

Doubles & singles:  
11:00 a.m. teams: 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.  
6:00 p.m. teams: 2:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Note: Squad times listed are "BOWLING FOR SCORE" times. Squads will be brought out to the lanes as lanes become available.

## 29. SUBSTITUTES/MULTIPLE PARTICIPATION

- No one may bowl in this tournament except those originally entered or such replacement authorized by the team captain or her appointee.
- Substitutes will be allowed subject to the following:
- Bowlers cannot be listed on an original entry form more than once for any event.
  - A bowler will be allowed to bowl team event no more than two (2) total times, one of which must be an on-site substitution.
  - In order to place more than once in the prize list for positions standings in team event, at least two players in the lineup must be different. (USBC Rule 315b-1)
- The substitute will take the place of the original entrant in the line-up.
- All changes in line-up order must be submitted in writing and received at the USBC Women's Championships office on site at least 24 hours prior to the first scheduled time of bowling.
- The substitute's average may change the division.
- All-events entry fees paid by the original entrant are non-transferable, unless the substitute replaces the original entrant in all the events in which the original entrant was scheduled. However, see Rule #306b regarding payment of all-events fees prior to the bowler's first bowled event.
- All events standing will be determined by the bowler's first appearance in the team event.
- No substitutes will be allowed after a singles series has started.

## 30. TEAMS CROSSING LANES/COMPANION TEAMS

Teams wishing to cross lanes (bowl together) must send their entry forms together in one envelope. Entry forms sent in separately will be randomly scheduled.

## 31. OTHER RULES

- Teams and/or individuals arriving late shall begin play and the scores shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. Entrant will receive a zero for all frames missed.
- 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.
- All USBC Certified Tournament Rules will apply, unless otherwise stated.
- Tournament management has the authority to make decisions regarding anything not covered by these rules.

## 32. USBC TRAVEL

Booking on-line makes travel to El Paso a breeze. You can access reservations 24/7 on our website [www.bowl.com](http://www.bowl.com), click on USBC Travel Services. If you don't have internet access, please call (800) 269-5885 M-F 8 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. CDT.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT [USBCwomenschampionships.com](http://USBCwomenschampionships.com) OR WRITE:

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March 27 thru July 9, 2010  
USBC Certified

# RULES & INFORMATION

El Paso Convention Center  
1 Civic Center Plaza  
El Paso, TX 79901

IMPORTANT  
INFORMATION  
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Closing Date - January 22, 2010



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## TERMINATION/RELEASE CLAUSE

To the Chief Executive Officer of the United States Bowling Congress: We, by our captain and agent, hereby make application to participate in the 2010 USBC Women's Championships events listed and tender the entry fees required therefore. We warrant that we are USBC members. We agree to abide by all tournament and playing rules and regulations prescribed by USBC, including all provisions set forth on this form. We specifically agree for ourselves and any replacements chosen by or for us if we are not eligible for participation and/or cannot bowl in the USBC Women's Championships, then our prize, bowling and expense fees shall be forfeited and all sums tendered by us as prize, bowling and expense fees may be retained by USBC as liquidated damages. The entrants whose names appear 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 these entrants 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 or resulting therefrom, fires, strikes, labor difficulties, terrorism or threats of terrorism, or other causes beyond the control of USBC. We further agree that USBC may use our names and likenesses (including video) for promotional purposes at no cost to us and with no fees being paid by us.

The entrants whose names appear on this application and/or their authorized replacements hereby agree that the USBC, and its officers and agents, shall not be liable for any injury resulting from participation in bowling in the USBC Women's Championships, absent willful or gross negligence on the part of USBC.

## 2010 USBC WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS RULES

### New Rules are Bolded

The USBC Women's Championships is USBC certified. The game of American Tenpins will be played.

