2027 OHIO STATE WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

Tournament Headquarters

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1. **ELIGIBILITY:** All current season Ohio State USBC members (women only) in good standing are eligible to participate in this tournament. Youth eligibility - see USBC Rule 400.
2. **FORMAT:** This tournament is a handicap tournament with team, doubles and singles. Optional handicap all events and actual team, doubles, singles and all events will also be conducted.
3. **TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION:** An entrant is permitted to **bowl only one time in each event.** Entrants bowling doubles are automatically entered in singles and entry fees for both must be paid. Failure to comply will be cause for automatic disqualification from the tournament.
4. **HANDICAP:** Handicap is based upon 90% of 900 in team, 450 in doubles, 225 in singles and total individual handicap from the (3) events for all events.
5. **AVERAGE REQUIREMENTS: ALL INDIVIDUALS** must enter with their highest USBC certified average for 21 games or more for the 2025-2026 Winter Season.
   - ***a.*** If no USBC certified average for the 2025-2026 Winter Season, individual shall use their highest 2024-2025 USBC certified Winter Season average (21 games or more).
   - ***b.*** 2026 Summer Season USBC certified league average will be accepted when no 2024-2025 or 2025-2026 Winter league average is available.
   - ***c.*** If the preceding does not apply, individual will use highest USBC certified average at time of bowling (21 games or more) for the current season (2026-2027).
   - ***d.*** If current USBC certified average is used, the average must be VERIFIED in writing by the league secretary or bring most current standing sheet with name and average clearly printed.
   - ***e.*** All USBC certified averages established on Sport or Challenge condition must be adjusted utilizing the USBC Average Conversion Chart (based on league type) found on bowl.com. The adjusted average must be used if it is the highest average.
   - ***f.*** If bowler has NO USBC certified average - they must enter the tournament using a 225 average (scratch).
6. **AVERAGES: USBC Rule 319a**: (Verification): It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average in handicap or classified tournaments, whether originally submitted by the bowler, team captain, or others. If the submitted average is lower than the actual average and results in a lower classification or more handicap, the bowler's score is disqualified. If it is higher than then the actual average, prize winnings will be based on the submitted average. In the case of teams of two or more bowlers, the average shall be combined to determine whether the correct total is higher or lower than the submitted total. Corrections in average can be made up to the completion of the first game of the series. If an extension of time has been granted in writing by tournament management before the end of the first game of the series, the correction can be made within 48 hours after the end of the series.
   USBC Rule 319a2: The 10-pin increase in current season average does NOT apply to this tournament. ***USBC Rule 319e:*** (Average Adjustment) WILL apply to this tournament.
7. **REPORTING PRIZE WINNINGS:** USBC Rule 319d: ($300.00 prize winnings) will NOT apply to this tournament. **For complete rules, see the current season USBC Playing Rule Book listed on Bowl.com**.
8. **PRIZE RATIO:** Handicap at least one (1) out of seven (7) entries in team, doubles & singles. All Events Handicap at least one (1) out of ten (10) entries. Actual at least one (1) out of ten (10) entries in team, doubles/singles and all events. Prize fees will be returned 100%.
9. **ENTRY CLOSING: Entries close March 1, 2027**. Entries postmarked the first business day after this date will be accepted.
10. **DATES & TIMES:** Squad dates and times for the tournament will be determined by the Tournament Coordinator. Once forms have been processed and confirmation sent, there will be **NO REFUND** of entry fees (see USBC rule #314). **TOURNAMENT COMPETITION STARTS AT THE TIME NOTED ON THE ENTRY FORM (NOT PRACTICE BOWLING)**.
11. **SUBSTITUTES:** A substitute will not be required to reimburse the entry fee paid nor shall the substitute be expected to give the original entrant any prize money or award she may win. Neither the Ohio State USBC nor the host association will be responsible for securing substitutes.
