

2026 RULES OF THE HANDICAP WESTCHESTER COUNTY USBC ASSOCIATION COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. **Entrants:** All entrants must be certified through the Westchester County USBC Association, Inc. Those entrants who are residents of Westchester County but do not bowl in any certified league in Westchester County and are not members of any other Association may participate in the tournament provided they purchase a USBC membership for \$24. Those entrants who are members of another Association and are residents of Westchester County may participate in the tournament provided they purchase an Associate membership for \$8 for NY and \$9 for NJ or Conn. If you are not a resident of Westchester County...OR...do not bowl in a certified league in Westchester County, you may not bowl in the tournament.
2. **Divisions:**
 - Singles Handicap Men's, Singles Handicap Women's,
 - Doubles Handicap Men's, Doubles Handicap Women's, Doubles Handicap Mix
 - Team Handicap Division – Any combination of four bowlers may bowl.
3. **Handicap will be based on:**
 - A- For Singles - 90% of the difference between the entering average and 240. Anyone over 240 will bowl with zero handicap.
 - B- For Doubles - 90% of the difference between the entering team average and 480. A team over 480 will bowl with zero handicap.
 - C- For Team - 90% of the difference between the entering team average and 880. A team over 880 will bowl with zero handicap.
4. **Averages: NO MINIMUM AVERAGE REQUIRED.**

For all entrants, the average used for this tournament is based on the following prioritized order:

 - A. Highest 2024-2025 USBC winter season average (21 games minimum). If none:
 - B. Highest 2025 summer season average (21 games minimum). If none:
 - C. Highest 2023-2024 winter season average (21 games minimum). If none:
 - D. If you have a current average based on 21 games or more in a league as of then you must use that average. If None:
 - E. You must enter the Tournament with an entering average of 220.
 - F. USBC RULE 319(a)-2 WILL NOT APPLY IN THIS TOURNAMENT. It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of his/her average, whether originally submitted by the bowler, or others. Failure to use the proper average, or make a correction within 48 hours of completion of the event may cause score(s) to be disqualified if the submitted average is lower than the actual. Prize winnings will be based on the submitted average if it is higher.
 - G. All averages will be from a house shot. If you are certified only in leagues listed with a lane condition of Sports league, Challenge, or Non-Registered Sport, your average will be Re-Rated using the Average adjustment scale from Bowl.com.
 - H. Re-rating Rules: USBC re-rating rules 319(c) and 319(d) will apply to all participants. Rule 319(e) will be waived.
5. **PBA/PWBA Members:** No more than one member of a professional bowling association (PBA or PWBA) will be allowed in a double's lineup and no more than 2 in the team division. Any national title winners are not allowed to bowl in this tournament.
6. **Youth bowlers** are not allowed to bowl in any event in this tournament.
7. **Multiple participation and walk-on entries** are permitted in all events with the following limitations:
 - Doubles Event: Doubles participants must change partners in order to appear more than once on the prize list for position standing.
 - Singles Event: Singles entrants may only appear once on the prize list for position standing.
 - Team Event: There must be a minimum of 2 different participants in team line up to appear more than once on the prize list for position standing. Walk-ons: Shall be permitted up to 30 minutes prior to the start of each squad. All walk-ons shall be subject to a \$10.00 walk-on fee. NO EXCEPTIONS. (Fees to be added to prize fund.) Entry Closing Date: All entries received after 4/20/26 otherwise subjected to walk on fee.
8. **Schedule changes or partner changes** are permitted if space is available.
9. **Presentable Attire:** shall be required for both men and women. No tank tops.
10. **Ties:** In case of a tie for first place in any division, the WCUSBCA will declare co-champions. Ties for ALL cash positions- the prize money for those positions will be added together and split equally amongst those tied.
11. **Pairing of lanes:** will be permitted, when possible, at the discretion of Tournament Management.
12. **Fees Paid by Check:** Checks are acceptable for fee payment. Dishonored checks are subject to a \$35 service charge. Checks should be made out to WCUSBCA.
13. **Distribution of Entry Fees:** Entry fees charged for this tournament are distributed as outlined on the front of this form.
14. **Tournament management** reserves the right to refuse any entry or to re-rate a bowler's entering average prior to any squad.
15. **Any rules not specifically contained herein** shall be covered under USBC rules. Tournament management reserve the right to have any or all equipment checked prior to or after tournament play.
16. **Prize Fund Returned 100%.** Prize fund will be rewarded per division. Payout ratio: 1 in 6