#### 1. AGE/ELIGIBILITY

- Open to all women USBC members 16 years of age or over at time of participation (see Tournament Rule 21 – Parental Consent).
- All participants must be women and have a current USBC adult membership card.
- Captains must show a current USBC membership card for each bowler on the roster when registering for team event.
- If current membership cannot be verified, a USBC associate membership card must be purchased at the tournament site at a cost of \$21.00. USBC membership purchased after March 15th will be applied to the balance of the current season and next season (local, state and national membership).

#### 2. AVERAGE REQUIREMENTS *Please read carefully!*

- The average to be used will be determined in the following order:
- Highest book average from the 2008-09 USBC winter season, based on 21 or more games.
  - If no 2008-09 USBC winter season average, the highest ending average from the 2008-09 USBC summer season, based on 21 or more games.
  - If no 2008-09 USBC winter or summer season average, the highest 2009-2010 USBC winter season average as of January 1, 2010 based on 21 or more games.
  - If no 2008-09 average or Jan. 1, 2010 average, the highest 2009-2010 USBC winter season average as of the date of participation based on 21 or more games.
  - 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).
  - Bowlers that have both a USBC SPORT LEAGUE AVERAGE and a standard league average from the same season shall use the higher of the two averages (unadjusted).**
  - Bowlers who do not meet any of the above requirements will be entered with a 220 average.

Any bowler who has ONLY A USBC SPORT LEAGUE AVERAGE must submit and use her adjusted Sport Bowling league average utilizing the USBC Average Adjustment Scale. The scale can be found on [bowl.com](http://bowl.com), or Chapter 5 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 or additional handicap. 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.

In the case of a team of two or more bowlers, the averages will be combined to determine if the correct total is higher than required, prize winnings will be based on submitted average.

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 to the entry form showing actual score bowled and the amount of money won in each case (USBC Rule 319d).

Any bowler who has exceeded her entering average by 15 pins over 21 or more tournament games in the past 12 months (USBC Rule 319e) must submit 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. 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 Women's Championships average, previous tournament winnings, and any records of bowler performance from league(s) and/or tournament(s).

### 3. AVERAGE RELIEF

Bowlers wanting to apply for relief of average due to injury or disability under provisions of USBC Rule 4e must apply a minimum of 30 days prior to bowling. Applications for relief of average (Rule 4e) must be submitted in writing to USBC Headquarters. Please see USBC Playing Rules for information regarding Rule 4e.

### 4. AVERAGE VERIFICATION

It is the responsibility of each bowler in all divisions to see that her average is verified before the time of bowling, whether originally submitted by the bowler, team captain or others.

### 5. 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 (USBC Rule 319c).

### 6. CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

A **twenty-five dollar** service fee will be implemented with all cancellations.

- Cancellations before the close of entries (1-22-2010)
  - Cancellation must be in writing from team captain.
  - Cancellation will be assessed the service fee.
- Cancellations after the close of entries (1-22-2010)
  - Cancellation will be granted once the vacated spot is sold.
  - Cancellation must be in writing from team captain.
  - Cancellation will be assessed the service fee.

### 7. DRESS CODE -

Entrants are expected to wear suitable attire. Use good judgment when selecting the appropriate 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, bib overalls, jeans that are not neat, clean or in good condition (no torn jeans).

### **LENGTH OF SHORTS, SKIRTS, AND SKORTS MUST BE BELOW THE FINGERTIPS WITH ARMS RESTED ON THE SIDE — NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Bowlers will be required to change if attire is deemed inappropriate by tournament management or designee. Tournament management or designee decision will be final. For questions on appropriate attire, contact the USBC Women's Championships tournament office — onsite or at USBC.

### **PRIDE AWARD:**

In order to reward teams dressed in a "Team Uniform" USBC has created the "Pride Award." To qualify for the award, all five members of a team must wear matching attire of the same color (**no jeans**) when they bowl their team event.

