$5.00 optional scratch All Events fee on the anticipation of bowling all three events and being eligible for the All Events prize funds. All Events fees must accompany the entry form and must be paid by December 1st, and are not refundable.
13. The prize fund shall be paid on the basis of one prize for every five entries (1:5) in each division in Teams, Doubles, Singles and the optional scratch Singles. The prize fund for the All Events, both handicap and optional scratch shall be paid on the basis of one prize for every ten entries (1:10). The handicap All Events and the optional scratch All Events fees will be returned 100%
14. The Board of Directors of the ISUSBCWBA shall establish the amount to be allocated to the prize fund annually.
15. All prize funds shall be distributed within thirty (30) days following the close of the tournament except when USBC has authorized delay in payment.
16. All references to averages shall apply to averages established in any USBC certified leagues and associations in the following order unless ISUSBCWBA specified:
 - (a) Entrants must use highest average of not less than twenty-one (21) games in any league at the end of the previous season. (This is to apply whether a regular, substitute, or dropped average.)
 - (b) Any member who did not have an established average the previous season shall use her highest average of not less than twenty-one (21) games in one league including league play of November 30th of the current season.
 - (c) If no 21-game average as of November 30th, the bowler will use her average as of January 31st of at least twenty-one (21) games in one league.
 - (d) If no 21-game average on any of the above dates, the bowler may bowl with an established average in any USBC league of at least twelve (12) games as of the first date of tournament participation.
 - (e) Summer league average of at least twelve (12) games will be used only if the member has no other established average.
 - (f) If bowler does not meet any of the previously listed average requirements, she may enter the tournament with a 240 average.
17. It shall be the responsibility of the entrant to verify the accuracy of her average, whether submitted by the bowler, the Team captain, or others. All winners' averages are subject to further verification by the ISUSBCWBA tournament manager.
18. A multiple membership bowler from another state association will be permitted to bowl in the ISUSBCWBA state tournament, provided she meets the average and membership requirement.
19. The annual State Championship Tournament will be handicapped at 100% of 240 base, and will be divided into divisions as follows:

Division	1	2	3	4
Team Average	786 & above	721-785	676-720	675 & below
Doubles Average	315 & above	289-314	261-288	260 & below
Singles Average	158 & above	145-157	131-144	130 & below

20. No bowling shall be scheduled on Easter or Annual Meeting weekends.
21. Three sets of Doubles and Singles will be scheduled on each pair of lanes. Doubles entries must be complete. No rearranging of line-up for Team or Doubles will be permitted. If the 5th member of one Team is paired with a member from another Team, enter both names on only one form and submit the entries in the same envelope.
22. If a duly scheduled entrant is unable to bowl because of disability or absence, the captain shall have the right to substitute another bowler who qualifies under the ISUSBCWBA tournament eligibility requirements. After a substitute is secured, she shall remain until the event is completed.
23. If tournament officials are requested to secure a substitute, that substitute will not be required to reimburse the original entrant and will be eligible for any prize money or awards earned by her. When the Team secures its own substitute, they shall make their own arrangements for repayment of entry fee and prize distribution.

