



Louisiana State USBC Women's Championship Tournament

77th ANNUAL WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM 2025

Note:

Team Event is on Sunday

Doubles & Singles Event
is on Saturday

February, 2025						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	



ENTRIES CLOSE January 3, 2025
(UNLESS SCHEDULE IS FILLED SOONER)

Team, Doubles & Singles:

Four Seasons Bowling Center, 3510 North Blvd., Alexandria, LA 71301 – (318) 445-2695
(This is a Handicap Tournament based on 100% from 220 scratch)

Mail Entry Form to:
Louisiana State USBC
c/o Susie Brown, Tournament Manager
10643 Ranchwood Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70815

Make Checks Payable to: Louisiana USBC

Phone: (225) 939-0032

Email: LWBASusie@cox.net



LOUISIANA STATE USBC
77th Annual Handicap Women's Championships
ENTRIES WITHOUT PROPER FEES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

TEAM / DOUBLES/ SINGLES EVENTS
Four Seasons Bowling Center
3510 North Blvd.
Alexandria, LA 71301
(318) 445-2695

Team Captain Information	
Name:	Address:
City/Zip:	Phone:
	Email:

NO HALF PAIRS ACCEPTED FOR HANDICAP OR SCRATCH DOUBLES. A BOWLER CAN ONLY ENTER SCRATCH DOUBLES WITH HER HDCP DOUBLES PARTNER.
DOUBLES PAIRS MUST BE BOWLING ON THE SAME SQUAD TO BOWL. CONFIRMATIONS WILL BE EMAILED TO TEAM CAPTAINS.

Team Information		Team Name:	
Pos	Print Name (In order of Line-Up) Last Name, First	USBC ID#	Avg
1			
2			
3			
4			

Team		Doubles		Singles		All Events		Total Fees
Hdcp	Scr	Hdcp	Scr	Hdcp	Scr	Hdcp	Scr	
\$30	\$10	\$30	\$10	\$30	\$10	\$10	\$10	

Note: Lanes will be re-oiled for each squad

To enter scratch team, all four players must enter.

Total All Entry Fees:

DOUBLES & SINGLES	
List Doubles Partners (Please Print)	
Bowler	Last Name, First
1	
2	

1	
2	

Team Event Dates & Times	
SUNDAY ONLY	
February 2, 9 & 16, 2025	
9:00 AM	1:00 PM

Dbls & Sgls Dates & Times	
SATURDAY ONLY	
February 1, 8 & 15, 2025	
9:00 AM	2:00 PM

Team Dates & Times	
Date	Time
1st	
2nd	

Doubles & Singles Dates & Times	
Date	Time
1st	
2nd	

Make checks payable to LA USBC
A \$30.00 fee will be charged on return checks

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Entry No: _____

Date Received: _____

Remit Amount: _____

Breakdown of Entry Fees - Per Person	
Prize Fund:	\$ 13.00
Bowling Fee (Lineage):	\$ 13.50
Expense Fee:	\$ 3.50
Total Cost Per Event	\$ 30.00
Optional Events	
Handicap All Events	\$ 10.00
Scratch Team	\$ 10.00
Scratch Doubles	\$ 10.00
Scratch Singles	\$ 10.00
Scratch All Events	\$ 10.00

MAIL ENTRIES TO:
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10643 Ranchwood Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70815



An Additional \$2,000 will be added to the prize list.

LOUISIANA STATE USBC WOMEN'S ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT RULES – 2025

