

LOUISIANA STATE USBC WBA ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT RULES – 2011

1. **Tournament Rules:** The tournament shall be conducted in accordance with the USBC rules governing state association tournaments and the USBC general playing rules, in addition to the rules adopted by the association. The adopted rules must not conflict with USBC rules. Tournament management has the authority to make decisions regarding anything not covered by these rules.
2. **Age/Eligibility**
 - a. Open to all women USBC members 16 years of age or over at the time of participation (See Rule #9 - Parental Consent).
 - b. All participants must be women and have a current USBC adult membership card. All participants must be a member of the Louisiana State USBC WBA and a local Louisiana association. If current membership cannot be verified, a USBC associate membership card can be purchased at the tournament site at a cost of \$17.00.
 - c. Captains must show a current USBC membership card for each bowler on the roster when registering for team and the doubles & singles events.
3. **Average Requirements** *Please read carefully*

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

 - a. Highest yearbook average (Regular or Sport) from the 2009-10 USBC winter season, based on 21 games or more.
 - b. If no 2009-10 yearbook average, the highest end of season average from the 2009-10 season (Regular or Sport), based on 21 games or more.
 - c. If no 2009-10 yearbook average or end of season average, then the highest 2010 USBC summer average (Regular or Sport), based on 21 games or more.
 - d. If no 2009-10 yearbook, end of season or summer average, the current average (Regular or Sport) of 21 games or more as of December 31, 2010 shall be used.
 - e. Bowlers who do not meet any of the above requirements will be entered with a 230 average.
 - f. **USBC Rules 319a2 – 10 pin rule will apply.**
 - g. It is the responsibility of each bowler to see that her average is verified before the time of bowling, whether originally submitted by the bowler, team captain or others. All entry forms must be verified by entrant's local association manager. The tournament shall be handicap, based on 100% of each individual's highest USBC average from 220.
4. **Cancellation and Refund Policy:** No team or individual shall be entitled to a refund after the entry form and fees have been received and processed for any reason whatsoever. Entrants failing to appear on scheduled dates will forfeit all fees.
5. **Fees**
 - a. Entry fee is \$23.00 per event per bowler.
 - b. Breakdown for team, doubles and singles: Prize fee: \$8.00, Bowling fee: \$11.25, and Expense Fee: \$3.75. Approximate Prize Ratio – 1:10
 - c. Handicap all events fee (optional) is \$2.00 per bowler and Scratch all events fee (optional) is \$7.00 per bowler. Approximate Prize Ratio – 1:15 You may enter all events once.
 - e. **Louisiana State USBC WBA WILL NOT ACCEPT AN ENTRY ACCOMPANIED BY PARTIAL FEES.** Entry fees for team, doubles and singles must be paid in full at the time the entry is submitted. **Fees for one person in the doubles and singles events does not constitute full fees.** Fees for two people for doubles & singles must be paid before Louisiana State USBC WBA will schedule.
 - f. Remit by money order, certified check or personal check, made payable to Louisiana State USBC WBA. NSF check disqualifies person issuing check. A \$25.00 service charge will be assessed for returned checks.
6. **Format / Participation**
 - a. The tournament shall consist of a five-woman team event, a four-woman team event, doublers, singles and all-events.
 - b. Three games will be bowled in each event.
 - c. A member may enter each team event twice. The first team event will count for all events. Not more than three members on a five member team can bowl together on a second team and place in the prize list. Not more than 2 members on a four member team can bowl together on a second team and place in the prize list.
 - d. A member may enter the Doubles & Singles events twice, but with a different doubles partner. If you enter doubles then you must enter singles and vice-versa. Doubles event will be bowled first, followed by Singles. You may place twice in the Singles event. The first doubles & singles event will count for all events. Scores bowled by an ineligible player will be disqualified.
 - e. When a member is bowling two or more teams, it will be the member's responsibility to schedule the team events so they are not bowled at the same time. Under no circumstance will you be allowed to bowl both sets of your doubles & singles on the same squad
 - f. Divisions cannot be interchanged.
7. **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 the tournament manager. Should the time and date of re-bowling be refused by the participant, LA USBC WBA 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)
8. **Pacers:** Pacers shall not be permitted in the tournament.
9. **Parental Consent:** Unmarried students under the age of 18 must have written consent of a parent or guardian before participation.
10. **Prize Checks and Awards**
 - a. Prize checks will be distributed within 30 days after the conclusion of the tournament. Individual checks will be mailed to the team captain. In the event a substitute is used, prize check will be issued in the name of the substitute.
 - b. Team captain is to distribute prize money within 30 days of receipt.

