

2019 Women's Championship Tournament Rules

1. **Tournament Format** – The tournament is USBC certified and will consist of two bowled events – a four (4) person Team event and a combined two (2) person Doubles event and an individual one (1) person Singles event. Bowlers may participate in either the Team or the combined Doubles/Singles events or both events. Bowlers participating in the Doubles event must bowl in the Singles event.
2. **Team Composition** – In the Team event, teams will be comprised of four (4) women bowlers. In the Doubles event, teams will be comprised of two (2) women bowlers.
3. **Divisions** – The tournament is divided into three divisions. Each division is based on the total team average of the participants competing in the event as shown on the front of this form.
4. **Handicap** – Handicap for all divisions will be based on 90% of 225 and computed using the team average method.
5. **Phone or E-mail Entry Reservations** – Squad time reservations will be accepted, however, entry form and fees must be received by the tournament director not later than 14 days of the reservation or the squad time will be vacated. Incomplete entry forms or fees will be accepted but not scheduled until all entry information and/or fees are received.
6. **Prize Ratios** - The prize ratio will be at least one (1) to five (5) or major fraction thereof for the Team event; the prize ratio will be at least one (1) to six (6) or major fraction thereof for the Doubles/Singles event. Prize money will be returned 100%. Last paid place on the prize list will be equal to the prize fee paid. Championship awards in each division will be presented to each member of the Team, Doubles, and Singles events bowling the highest score. No championship awards presented to scratch optional events. The cost of the awards will be from the expense fees paid. Duplicate awards will be made in case of ties.
7. **Special Events** – The following optional special events are offered in this tournament. The entry fees for these events will be included in the prize fund for the event and returned 100%. The first place scratch all-events winner will receive entry fee to the 2017 or 2018 Queens.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Entry Fee</u>	<u>Prize Ratio</u>	<u>Event Description</u>
All-Events	\$ 5.00	1:20	Combined scores from first Team event and Doubles /Singles event with handicap by division.
Scratch All-Events	\$ 5.00	1:20	Combined scratch scores of first Team event and Doubles /Singles event; all entrants combined in a single division.
Scratch Team	\$ 28.00	1:8	Scratch score of all team entrants in any Team event. Must enter as a team.
Scratch Doubles	\$ 7.00	1:8	Combined scratch scores of event entrant and partner in Doubles portion of the Doubles/Singles event. <u>Both partners must enter.</u>
Scratch Singles	\$ 7.00	1:8	Scratch score of event entrant in the Singles portion of the Doubles/Singles event.

8. **Entries Close (USBC Rule 310)** – Entry deadline is Sunday, May 12, 2019. All entry forms not accompanied by the fees required for the events entered will be accepted but not scheduled until all fees are received.
9. **Multiple Participation (USBC Rule 315)** – A bowler may participate in the Team event an unlimited number of times, but at least two (2) players must be different. A bowler may participate in the combined Doubles/Singles event up to 3 times, but must change partners each time and must enter singles each time.
10. **Entering Average** – A bowler must use her **Montana USBC state tournament average (21 game min.) as listed on the website, www.bowlmontana.com**. If no such average exists, then bowler must use her highest final 2017-18 certified winter or summer league average or January 1, 2019 average, whichever is higher. A bowler without a certified 2017-18 winter or summer league average, or a January 1, 2019 average may use their current average as of the date bowled. **All averages are for a 21 game minimum.** To verify an alternate average, an average verification letter from the participant's league secretary or local Association Manager will be required.
11. **This tournament is open ONLY to current season members of USBC that have a valid MONTANA certified league average (21 game min.).**
12. **Assigned Averages (USBC Rule 319b)** –A participant without an entering average will be assigned an average of 225.
13. **USBC rule 319c Average Adjustments** is only in effect for bowlers, who have been rerated nationally by USBC and only when the adjusted average is higher than their Montana USBC state tournament average.
14. **USBC Rule 319a(2) & 319d** are waived. Current averages that are 10 pins or more higher than the entering average do not need reporting, nor do any prize winnings need reporting. All other aspects of USBC Rule 319 are in effect
15. **NOTICE: MONTANA USBC STANDING RULES, which are applicable to ALL Montana State tournaments, can be found and downloaded on the website: BowlMontana.com/tournaments, then select this specific tournament.**

Mail, phone or email entries to:

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 Montana State USBC Assn. Mgr: Tom Brendgord t.brendgord@att.net (no entries please)

ENTRIES CLOSE SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2019.

The Grand Duchess Award will be presented to the eldest woman entered. A woman is allowed to win this award only once in a lifetime. Please enter and highlight the date of birth of your eldest entrant over 80 in a vacant average box on entry form. Must be submitted by April 8, 2019 to be eligible.

To pay by credit card: First obtain reservation number from tournament director. Then indicate method of payment on front & ensure your email address is correct & legible. Then mail form to tourney director, who will assign invoice number & email you PayPal instructions. Payment must be made within 7 days of receipt of tournament manager's email reply.