

# MICHIGAN STATE USBC WBA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

## PARTICIPATION RULES - 2008

**Rule 10.** The games to be played shall be the game of American Tenpins and shall consist of a five-woman team event, doubles event and singles event. Three consecutive games shall be bowled in each event and total pins plus handicap shall decide the winner who will be declared Tournament Champion(s). The highest actual pinfall winner in each event shall be declared the State Champion(s). The order the events will be bowled shall be decided by the tournament manager.

**Rule 11.** In case of a tie for first place in any event, co-champions will be declared. Prize money for first and second place, (or more), shall be divided equally between the teams or individuals tied.

**Rule 12.** An individual award and emblem shall be presented to each winner in each event. Sponsor's award shall be presented for team event.

**Rule 13.** Each event will be bowled on a separate pair of lanes, alternating lanes as in league play. Doubles will be bowled on the pair of lanes assigned and singles will move to another pair of lanes.

**Rule 14.** Any player, or team, arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. A bowler who misses one or more frames by not being present and ready to bowl when it is her turn shall not be credited with any pins for frames missed. If an entrant is late for the doubles event, the entrant present shall bowl singles first. If her partner has not arrived by the time the singles event is finished and a substitute cannot be found, the entrant present shall be permitted to bowl her games in the doubles without a partner.

**Rule 15.** The application of any foreign substance on any part of the approach that detracts from the possibility of other players having normal conditions is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, such substances as talcum powder, pumice and resin on shoes; also soft rubber soles or heels that rub off on the approach.

**Rule 16.** It is each bowlers responsibility to verify the accuracy of her average, whether submitted by captain or others. Correction of an average must be made by the end of the first game in the tournament. Falsification of an average will result in disqualification if submitted average is lower than correct average. If submitted average is higher than correct average, prize winnings will be based on submitted average.

**Rule 17.** A bowler will not be allowed to rebowl a game or series except when the scores are irretrievably lost from an automatic scoring device and has been authorized by the tournament manager.

**Rule 18.** No food or beverage is allowed in the bowling area.

**Rule 19.** All forms of gambling are discouraged in the Michigan State USBC WBA Championship Tournament.

**Rule 20. Substitutes** shall be allowed in each event (team, doubles and singles) but not singles only. An entrant may be allowed to bowl as a substitute an unlimited number of times in the team event and/or doubles event. First time participation only will count towards the All-Events score. A substitute shall take the place of the original entrant in the lineup.

A substitute will not be required to reimburse the entry fee, nor shall she be expected to give the original entrant prize money or trophy she may win.

Captains must provide verification of averages for substitutes as required in RULE #5, (properly signed affidavits and records when required). Either mail to the state office at least two (2) weeks prior to date scheduled to bowl or report to tournament office two (2) hours prior to bowling time.

A substitute shall be allowed, if one is available, in case of an emergency after a game has started, in team and doubles only. Once a player is removed she cannot return to bowl for the balance of that game and combined scores will not qualify for individual tournament awards. Only the frames bowled shall count if a substitute is not available.

Paid all-events are not transferable unless the substitute replaces the original entrant in all three events and the transfer is made by a tournament official prior to the time of the substitute's participation in any event.

**Rule 21.** All prize funds shall be distributed within 30 days of the close of the tournament, except when USBC has authorized delay in payment. The team captain shall distribute the prize money within 15 days of receipt.

**Rule 22.** Contestants shall wear acceptable attire when participating in the tournament.

**Rule 23.** All bowling balls used in tournament competition shall meet USBC equipment specifications. Altering the surface of a bowling ball by the use of abrasives while bowling is prohibited. All bowling balls so altered must be removed from the competition.

**Rule 24** A protest involving eligibility or playing rules must be confirmed in writing to the tournament manager before the prize payments are made. After a score has been recorded, it cannot be changed, except where there is an obvious error in scoring or calculations. Obvious errors must be corrected by a tournament official when found. Questionable errors shall be decided by the tournament management. The Board of Directors of the Michigan State USBC WBA shall have the power to act on all protests arising from or under construction of the rules of the Michigan State USBC WBA Tournament.