

Senior Tournament Rules

November 4, 5, 11 & 12, 2023 with squad times at 10:00am and 2:00pm

Green Country Lanes, Muskogee, OK

Each event is \$35.00 (\$18.00 lineage/expenses; \$6.00 awards; \$11.00 prize fund)

1. Entry is open to all OKLAHOMA USBC members 50 and over as of November 12, 2023. Tournament will be sanctioned by USBC. Card holding Professional Bowlers are not eligible to bowl in this tournament.
2. Tournament will consist of Doubles and Singles Events. Doubles will consist of any combination. Singles event will have two divisions – Men and Women. Handicap will be 90% of 220 for all bowlers. Bowlers may enter doubles more than once, if bowling with the same partner can only cash once and may enter singles more than once. **Best score bowled in each event counts toward your All Events.**
3. All-Events scores will be classified as follows:

Two Divisions – Open and Women

Class “A” - 75 years of age and over

Class “B” - 70 years of age thru 74 years of age

Class “C” - 65 years of age thru 69 years of age

Class “D” – 60 years of age thru 64 years of age

Class “E” – 55 years of age thru 59 years of age

Class “F” – 50 years of age thru 54 years of age

Age classification will be based on the participant’s age at the time of participation in the state competition. Proof of age will be required. There will be no fee for All- Events; however, each bowler who has the greatest handicap score for his/her two events shall qualify for the National Senior Championship Tournament in 2024. The Oklahoma State Bowling Council will pay the entry fee and purchase a shirt that USBC offers for each winner in each class. (See Rule 7 for tie breaker.)

4. Entering Average Rule: Entrants must use their highest USBC sanctioned league average regardless of whether bowled as a regular member or substitute. Averages will be accepted in the following order:
 - A. Highest 22/23 book average of at least 21 games.
 - B. If no Rule A, a current sanctioned league average of 12 or more games as of date of participation.
 - C. If none of the above apply entrant must use the scratch figure of 220.
 - D. It shall be the bowler’s responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average, whether originally submitted by the bowler or others. Failure to use the correct average shall disqualify scores if submitted average is lower than the correct average, thereby resulting in more handicap. Prize winnings will be based on the submitted average if it is higher than the correct average.

Corrections in averages can be made up to the completion of the first game bowled in the tournament, or within 48 hours after completion of the series if the tournament manager, prior to the completion of the first game, has given written consent to the bowler authorizing such extension of time to correct their average.

5. USBC rule 319a (2) - (10 pin increase provision) will be waived. USBC rule 319e will apply to USBC participants. **All bowlers who qualified for a prize of \$300.00 or more in any event in a tournament, combined tournament winnings of \$500.00 and a combined winning of \$1,000.00 or more in any tournament within the last 12 months. PRIOR TO BOWLING – actual score, position, and amount won for possible rerating. USBC rule 319d.**
6. Prize fees will be returned to participants 100% in prizes. Prize Ratio 1:8 in each event.
7. In the event of first place ties, co-champions will be declared and prize money will be combined and divided equally. In the event of a tie for further competition (National Senior Championship Tournament), the high single game with handicap will be the tie breaker and, if needed, the second high game with handicap.
8. All winners’ averages will be verified before distribution of prize fund. It shall be the entrants’ responsibility to complete the entry form and indicate average ruling to be applied.
9. The tournament committee has the authority to decide any other matters pertaining to the operation of the tournament not covered by the above rules.