- c. 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.
- d. All winners' averages are subject to further verification by LA STATE USBC WBA tournament manager.
- e. The winner in each event shall be declared the Louisiana State Champion in such event and shall hold the title until the next state tournament. Appropriate awards for the scratch winners in each event shall be provided including high scratch game and high scratch series.
- f. Appropriate pins will be awarded to each entrant scoring a 200 or higher game in the annual tournament. One pin per entrant, per tournament.

11. Protests

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

12. Special Needs Bowlers: Bowlers requiring aids, such as crutches, canes, wheelchairs, etc. or who are blind, must report this in writing when entry form is filed so that special scheduling consideration can be arranged. Similar advance notice must be given is such a bowler with special needs is to be used as a substitute.

13. Tardy Bowlers: Bowling shall begin in accordance with a previously arranged schedule. Any player or team arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. At the discretion of the tournament manager, all games which a team refused to start because a full lineup is not present shall be forfeited. No absentee or vacancy scores shall be permitted and a bowler must bowl on the same lanes and at the same time her team bowls. A bowler who misses one frame or more by not being present and ready to bowl when it is her turn shall not be credited with any pins for frames missed.

14. Bowling Alone: When players are scheduled alone on a pair of lanes, they must bowl all games as though they were actually contested. Each entrant must have completed her frame on one lane before the player bowling as lead-off commences her next frame on the adjoining lane.

15. Squad Times / Tournament Dates / Scheduling

TEAM EVENT		DOUBLES & SINGLES EVENTS	
DATES	TIMES	DATES	TIMES
<u>Sunday Only:</u>		<u>Saturday Only:</u>	
January 30, 2011 February 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2001	9:00 am and 12:30 noon	January 29, 2010 February 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2011	8:00 am; 12:00 noon and 4:30 pm

- a. Entries will be scheduled in the date order received. No changes will be made except for extreme emergencies. However, any scheduled squad with less than eight teams or eight doubles/singles entries may be cancelled and rescheduled at the discretion of the Tournament Manager. If rescheduling is necessary, team captains will be notified.
- b. Be sure to indicate "3 weekends" and LIST DATES YOU CANNOT BOWL. Team captains will receive a notice giving the date and time of bowling. It is the team captain's responsibility to inform all bowlers listed on entry of times and dates scheduled to bowl. Louisiana State USBC WBA will not furnish team members or doubles partners. Incomplete entries will be returned. The Louisiana State USBC WBA does not take reservations for entry dates, nor will dates be held for entries. No exceptions.
- c. Teams wishing to cross lanes together must submit their entries together and include a written request. **ENTRIES** tied in doubles **MUST BE** mailed in the same envelope, if same dates are requested. Teams requiring the same dates and time **MUST** list dates so as to correspond with all teams involved, and **MUST BE MAILED** in one envelope.

16. Substitutes: Substitutes are permitted provided they meet eligibility and average requirements. Emergency substitutes, once an event is in progress, will be permitted only in doubles and team events. The combined scores are to count in either of these events. If no substitute is available, only the actual frames will be counted. Once a substitute has entered an event, the original entrant may not bowl in that event at that time. Substitutes must be made one (1) hour in advance of bowling. **Written verification of substitute's average must be furnished to the tournament office prior to bowling.** Substitutes are not required to reimburse the entry fee paid by the original entrant and are entitled to all prize winnings. The Optional All Events Handicap fee and Optional All Events Scratch fee shall be transferable provided the substitute is replacing the original entrant in team, doubles and singles, and that the original entrant paid the required amount(s) to enter the optional event(s). If the original entrant did not pay the optional all events fee(s), the substitute cannot enter the optional all events

17. Other Rules:

- a. Members are requested to wear suitable attire when participating in the Louisiana State USBC WBA Championship Tournament.
- b. Only tournament participants are allowed in the bowling area and seating area. At her discretion, the Tournament Manager has the right to remove any spectator that interferes with participants bowling in the championship tournament.
- c. Anyone using offensive language, partaking in excessive drinking of alcoholic beverages or acting in an unsportsmanlike manner, may be disqualified from the championship tournament at the discretion of the tournament manager.
- d. Team Squads will have 3½ hours to bowl including practice time. Doubles & Singles squads will have 4 hours including practice time to bowl. Lanes will be monitored and if necessary warnings will be issued. Other than mechanical or medical issues, bowlers must be off their lanes by the allocated times. Squad announcements will take place 5-10 minutes prior to the start of the squad.
- e. No outside food or drink including alcoholic beverages may be brought into the center.