



2010 USBC Senior Championships Tournament Rules

June 29 & 30, 2010
National Bowling Stadium
Reno, Nevada

1. AGE / ELIGIBILITY

- All participants must have a current USBC adult membership card.
- If current membership cannot be verified, a USBC associate membership card must be purchased at the tournament site at a cost of \$21.00.
- Must have been at least 55 years of age at the time of participation in their respective certified state or provincial tournament. Age classification for the USBC Senior Championships will be determined on the basis of the participant's age in the state/provincial competition.
- Must have bowled a minimum of six games at their state/provincial senior tournament.
- Must be the first place handicap all-events winner in their respective age classification in their division (Open or Women's). Exception to this requirement is as follows: If the first place winner is unable to attend, the state/provincial association can contact the next place finisher, and going down as far as necessary in order of finish, to find a participant in the age classification.
- Each USBC state and CFT provincial should have a tournament rule regarding ties for a championship. For example, *"If a tie exists for the champion within an age classification, co-champions will be declared. For purposes of determining who will be eligible for the USBC Senior Championships, the bowler with the highest game, with handicap will advance. If a tie still exists, the second highest score, with handicap, will be used, etc."*

2. AVERAGE REQUIREMENTS

The average to be used will be determined in the following order:

- a. Highest book average from the 2008-09 USBC winter season, based on 21 or more games.
 - b. If no 2008-09 USBC winter season average, the highest average from the 2008-08 USBC summer season, based on 21 or more games.
 - c. If no 2008-08 USBC winter or summer season average, the highest 2009-10 USBC winter season average as of January 1, 2010 based on 21 or more games.
 - d. When a bowler's current 21 game average as of January 1, 2010 is 10 or more pins higher than the previous season's average, that average must be used. (USBC Rule 319a - 2).
 - e. Bowlers who do not meet any of the above requirements will be entered with a 210 average.
 - f. Canadian participants must submit their CTF average under the above requirements. (USBC Rule 319f)
- Any bowler who has ONLY A USBC SPORT LEAGUE AVERAGE must submit and use their adjusted Sport Bowling league average utilizing the USBC Average Adjustment

Scale. The scale can be found on bowl.com, (or Page 74 of the USBC Playing Rules).

- Failure to use the correct average shall disqualify score if submitted average is lower than correct average thereby resulting in a lower classification. Prize winnings shall be based on the submitted average if it is higher than the correct average. However, corrections in averages may be permitted up to the completion of the first game of a series.
- All entrants who have qualified for \$600 or more in any tournament event or division of an event during the 12 months prior to participation, must attach a report with the entry form showing actual score bowled and the amount of money won in each case (USBC Rule 319d).
- Any bowler who has exceeded his/her entering average by 15 pins over 21 or more tournament games in the past 12 months (USBC Rule 319e) he/she must submit his/her adjusted average in accordance with the rule.
- All entrants must report any re-rate or adjustments to averages from any other tournament or event prior to participation.
- Failure to report prize winnings, submit adjusted average under USBC Rule 319e or 319d or report any re-rates shall be cause for disqualification. Nothing in USBC Rule 319e will be deemed to supersede the authority of tournament management to adjust a bowler's average upward prior to bowling. For purposes of average adjustment, tournament management will use guidelines including, but not limited to: USBC averages, previous tournament winnings, and any records of bowler performance from league(s) and/or tournament(s).

3. AVERAGE VERIFICATION

Each bowler is responsible for see that their average is verified before competition begins.

4. AVERAGES – ADJUSTMENTS

The average of a bowler may be adjusted upward before participation in any event. If the assigned average is not accepted by the bowler, the entry fee shall be refunded (Rule 319c).

5. BOWLING EQUIPMENT

Bowling Bags

- Bags with wheels are permitted.

Bowling Balls

- Every bowler must have a bowling ball for his/her exclusive use.
- Each entrant will be allowed a maximum of eight bowling balls.
- All Bowling balls must meet all USBC specifications.
- Random bowling ball checking may be done by tournament management.
- Any bowler may request to have his/her bowling balls checked prior to competition.

Powder

- No substance, including talcum powder or EZ Slide, can be applied to the bottom of a player's shoes once the bowler has begun competition.

Rosin

- No substance may be placed on the outer surface of the bowling ball once competition begins. After the bowler begins competition, the outer surface of the ball may only be cleaned with a dry towel.

6. DATES AND LOCATION

June 29 & 30, 2010

**National Bowling Stadium
300 N. Center St.
Reno, NV**

April 15, 2010 Deadlines:

- State associations to submit their “State’s Official Entry Form” and entry fees.
- Players to submit their Average verification forms.
- Players to submit their shirt order forms.

7. DIVISIONS/AGE CLASSIFICATIONS

The USBC Senior Championships is a handicap singles tournament consisting of two separate divisions. Handicap for each division will be 90% of 210.

- Open Division - men and women
- Women’s Division - women only

The tournament consists of five age classifications within each division:

Super senior: 75 and up **Class A:** 70-74 **Class B:** 65-69 **Class C:** 60-64 **Class D:** 55-59

- Each USBC state and CTF provincial association will be permitted to send a maximum of five Open Division participants and five Women’s Division participants, one in each age classification.
- **Merged states** are required to have qualifiers coming from an open division and a women’s division. Female participants will have to determine which division they want to enter at the state level. They will qualify only in that division.
- **Non Merged states** will conduct an open and women’s senior state tournament just as they currently do and advance the winners accordingly.
- If a USBC state and CTF provincial senior tournament is not set up to include the five age classifications, but would like to send five representatives to the USBC Senior Championships, they will have to compile a separate record of the standings in each of the five age classifications in order to qualify the top bowler in each age category.