### 8. DIVISION STRUCTURE

	<b>DIAMOND</b>	<b>RUBY</b>	<b>SAPPHIRE</b>
Team (Handicap)	900 & over 100% of 1100	899-750 100% of 900	749 and below 100% of 750
Doubles (Handicap)	360 & over 100% of 440	359-300 100% of 360	299 and below 100% of 300
Singles/All Events (Handicap)	180 & over 100% of 220	179-150 100% of 180	149 and below 100% of 150

### 9. EATING – DRINKING – SMOKING

Entrants are NOT permitted to eat, smoke or drink alcoholic beverages while participating in the USBC Women's Championships. **Hard candy, mints and gum are permitted.** This includes from the start of practice to the last ball thrown for score in each event. This also applies between doubles and singles events.

- Bowlers with a medical condition who must eat more than what is mentioned above during competition must provide a medical slip from a doctor and notify the tournament office prior to bowling.
- Failure to comply may result in disqualification.

### 10. ENTRY CLOSING DATES

January 22, 2010 (unless extended)

### 11. EQUIPMENT

#### **Bowling Bags**

- Bags with wheels are permitted.
- No "homemade" or "modified" bowling ball carrying equipment is allowed to be used.

#### **Bowling Balls**

- Every bowler must have a bowling ball for her exclusive use.
- Each entrant will be allowed a maximum of eight (8) bowling balls.
- Only USBC approved bowling balls will be allowed and MUST have the manufacturer's name, product name, and serial number clearly visible at all times for identification purposes.
- Balls must meet all USBC specifications.
- Random bowling ball checking may be done as deemed necessary by tournament management.

#### **Powder**

No foreign substance can be applied to bowling shoes or approaches.

#### **Rosin**

No substance may be placed on the outer surface of the bowling ball. The outer surface of the ball may only be cleaned with a dry towel only.

### 12. ETIQUETTE

No electronic equipment of any kind allowed on the lanes during competition. This includes but is not limited to cell phones, pagers, video recorders, cameras, radios, palm pilots, iPods etc.

Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated on the lanes or inside the tournament venue. Individuals are subject to ejection for engaging in improper tactics or conduct including, but not limited to, physical and verbal abuse toward other persons.

### 13. FEES

- Entry fee is \$35 per event per bowler. All-events fee (optional) is \$15 per bowler. Total cost for team, doubles, singles and all-events per bowler is \$120.
- Entries for all-events will be accepted anytime prior to the start of practice before the bowler's first event. Payment is cash only.
- Breakdown for team, doubles and singles: Prize fee: \$17.50, Expense fee \$17.50.
- Breakdown for all-events: Prize fee: \$14.00, Team USA contribution \$1.00.

### 14. FORMAT

- The tournament shall consist of a five-woman team event, doubles, singles and all-events in three divisions.
- Three games will be bowled in each event. Team event will be bowled on the first day and doubles/singles will be bowled the next day.
- During the doubles/singles events, doubles will be bowled first, then singles, in that order, without exception.

d. Bowlers cannot be listed on an original entry form more than once for any event.

e. At the tournament site, a bowler will be allowed to bowl one additional time as a substitute in the team event. All-events standing will be determined by the bowler's first appearance in the team event.

f. Entrants may participate one time in the doubles and singles events. Entrants bowling the doubles event are automatically entered in the singles event and entry fees for both must be paid.

**g. Optional Scratch Events \$10 per event per person, \$10 per team, doubles/singles, all events. Enter on-site.**

### 15. FRIENDSHIP SQUAD- 4/11/2010

- The Friendship Squad is scheduled for April 11-12, 2010. Team event will be on 4/11/2010 at 6 p.m. D/S will be on 4/12/2010 at 9 p.m. *Individuals* who do not have a team but wish to bowl team, doubles and singles in the USBC Women's Championships are invited to bowl this squad. Entries of 4 or more bowlers will not be accepted. If more than one bowler signs up on one entry form, USBC cannot guarantee that they will bowl on the same team. Doubles and Singles may be bowled together.
- Friendship Squad entry forms are available at [www.USBCwomenschampionships.com](http://www.USBCwomenschampionships.com) or call (800) 514-2695.
- Any unscheduled lanes for the Friendship Squad dates will be released on January 11, 2010 to anyone wishing to reserve a team, doubles/singles reservation.