12. **TARDY BOWLERS:** A bowler who misses one frame or more by not being present and ready to bowl when it is their tum shall not be credited with any pins for frames missed. An entrant arriving late will be permitted to bowl, and shall begin play with their scores to count beginning with the frame then being bowled. If an entrant is late for the doubles event, the entrant present may bowl their singles first. If their partner has not arrived by the time the singles event is finished and a substitute cannot be found, they will be permitted to bowl their doubles event so they can qualify for the all events. Pacers will not be permitted.
13. **SQUAD TIME LIMITS:** The time limit to complete the Team Event is three hours and thirty minutes and the time limit to complete the Double/Singles is three hours and fifty minutes. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, there will be no more than four (4) bowlers per pair of lanes for the doubles and singles events. At the end of the time limit, the lanes will be turned off and bowlers will receive a zero (0) for all remaining frames not bowled.
14. **EQUIPMENT MALFUNCTION:** If there is a lane equipment malfunction during tournament competition which requires teams and/or bowlers to be moved to another pair of working lanes, the team and/or bowlers will start their tournament competition from the point of interruption with **NO PRACTICE/SHADOW BALLS** on the new pair of lanes. Time limit will be adjusted for downtime exceeding 15 minutes.
15. **COURTESY:** ***One lane*** courtesy will be followed and enforced for the entire tournament.
16. **PWBA TITLE HOLDERS:** All bowlers who are PWBA title holders (all titles) at time of bowling are limited to two (2) on four (4) bowler team and one (1) on a two (2) bowler team (Doubles). Automatic disqualification for failure to comply.
17. **DRESS CODE:** No tank tops, halter tops, bare midriffs, spaghetti strap tops, racer back shirts, cold shoulder shirts, or sleeveless shirts without a collar. No obscene printing on anything. Bib overalls, sweatpants, athletic shorts, short shorts, or short skirts are not permitted. The length of shorts and/or skirts must go beyond the fingertips when the bowler's arms are at rest along their sides. NO non-medical headgear (ie ear buds, ear pods, headphones, etc) **SMART GLASSES (INCLUDING AI-ENABLED EYEWEAR) ARE BANNED DURING PRACTICE AND COMPETITION**.
18. **CONDUCT:** All team captains are responsible for the conduct of the team during team competition and individuals are responsible for their own conduct during doubles/singles competition. Disruptive and unsportsmanlike conduct, profane language, and obscene gestures will not be tolerated during competition. No externally broadcast or disruptive music is permitted. No obscene playing cards are permitted on tables during tournament competition. No tobacco or vape usage of any kind in the center at any time. Disqualification will occur for failue to comply.
19. **LIVESTREAM/VIDEOS:** Livestreaming and videoing are prohibited unless permission is received from all individuals who will be on the video or livestream.
20. **PAYMENT:** Remittance may be made in the form of check or money order payable to the OHIO STATE USBC. A $35.00 charge will be assessed by the Ohio State USBC for any checks returned as unpaid by the bank. NO POST-DATED CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR ANY REASON. To register and pay on-line, email the Tournament Coordinator at womenschamptournmgr@ohiostateusbc.com. There will be a 3% bank service fee for all on-line transactions.
21. **GENERAL:** USBC Rules will govern all bowling during the tournament. The bowler, by voluntary participation in the Championships, agrees to comply with the final decision of the Tournament Coordinator. Only tournament officials and bowlers are permitted in the bowling area.
22. **PUBLICITY:** All participants agree to allow the Ohio State USBC to use their photograph for publicity purposes. In the event the Ohio State USBC arranges tor telecasts or broadcasts of the tournament, it would be without cost to participants and participants would not share any revenue derived therefrom.

The entrants whose names appear on this entry, or their authorized replacements, hereby agree that the Ohio State USBC, its officers and agents shall be liable only to the extent of returning entry fees if and when these entrants shall be prevented from bowling any event in the tournament through delay, unexpected, yet necessary, schedule change, or premature termination of the tournament, which may be brought about by war, national emergency or emergencies or causes relating thereto or resulting therefrom, fires, terrorist threats, strikes, lockouts, pandemics, labor difficulties or other causes beyond the control of the Ohio State USBC.