

**STANDING RULES**  
**BIS-MDN USBC WOMEN'S BOWLING ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT**

**SECTION A.** The Bis-Mdn USBC Women's Bowling Association's Tournament shall be rotated among all establishments having USBC sanctioned leagues, provided the establishment invites the tournament and is able to provide the facilities for conducting the tournament in a suitable and satisfactory manner. The tournament shall follow a rotation schedule approved by the board of directors and the general membership.

**SECTION B.** The tournament shall be held in November. Specific dates to be approved by the board of directors.

**SECTION C.** **1.** The association manager shall post a schedule of all teams, doubles and singles bowling in the tournament, at all bowling establishments within 1 week after the closing of entries. A tentative prize list shall be posted during the tournament, at respective bowling establishments. **2.** The tournament manager will schedule entries according to requests and in the order received. The schedule will be changed based on lane availability. Teams bowling together will be arranged by team average so far as possible at the secretary's discussion.

**SECTION D.** All current Bis-Mdn USBC Women's Bowling Association members who are USBC certified are eligible to bowl this tournament, including coffee leagues, mixed leagues, and makeup teams. Each entrant first appearance in team event shall count toward her all events score. Multiple participation in the Team Event is allowed, not more than three bowlers may compete on the same team more than once.

**SECTION E.** Entrants shall use their highest sanctioned league average, as a regular or a substitute bowler, in the following order:

- 1. Highest USBC average for previous winter season for at least 21 games.**
- 2. Highest USBC average for current season of at least 21 games as of tournament entry closing date.**
- 3. Highest USBC average for current season of at least 9 games as of date bowler participates in tournament.**
- 4. If under 9 games, entrant must bowl scratch.**

Team captains are responsible for entering averages on entry form.

**SECTION F.** Substitutes are allowed when replacement is necessary. The Association Manager must be advised if possible, of substitutions at least one hour before the scheduled bowling time. In case of emergency, after a game has started, a substitute, if one is available, shall be allowed in the team and doubles event only. The combined scores are to count in either of the events. If no substitute is available, only the actual score of the frames bowled shall count. Paid all events are not transferable unless the substitute replaces the original entrant in all three events. A substitute will not be required to reimburse the original entrant with the entry fee paid nor shall the substitute be expected to give the original entrant any prize money or award she may win. **PACERS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.**

**SECTION G.** Any player or team member arriving after the game has started will be allowed to bowl and the scores will count beginning in the frame being bowled when the entrant is ready to begin bowling. **NO SCORE WILL BE GIVEN FOR FRAMES MISSED.**

**SECTION H.** Doubles event shall be bowled first, followed by singles. If her partner has not arrived by the time the doubles event starts, and a substitute is not available, she will be permitted to bowl her games in the singles event in order to qualify for all events.

**SECTION I.** Multiple participation in the doubles and singles event is allowed. Can cash only once with the same doubles partner and only cash once in the singles event paid to the highest event score.

**SECTION J.** Computer print-outs of scores are the official score. Each bowler will be responsible for checking her own score as games are being bowled and for immediately calling the attention of the official scorer and/or tournament officials to any error so that it can be corrected before further frames are bowled. Any other errors must be reported to a tournament official within 24 hours.

**SECTION K.** The prize list shall be paid on the basis of one for every four (4) entries or major fraction thereof, except all events prizes shall be paid on the basis of one for each eight entries or major fraction thereof. The following awards shall be distributed for both divisions: Hdcp/Scr Team – 1 Sponsor and 5 Individual, Hdcp/Scr Doubles, Hdcp/Scr Singles, Hdcp/Scr All Events, **(Handicap and Scratch will be combined if the same people wins both). High Game will be awarded in each division.** If bowling in all three events the bowler will be eligible for the all events award, whether optional all events was paid or not. Optional paid all events will receive prize money.

**SECTION L.** The tournament shall be in two (2) divisions follows

| Division I |            | Division II |             |
|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| TEAM       | 700 & over | TEAM        | 699 & under |
| DOUBLES    | 280 & over | DOUBLES     | 278 & under |
| SINGLES    | 140 & over | SINGLES     | 139 & under |

Handicap shall be 90% of the difference between **210** and the highest league average of the entrant.

**SECTION M.** A financial statement showing receipt of prize money shall be a part of the prize list and made available to anyone entered in the tournament. The prize list shall follow the format attached to these standing rules, i.e., shall show place, name(s) of entrants, total score, amount of prize money and awards, as well as listing champions for each event.

**SECTION N.** Entry closing date: All reserved entries must be post-marked and paid in full no later than midnight, 10 days before the opening weekend of tournament

**SECTION O.** When ties for first place occur, the entrants will be declared co-champions with first and second place prize money divided equally and duplicate awards and emblems given.

**SECTION P.** The entry fees for Division I and II shall be **Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per entrant per event, and Three Dollars (\$3.00) optional all events.** Team captains – **PLEASE CHECK YOUR ENTRY FOR CORRECT FEES.** The Association Manager will be responsible to check these fees also. **NOTE: AN ENTRANT WITH AN NSF CHECK WILL BE CHARGED A FEE OF TWENTY DOLLARS (\$20.00).**

**Entry Breakdown: Team - Lineage \$13.00 Expenses: \$1.50 Prize Fund: \$15.50 = \$30.00**

**Doubles/Singles Lineage: \$13.50; Expenses: \$1.50; Prize Fund: \$15.00 = \$30.00**

**SECTION Q.** Multiple participation in the Optional Scratch Series Event for each set of doubles and singles you participate in, only cash once with the highest scratch series score. Six (6) game series based on actual scores bowled in the singles and doubles events. Handicap singles and doubles must be bowled to qualify for this optional event. Five Dollars (\$5.00) entry fee, (with no expenses). Pay 1 for 4.

**SECTION R.** The Board of Directors shall have power to hear and act on all protests arising from or under construction of all the rules of the tournament.

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