



# US Women's Open May 6-12, 2010

Cityview Lanes  
6601 Oakmont Blvd.  
Fort Worth, TX

## Tournament Rules

A USBC event, the 2010 U.S. Women's Open is a singles scratch tournament and is USBC certified. The game of American Ten Pins will be played.

(In alphabetical order)

### 1. AVERAGE REQUIREMENT

There is no minimum average required to participate in the U.S. Women's Open.

### 2. BOWLING EQUIPMENT

#### Bowling Bags

- Bags with wheels are permitted.

#### Bowling Balls

- Every bowler must have a bowling ball for her exclusive use.
- Each entrant will be allowed a maximum of eight bowling balls in the bowling center at one time, with a maximum of four in the settee area. Any or all bowling balls may be changed before or after any qualifying block or match.
- All bowling balls must meet USBC specifications.
- Random bowling ball checking may be done as deemed necessary by tournament management.
- Any bowler may request to have 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

- Once competition begins, the outer surface of the ball may only be cleaned with a dry towel.

### 3. CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

- A refund will be given, less \$50 cancellation fee, if written notice is received by April 6, 2010.
- A refund will be given, less a \$100 cancellation fee, if written notice is received by April 20, 2010
- Those who withdraw/cancel may obtain their own replacements. Bowlers will make their own arrangements as to repayment of their individual entry fees.
- USBC must be notified of replacements prior to 12:00 p.m. CST on May 3, 2010.
- No replacements will be permitted after the tournament begins.

### 4. DATES AND LOCATION

Dates: May 6 – 12, 2010

Location: Cityview Lanes, 6601 Oakmont Blvd, Fort Worth, TX 76132

Tournament Entry Closing Date

May 6, 2010 at 12 p.m. (Central Time)

## 5. DELAYS

If a delay of 10 minutes or longer occurs during competition, tournament management, at their discretion, may authorize warm-up ball(s).

## 6. DRESS CODE

Participants are expected to wear suitable attire. Use good judgment when selecting attire.

Requirements:

- A shirt with the participant's name on the back must be worn during competition. Last or full name on a detachable name plaque is acceptable for qualifying only.
- The top 5 participants will be required to have a shirt with their name embroidered or sewn on the back for the TV Round.

Prohibited attire include but are not limited to:

- Hats (for medical reasons only)
- Tank, halter and spaghetti strap tops, bare midriffs.
- Workout attire, short shorts, short skirts, bib overalls.
- No denim jeans of any color will be allowed at any time, including practice.

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

Tournament management or designee decision will be final.

## 7. EATING - DRINKING - SMOKING

- Participants are not permitted to drink alcoholic beverages or smoke while participating in the U.S.
- Women's Open. This includes from the start of practice to the last ball thrown for score during qualifying, quarterfinals and the championships.
- Participants will be allowed to eat a small snack during competition (fruit, power and/or candybars, etc.).

## 8. ELIGIBILITY

- Open to USBC adult women members who hold a 2008-09 or 2009-10 membership.
- If a current membership cannot be verified, USBC associate membership card must be purchased at the tournament site at a cost of \$21.00. This membership fee will be applied to the 2010-2011 season (local, state, and national membership).
- USBC Sport membership is not required. However, in order to be eligible for USBC Sport awards earned
- in the U.S. Women's Open, a USBC Sport membership is required. Otherwise, standard USBC awards will be awarded.
- USBC may use the bowler's name and likenesses including video for promotional purposes, at no cost to the bowler and with no fees paid to the bowler.
- **Youth Eligibility:** USBC welcomes youth bowlers to participate in the US Women's Open. They must purchase a USBC adult membership (available on site). By purchasing an adult membership, they can still maintain their youth eligibility to participate in youth certified competition by signing a USBC Prize Waiver (available on site). Tournament winnings will be deposited in the SMART scholarship program unless the player waives claim to her winnings. Collegiate bowlers should verify prize acceptance policies with their Compliance Offices prior to participating in the competition.

## 9. ETIQUETTE

- 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.
- Cell phones, pagers and flash photography should not be used in the bowling center while bowlers are in competition.

## 10. FEES

- \$300 per participant prior to April 6, 2010
- \$350 after April 6, 2010
- Expense fee: \$50. Prize fee: all entry fees collected beyond expense fee.

Prize fee will be paid out 100%. Prize ratio will be at least 1 for every 4 entrants.