### 16. GAMBLING

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

### 17. LANE COURTESY

In an effort to keep squads on time, one-lane courtesy will be observed.

### 18. 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 re-bowled at a time and date determined by tournament management. Should the time and date of re-bowling be refused by the participant, USBC is liable only for the return of the entry fee paid for the event in which the loss occurred (including all events entry if applicable).

### 19. PACERS

Pacers shall not be permitted in the tournament.

### 20. PARENTAL CONSENT

Unmarried grade school and high school students under the age of 18 must have written consent of a parent or guardian before participation. The USBC Parental consent form must be on file with tournament management at least one week before participation when the youth is unaccompanied by a parent or guardian. If the youth is accompanied by her parent or guardian the consent form must be submitted prior to her participation. Failure to file the consent form will cause the player to be ineligible and subject games bowled to forfeiture or disqualification. Form available on [bowl.com](http://bowl.com).

### 21. 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 event in which they participate. Therefore, social security numbers are required by IRS regulations.
- Failure to furnish a social security number (U.S. citizens) or Individual Tax ID Number (ITIN) (Non US citizens) to USBC will result in a 30% tax reduction of the prize check.
- Prize checks will be distributed within 30 days after the conclusion of the tournament (USBC Rule 309). Individual checks

will be mailed to the team captain.

**In the event a substitute will be used, a prize check will be issued in the name of the substitute.**

- Team captain is to distribute prize money within 30 days of receipt. (USBC Rule 304)
- In the event of a tie in any event, prize money will be equally divided. In the event of a tie for first place, co-champions will be declared.
- All winners' averages are subject to further verification by USBC tournament management.
- The optional all-events champion in each division will be determined by the highest nine game total bowled in team (first time appearance), doubles and singles, regardless of whether she paid the all-events fee. If the champion did not pay the all-events fee, she will only be entitled to the award; the prize money will be awarded to the bowler who paid the all-events fee and bowled the highest all-events score in that division.
- Champions shall be declared by the highest total pins bowled in each division.
- All champions will receive an award.
- High game and high series awards will be given for each division.
- First place teams who have a sponsor will be awarded a sponsor's trophy.

### 22. PRIZE RATIOS

All Prize money will be returned 100%. Prize ratio will be at least: Diamond- 1:8, Ruby- 1:3, Sapphire- 1:3

All captains will receive an estimated prize report when registering their team.

### 23. REFUNDS- See Cancellations

### 24. PROFESSIONAL BOWLERS

Bowlers who are identified as professionals or who apply for membership in any professional bowling organization during the calendar year preceding the event and up through their dates of competition shall be ELIGIBLE to bowl in the Classic Division only subject to the following limitations:

- Not more than TWO such players in a five-player TEAM line-up.
- Not more than ONE such player in a two-player DOUBLES line-up.
- Each such player shall be eligible to enter SINGLES and ALL-EVENTS. Note: It is the individual bowler's responsibility to verify their eligibility. The penalty for failure to comply with these eligibility requirements is disqualification.

### 25. PROTESTS

- Any protest or appeal concerning scoring must be made in writing stating briefly the grounds of the protest or appeal and submitted to the USBC tournament office not later than 24 hours after the game has been played.
- Any other protest must be filed in accordance with USBC Rule 329.

### 26. SLOW BOWLING

USBC has allotted 3 hours for team event and 3 1/2 hours for doubles and singles events. Teams are expected to complete their competition within these time frames. If not, teams may be scheduled on later squads in future USBC Women's Championships.

### 27. SPECIAL NEEDS BOWLERS

Bowlers requiring aids, such as crutches, canes, wheelchairs, etc, or who are blind, must report this in writing when form is filed so that special scheduling consideration can be arranged. Similar advance notice must be given if such a bowler with special needs is to be used as a substitute. Any bowler requesting a dress code exception must do so in writing and have a written doctor's excuse.

### 28. SQUAD TIMES/TOURNAMENT DATES

March 27 - July 9, 2010 (unless extended)  
Team event: 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.