8. DRESS CODE

Entrants are expected to wear suitable attire. Examples of prohibited attire include but are not limited to:

- Hats (medical reasons only)
- Tank tops, halter tops, bare midriffs, spaghetti strap tops, etc.
- Workout attire, short shorts, short skirts, jeans that are not neat, clean or in good condition

Bowlers will be required to change if attire is deemed inappropriate by tournament management or designee. Tournament management or designee decision will be final.

9. EATING – DRINKING – SMOKING

Entrants are NOT permitted to eat, smoke, or drink alcoholic beverages while participating in the USBC Senior Championships. This includes from the start of practice to the last ball thrown for score. Bowlers with a medical condition who must eat a small snack during competition must obtain a medical slip from the tournament office.

10. ENTRY FEES

- \$140 per participant.
- Entry fees are typically paid by the state or provincial association. If the state/provincial association is unable to pay the entry fees, participants must be advised that they are still eligible to participate in the Championships at their own expense.
- All prize fees collected in each age classification in each division will be returned 100% to those participants in the divisions.
- Entry fee breakdown: At least 1 for every 3 entries, per division and age classification.
- Prize fee: \$100 Expense fee: \$40 Total entry fee: \$140

11. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- Participants will bowl 2 FOUR-game qualifying blocks, Block 1: June 29th, Block 2: June 30th
- Participants compete only with those in their own age classification.
- The National Champion in each age class will be determined by the highest 8-game total.
- If a tie exists after eight games, there will be a one-game roll-off to determine the Champion.
- Should a tie still exist, an additional 9th and 10th frame will be bowled. This procedure will continue until a tie is broken.
- Ten champions will be declared, one in each of the five age classifications in the Open Division and the Women's Division.

12. GAMBLING

All forms of gambling are prohibited while bowling. This includes but is not limited to card playing, pushing coins, etc.

13. LATE ARRIVAL

Any participant arriving late for the qualifying blocks will begin play in the frame then being bowled. A bowler will not be credited with any pins for frames missed.

14. PRIZE CHECKS AND AWARDS

- The IRS requires USBC to furnish 1099 forms to individuals who accumulate winnings of \$600 or more annually in any USBC events in which they participate.
- Failure to furnish a social security number (U.S. citizens) or ITIN (Non US citizens) to USBC will result in a 30% tax reduction of the prize check.
- All winners' averages are subject to further verification by USBC tournament management.
- All champions will receive an award.
- Prize checks will be mailed within 30 days of the conclusion of the tournament.

16. REPLACEMENTS

- If a participant is unable to attend, a replacement will be allowed. However, the replacement must have participated in their respective senior state tournament and bowled in the same age classification as the original bowler being replaced.
- The state/provincial coordinator must go down, in order of finish in the same age classification, to find the replacement.

- Entry fee from the original bowler is transferable to their replacement.

17. SCORING ERRORS

Any claims for errors in scoring or calculation must be filed with the tournament management no later than 15 minutes after completion of the block.

18. SCHEDULE - TIMES

<u>Monday, June 28</u>	Pre-registration	Noon – 5:00 pm
	Optional Singles Sweeper	7:00 pm
<u>Tuesday, June 29</u>	Registration	11:00 am to 6:00 pm
	Squad 1 (SS – A – B)	4:00 pm
	Squad 2 (C and D)	7:00 pm
<u>Wednesday, June 30</u>	Squad 2 (C and D)	9:00 am
	<i>Award Ceremony C and D</i>	<i>Noon</i>
	Squad 1 (SS – A – B)	12:30 pm
	<i>Award Ceremony SS, A & B</i>	3:00 pm

*The USBC tournament management has the authority to make decisions regarding anything not covered by these rules.

TERMINATION CLAUSE

To the Chief Operating Officer of the United States Bowling Congress: I hereby make application to participate in the 2010 USBC Senior Championships events listed and tender the entry fees required therefore. I warrant that I am a USBC member. I agree to abide by all tournament and playing rules and regulations prescribed by USBC, including all provisions set forth on this form. I specifically agree for myself and any replacement chosen for me that if I am not eligible for participation and/or cannot bowl in the USBC Senior Championships, then my prize, bowling, and expense fees shall be forfeited and all sums tendered by me as prize, bowling and expense fee may be retained by USBC as liquidated damages. The entrant whose name appears hereon or their authorized replacements hereby agree that the USBC, its officers and agents shall be liable only to the extent of returning entry fees, less expenses, if and when that entrant shall be prevented from bowling any event in the tournament through premature termination of the tournament, which may be brought about by war, national emergency or emergencies or causes relating thereto resulting therefrom, fires, labor difficulties, terrorism or threats of terrorism, or other causes beyond the control of USBC. I further agree that USBC may use my name and likenesses (including video) for promotional purposes at no cost to me and with no fees being paid by me.

The entrant whose name appears on this application and/or authorized replacement hereby agrees that the USBC, and its officers and agents, shall not be liable for any injury resulting from participation in bowling in the USBC Senior Championships, absent willful or gross negligence on the part of USBC.