## 11. FORMAT

### Qualifying:

- Will consist of 48 total games, one 8-game block each day for the first three days and four 6-games rounds of match play over the fourth and fifth days.
- Bowlers compete “across the house” during their 8-game blocks. The number of lanes to be skipped after each game will be determined by tournament management.
- Each 8-game block will be bowled on a different lane pattern.

### Qualifying Squad Times

- Squad A: 8:00 a.m. (Practice begins at 7:45 a.m.)
- Squad B: 1:30 p.m. (Practice begins at 1:15 p.m.)

Qualifying squads will be assigned by tournament management.

### First Cut

- After 24 games, the top 24 bowlers of the field will advance to the round robin match play segment of qualifying. Ties for the 24th position will be broken by a one-game playoff which will be held approx. 30 minutes after the final cut is announced. Should a tie still exist in this playoff there will be a one ball roll-off until the tie is broken.
- This segment will consist of 24 one-game matches. Twelve games/matches will be conducted on the fourth day of qualifying and the other twelve games/matches conducted on the fifth day of qualifying. The final game will be a position round. Ties to determine positions for this round will be broken using the highest 8-game qualifying block over the three days of qualifying. If a tie still exists, the second-highest qualifying block will be used.

### Squad Times

- 9:00 a.m. (Practice begins at 8:45 a.m.)
- 1:30 p.m. (Practice begins at 1:15 p.m.)

### TV Finals Cut

- After 48 games, the top 5 players advance to the step-ladder TV Round on May 12, 2010.
- In the event of a tie for the No. 5 position, there will be a one-game roll-off to break the tie immediately after the completion of the position round.
- Should a tie still exist, there will be a one ball roll-off.
- Any ties for positions 1-4 will be determined by the highest 8-game qualifying block over the first three days of qualifying. If a tie still exists, the second-highest qualifying block will be used.

### TV Finals

The TV Finals will be broadcast LIVE on ESPN2 at 7:00 p.m. on May 12, 2010 from The International Research and Training Center (ITRC)

Practice Sessions for the TV Finals will be as follows:

- 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Each match will consist of one game against an opponent.
- Any ties during the TV matches will be determined by a one-ball roll-off.
- For the TV show, there will be a 25-second shot clock. Penalties are as follows:
  - 1st offense: warning
  - 2nd offense: \$100
  - 3rd offense: \$200
  - Any further offense: \$300
- For the TV finals, each bowler will be permitted one coach/guest to be seated next to them in the bowlers' area. This person will wear a wireless microphone.

## 12. LANE COURTESY

Two-lane courtesy will be given.

### **13. LANE OIL PATTERN**

Lane patterns will be posted on the US Women's Open page of bowl.com on or before April 1, 2010.

### **14. PRACTICE SESSIONS**

Qualifying Rounds

May 6, 2010:

- Squad A – 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Squad B – 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

\*\*\*A MANDATORY PLAYER MEETING FOR ALL PARTICIPATING ATHLETES WILL BE HELD AT 2:45 P.M. ON MAY 6 in the paddock room at City View Lanes.\*\*\*

### **15. PRIZE MONEY**

- During the first 3 days of qualifying, the top three daily leaders will receive \$750, \$500 and \$250 respectively.
- If for any reason a bowler wishes to waive the prize money, it is the participant's responsibility to notify the tournament management in writing at time of registration regarding their refusal of the prize money. If waived, the amount will be returned to the prize fund for distribution.
- 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-U.S. citizens) to USBC will result in a 30% tax reduction of the prize check.

### **16. REGISTRATION**

- All bowlers must register at the tournament office prior to qualifying.
- A current USBC membership must be shown.

### **17. START OF COMPETITION - Definition**

Start of competition begins with the participant's first ball thrown for score during qualifying and finals.

Tournament management has the final authority to make decisions regarding anything not covered in these rules.

### **TERMINATION /RELEASE CLAUSE**

To the Chief Operating Officer of the United States Bowling Congress: I hereby make application to participate in the 2010 U.S. Women's Open event listed and tender the entry fees required therefore. I warrant that I am a USBC member or agree to purchase a USBC associate membership at the tournament site. I agree to abide by all tournament playing rules and regulations prescribed by USBC, including all provisions set forth on this form. I specifically agree for myself and any replacement chosen by me or for me that if I am not eligible for participation and/or cannot bowl in the U.S. Women's Open, 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 my authorized replacement hereby agrees 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 to 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 U.S. Women's Open, absent willful or gross negligence on the part of USBC.

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