

MICHIGAN STATE MIXED TEAM & DOUBLES TOURNAMENT RULES

1. This tournament will consist of a Mixed team event, (2 men and 2 women), a Doubles event, (1 man and 1 woman), and an Optional All Events. Bowlers can bowl in only the team event, or only doubles event, or both.
2. Entry fee will be \$21.00 per person, per event and \$5.00 optional All Events (Separate prize fund for men & women). Over payment of \$5.00 or less will not be refunded.
3. All entrants must be **Michigan** USBC Certified. Bowlers must have a current season membership card when checking in to bowl or must purchase affiliate membership \$25.00.
4. Entrants shall use their highest previous season Michigan USBC BA/WBA/ YOUTH Certified League average, based on 21 games or more. If no 2018-19 winter certified average, use 2019 certified summer average. If no 2018-19 certified average or summer average bowlers may use their current certified average, with 12 games or more, at the time of participating in the tournament, (if using current certified average, bowler must provide a copy of the individual record sheet). If no 2018-19 or summer average or current average, bowlers may use 2017-18 certified average with 21 games or more. All others will be assigned a 230 average. Bowl.com will be used to verify individual averages. **Ten Pin Rule** does not apply. Rule 319 will be waived.
5. Individual handicap will be 90% of the difference between his or her average and 230.
6. Bowlers who have Tournament Prize Winnings of \$300.00 in a single event, the combined prize money won in excess of \$500.00 in a tournament, and/or the combined prize money won in excess of \$1000.00 in all tournaments competed in within 12 months must submit a list of those winnings, including the tournament name and the scores bowled. **(USBC Rule 319d and 319e)**
7. Bowlers may enter the tournament any number of times in both the team and doubles event. However, each team entry must have no more than (2) of the same members and each doubles entry must have one different member. First event score will be used for All Events.
8. The tournament entry form must be completed with the bowlers listed in the order in which they will bowl. There will be no changes in the order of bowling once the entry is submitted. If a substitute is required, the substitute shall take the place of the original entrant in the lineup. A substitute must be based on gender, (male for male, female for female).
9. Corrections of a bowler's average must be made by the end of the first game. Falsification of an average will result in disqualification from the tournament if submitted average is lower than correct average. If submitted average is higher than correct average, prize winnings will be based on submitted average. Each bowler is responsible for the accuracy of his or her average.
10. Scoring errors must be reported to the Tournament Director within 24 hours of the time bowled.
11. Entries must be submitted with total fees. Checks, money orders, and or certified checks must be drawn on USA Banks.
12. Awards will be presented to winners in each event, in both handicap and actual. Prize fund will be returned 100% with a ratio of 1 for every 5 entries in Team and Doubles and 1 for every 10 entries in All Events (both men and women). Pay out in handicap only.
13. Entry closing is Thursday prior to the squad you are wishing to bowl.
14. The tournament director reserves the right to rerate or reject bowlers. Such rerating must be accomplished before the entrant bowls, however, if the rerate average is not accepted by the bowler, the entry fee shall be returned.
15. USBC sport average adjustment will be used as written in the USBC rule book rule # 202.
16. USBC rules will be observed. Any other questions will be decided by the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director's decision shall be final unless an appeal is made in writing to Michigan State Bowling Council, in accordance with USBC rules.

OPTIONAL SCRATCH EVENT RULES

The optional Scratch event in no way will affect the regular handicap prize list.

1. You must enter the regular handicap event to participate in the corresponding optional Scratch event.
2. You are eligible to win prizes in both handicap and scratch event.
3. All four bowlers must pay the optional scratch prize fee (\$10.00) to compete in the scratch team prize list.
4. Both bowlers in doubles must pay the optional scratch prize fee to compete in the scratch doubles and must be the same partners as in the handicap event.
5. Any bowler may enter the optional scratch event in all-events but must be competing in the handicap all-event.
6. At least 1 in 10 entries in each optional scratch prize event will cash.