24. Substitute forms must be in the ISUSBCWBA office as soon as possible prior to the date scheduled to bowl.
25. Paid All Events are not transferable unless the substitute replaces an original entrant in all three events, and the transfer is made by a tournament official prior to the substitute's participation in any event. If the entrant had paid the optional All Events fee by December 1st, in anticipation of bowling all three events and bowled all three events, she would be eligible for an All Events prize.
26. Any bowler who has arrived after the game has started will be permitted to bowl at the discretion of the ISUSBCWBA Association Manager or the tournament assistant in charge. If allowed, she shall begin play with the score to count from the frame then being bowled. She will not be credited with any pins for the frames missed. (Rule 322a/a-b)
27. In the event of an emergency after a game has started, a substitute will be allowed in the Team and Doubles events only. Her scores are to count with the frame being bowled with no delay of game. She must take the place of the absent bowler in the line-up. For division classification the higher of the two averages will be used. One-tenth (1/10) of the handicap per frame bowled per bowler will be used.
28. If one bowler is late for the Doubles event, the bowler present will bowl her Singles first. If her partner has not arrived by the time her Singles event is finished and a substitute cannot be found, she will be permitted to bowl her games in the Doubles event in order to qualify for All Events.
29. Scores bowled through the efforts of more than one individual player shall not qualify for any ISUSBCWBA Championship Tournament individual high score awards; nor shall the score be included in the All Events.
30. "On the Spot" awards shall be given to any participant who bowls a game of 199 or 200 or over in any event. Awards limited to one of each per tournament.
31. State association championship awards designating division shall be awarded to the Team, Doubles, Singles (handicap and optional scratch) and All Events (handicap and optional scratch).
32. Suitable awards shall be given to tournament champions in each division in each event. Special awards will be given to the individual who bowls the highest scratch game and series in the tournament, regardless of division or event. Special awards will be given to the bowler who bowls the highest game and/or highest series in her division. Special awards will also be given for the highest scratch score in the Team event, Doubles event, Singles event and All Events, regardless of division. Cost of these awards shall be paid from the tournament expense fund.
33. The Division I Scratch All Events Champion, champions in the case of a tie, co-champions will be declared, and she (they) will be given a paid entry into the USBC Queens or Senior Queens Tournament, upon participation, for the ensuing year. If either does not wish to enter, or has not responded by February 1st, the entry shall be offered to the runner-up only. The entrant must meet Queen's average eligibility requirement or the Senior Queen's age requirement.
34. If a tie for first place occurs in any event in any division, co-champions will be declared. Prize money will be combined and divided equally, and duplicate awards will be presented.
35. Any protest regarding scores must be submitted in writing to the ISUSBCWBA Association Manager not later than seventy-two (72) hours after the games have been bowled. Protests regarding classification must be made to the ISUSBCWBA Association Manager before or at the time of bowling. The action of the ISUSBCWBA Association Manager shall be final unless an appeal is made to the ISUSBCWBA Board of Directors or to USBC.
36. The ISUSBCWBA Board of Directors shall have the power to hear and act on all protests arising from or under construction of the rules of the ISUSBCWBA tournament. The tournament management has the authority to make decisions regarding anything not covered in these rules.
37. All entrants must report to the tournament check-in office one (1) hour before the scheduled time to bowl. Late substitutions must be made at the tournament lanes at least ninety (90) minutes prior to bowling.
38. Each tournament participant must provide and use her own ball for competition whether personally owned or a house ball.
39. Food and beverages are allowed but must be kept out of the settee area.
40. Bowlers will not be allowed to smoke during tournament play. Bowlers must remain in the bowlers' area during each event. If abuse occurs, which slows the bowling or causes objections by other entrants, the offending bowler may be disqualified.
41. Misconduct, offensive behavior or inappropriate attire will not be permitted. An offending entrant, or entrants, may be prevented from beginning or continuing to bowl. She shall forfeit those games and shall be dismissed from the bowling establishment. The decision of the ISUSBCWBA Association Manager, President, any Board Member, or the Association Manager's assistants shall be final in these matters.
42. Children should be supervised by a non-bowling adult. Disruptive behavior by uncontrolled children shall be subject to the appropriate actions by house personnel or tournament management.
43. In the event a Team is unopposed on a pair of lanes, each frame shall be completed on one lane before the next frame is started on the adjoining lane. This rule shall also apply to Doubles and Singles events. Pacers will not be allowed in this tournament.
44. The ISUSBCWBA reserves the right to move entries if squads cannot be filled.
45. ISUSBCWBA is concerned about maintaining the privacy of all members' social security numbers. Your number will be protected against unauthorized use. IRS Code Section 6109 requires the taxpayer to give their correct TIN "Taxpayer Identification Number" to persons who must file information returns with the IRS to report income paid. Without a social security number, the following will apply:
 - (a) U.S. citizen teams will have all prize checks delayed until all social security numbers are collected.
 - (b) In the event an entrant refuses to provide ISUSBCWBA with a social security number, ISUSBCWBA is required to withhold 31% of the proceeds as backup withholding and remit that amount of money to the Internal Revenue Service.