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. Tournament management has the authority to make decisions regarding anything not covered by these rules. The tournament is open to women only.
2. **Age/Eligibility**
 - a. Open to all women USBC members 18 years of age August 1st 2024.
 - b. All participants must be women and have a current USBC adult membership card and all participants must be a member of the Louisiana State USBC and a local merged Louisiana association prior to bowling the tournament. If current membership cannot be verified, a USBC membership card can be purchased at the tournament site at a cost of \$27.00.
 - 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 2023-24 USBC winter season, based on 21 games or more.
 - b. If no 2023-24 yearbook average, then the highest 2024 USBC summer average (Regular or Sport), based on 21 games or more.
 - c. If no 2023-24 yearbook, or summer average, the current average (Regular or Sport) of 21 games or more as of December 31, 2024 shall be used. Team Captain is responsible for reporting current averages.
 - d. Bowlers who do not meet any of the above requirements will be entered with a 220 average.
 - e. USBC Rules 319a2 – 10 pin rule; 319c – Average Adjustments (Rerating); 319d Report Prior Prize Winnings and 319e – Average Adjustment for Entry will not apply.
 - f. 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. 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, unless the tournament is cancelled due to inclement weather or by the LA STATE USBC. Entrants failing to appear on scheduled dates will forfeit all fees.
5. **Fees**
 - a. Entry fee for Handicap Team, Doubles & Singles is \$30.00 per event per bowler. Prize Fund - \$13.00; Lineage - \$13.50; Expenses - \$3.50.
 - b. Approximate Prize Ratio for Handicap Team, Doubles & Singles – 1:10; Prize Money returned 100%.
 - c. Optional Handicap All Events fee is \$5.00 per bowler per event. In the optional Scratch Team, Doubles, Singles and All-Events, the entry fee per bowler per event shall be \$10.00. The optional Scratch Singles and/or Doubles prize fund can only be entered if already entered in the handicap events. To be eligible for the Scratch Team event, all four members of the team must enter. To be eligible for Scratch Doubles event, both doubles partners must enter. Any bowler not entered in the optional events will not be eligible for the prizes in those events. Approximate Prize Ratio – 1:10 You may enter all events once.
 - e. **Louisiana State USBC 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 will schedule. Partial entries will be returned and not scheduled.
 - f. Remit by money order, certified check or personal check, made payable to Louisiana USBC. NSF check disqualifies person issuing check. A **\$30.00** service charge will be assessed for all returned checks. If the replacement fee and NSF check fee has not been received within 30 days, legal action will be taken.
6. **Format / Participation**
 - a. The tournament shall consist of a four-woman team event, doubles, singles and all-events.
 - b. Three games will be bowled in each event.
 - c. A member may enter the team event **twice**. Not more than two 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 **once**. If you enter doubles then you must enter singles and vice-versa. Doubles event will be bowled first, followed by singles. Scores bowled by an ineligible player will be disqualified.
 - e. When a member is bowling two 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 multiple teams on the same squad.
 - f. Your highest team series and your doubles & singles scores will count towards your all events provided the fees for all events have been paid.
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 State USBC 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. **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 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.

10. **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 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.

11. **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 if such a bowler with special needs is to be used as a substitute.

12. **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.

13. **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.

14. **Squad Times / Tournament Dates / Scheduling**

TEAM EVENT		DOUBLES & SINGLES EVENTS	
DATES	TIMES	DATES	TIMES
<u>Sunday Only:</u> February 2, 9 & 16, 2025	9:00 am and 1:00 pm	<u>Saturday Only:</u> February 1, 8 & 15, 2025	9:00 am & 2:00 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 "2 weekends" you are available to bowl. Team captains will receive a confirmation giving the date and time of bowling via email. It is the team captain's responsibility to inform all bowlers listed on entry of times and dates scheduled to bowl. Louisiana State USBC will not furnish team members or doubles partners. Incomplete entries will be returned. The Louisiana State USBC 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.

15. **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 Scratch fees and Optional Handicap All Events fees 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). **Louisiana State USBC will not provide substitutes! It is the team captain's responsibility to secure substitutes for their entries.**

16. **Other Rules:**

- a. Members are requested to wear suitable attire when participating in the Louisiana State USBC – Women's Championship Tournament.
- b. Only tournament participants are allowed in the bowling area and seating area. At their 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 3 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. If all participants have checked in, the squad will start early. Squad announcements will take place at least 10 minutes prior to the start of the squad regardless of whether all participants have checked in. **Teams & Doubles pairs should check-in no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of the squad. If you have substitutions to make, please come in one hour before you bowl to make the substitutions.**
- e. Lanes will be oiled between all squads.