

2026 KANSAS STATE USBC WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT RULES

1. The Kansas State Women's Tournament will be sanctioned by United States Bowling Congress and conducted under USBC rules and regulations. Tournament is open to all Kansas State USBC Adult Women members. **A USBC Adult Woman member who is a non-resident of Kansas may participate in the tournament by paying the additional Kansas State USBC and local association dues of the hosting city prior to tournament participation. No cards will be sold onsite by Kansas State USBC.**
2. The annual Kansas State USBC Women's tournament shall consist of a handicap four women team event, a handicap doubles event, and a handicap singles event. Optional handicap and/or scratch All Events.
3. No more than one PWBA member on a 4-member team, or one member in the Doubles event. Include PWBA membership number on the entry form.
4. All entrants' first and last names must be listed as shown in the USBC average book and include the USBC membership numbers. **Do not list nicknames.**
5. Tournament entrants shall bowl in the order in which their names appear on the entry form for each event.
6. Entrants shall use their highest USBC certified league average as a regular or substitute based on bowl.com as of the end of the 2024-2025 season, providing they have bowled 21 games or more. If no winter average use 2025 Summer average. If an average of 21 games or more as of January 1, 2026, is **10 or more pins** above their book average for 2024-2025, the higher average must be used. If eligible bowlers who have no acceptable average must enter at 220. Each bowler must use the same hand in bowling all games in the Kansas State USBC Women's Championship Tournament. In addition, each team captain will be required to complete the January 1, 2026 average along with the 2024-2025 average as reflected on the front of the entry blank. (Refer to USBC Rule 319a).
7. **Tournament Average Relief: When a bowler is applying for relief/adjusted average from USBC to use in our annual Kansas State USBC Inc. tournaments, we are requiring the bowler supply our tournament director/association manager, the same documentation which was provided to USBC granting authorization for average relief/adjustment which includes time limit for relief. (Refer to USBC Rule 4e)**
8. It shall be each individual bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average, whether originally submitted by the bowler, team captain, or others. Failure to use the proper average or make a correction prior to the completion of the first game of a series shall disqualify the score if submitted average is lower than actual average. Prize winnings will be based on submitted average if it is higher than actual average, unless corrected.
9. Bowlers who have qualified for a prize of \$600.00 or more in any event in a tournament which has ended within the previous 12-month period, even though payment of prize has not been made, must be reported at least one hour prior to bowling. Must include their actual scores, position(s), and amount won for a possible rerating. Failure to report the above information may result in forfeiture of tournament entry fees and prize winnings. The Tournament Manager reserves the right to rerate any entrant prior to bowling. Any entrant who refuses to be rerated will be refunded their entry fee. **(USBC Rules 319c, 319d and 319e will be in effect)**
10. Parental Consent – Individuals under the age of 18 must furnish a written consent signed by their parent or guardian. (Refer to USBC Rule 13)
11. Multiple team entries are encouraged. Entrants may enter up to two (2) times in the team event. All Events total will be based on first team score bowled. The team lineup must have at least 2 different team members.
12. **Multiple doubles and singles are encouraged.** Entrants must change partners for the second event.
13. Entrants in the doubles event must enter the singles event and vice versa including multiple entries.
14. Doubles and singles to be scheduled with three (3) on a lane. Singles to be bowled immediately after doubles on the same pair of lanes.
15. All entry fees must be paid in full and must accompany the entry blank. Make remittances payable to Kansas State USBC. **No entry fees will be refunded. A charge of \$30.00 will be added to all returned checks. All entry fees and check charges must be paid before the start of the tournament.**
16. **LATE ENTRIES: Allowed subject to availability of lanes. A late fee of \$5 per person will be assessed for entries postmarked after March 7th, 2026.**
17. **Check-in procedures: Lane assignments will be posted inside each center entrance for Teams and Doubles/Singles without any changes. If changes are needed, your Team or Doubles/Singles will be highlighted for Team Captain or Doubles/Singles partners to come to the check-in table.**
18. **PENALTIES:** Tardy bowlers will start in the frame being bowled with zero being given for each frame missed. Scores bowled by an ineligible bowler will be disqualified and all claims for any prize or award will be nullified.
19. **Entrants are expected to wear suitable attire.**
20. An entrant participating in the Kansas State USBC Women's Championship Tournament may be disqualified for any infractions of the rules.
21. The prize ratio will be 1 prize per 7 entries in team, doubles, singles and all-events. All prize money collected for an event shall be returned to the entrants in that event.
22. Protests of errors in scoring or calculations must be made in writing to the Tournament Management within 24 hours after bowling or the scores will stand as scored. All winners' averages are subject to further verification by tournament management.
23. **THE TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT HAS THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE DECISIONS FOR ANYTHING NOT SPECIFICALLY COVERED.**
24. **ENTRANTS IN THE KANSAS STATE USBC WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT ARE PARTICIPATING AT THEIR OWN RISK.**
25. Any unclaimed bracket money not picked up after the last squad of the weekend the bracket was bowled in will be added to the prize fund. **We will not mail any bracket money.**

Rules not covered on this form shall be covered by the current USBC playing rules book.