## VIRGINIA STATE USBC

 $66^{\text {th }}$ Annual Women's TournamentCERTIFIED BY THE UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS
THE VA STATE WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT WILL HAVE A SCRATCH DIVISION IN EACH EVENT

## THE 10 PIN RULE IS IN EFFECT

TEAM EVENT
BOWL AMERICA BULL RUN 10641 BALLS FORD RD. MANASSAS, VA. 20109
(703) 368-6256

| Entry Fees Per Person Per Event |  |  |  |
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| Prize Fee | $\$ 13.00$ | Doubles | Singles |
| Bowling Fee | $\$ 12.00$ | $\$ 12.00$ | $\$ 13.00$ |
| Expense Fee | $\$ 5.00$ | $\$ 5.00$ | $\$ 5.00$ |
| Total | $\$ 30.00$ | $\$ 30.00$ | $\$ 30.00$ |
|  | All Events (Optional) |  |  |
| $\$ 10.00^{*}$ |  |  |  |

## SINGLES \& DOUBLES EVENT <br> BOWL AMERICA GAITHERSBURG 1101 CLOPPER RD. <br> GAITHERSBURG, ME. 20878 <br> (301) 330-5200

Conducted By
VIRGINIA STATE USBC
Hosted By
NATIONS CAPITAL AREA USBC
with ANNE RAY
WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT MANAGER
April 6-7, 13-14, 27-28, 2024
May 4-5, 2024

ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MIDNIGHT SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024 ALL ENTRIES AFTER FEBRUARY 23, 2024, MUST BE MONEY ORDER OR CERTIFIED CHECK

## LANES DRESSED ONCE PER DAY

## MAKE ALL CHECKS, MONEY ORDERS, AND CERTIFIED CHECKS PAYABLE TO: VA STATE USBC WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

Send All Completed Entries with Entry Fees To:
Ann Ray, Virginia State USBC Women's Tournament
6-I Tamarisk Quay, Hampton, VA. 23666
Telephone (757) 846-1111
E-Mail: anneray@cox.net

## WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT RULES

1. FORMAT: This is a TWO division handicap tournament consisting of a 4-member team event, a doubles event, singles event and an optional 9-game all events in each division. This tournament also offers "OPTIONAL" SCRATCH DIVISIONS. (A bowler entering the Optional Scratch Divisions must enter the Handicap Division to be eligible to participate in the scratch division. The TWO Division structure will be as follows: TEAM: Div $1, \underline{601} \&$ up and Div $2, \underline{600} \&$ down; DOUBLES: Div $1, \underline{301} \& u p$ and Div 2, $300 \&$ down; SINGLES: Div $1, \underline{151} \& u p$ and Div 2, $150 \&$ down; ALL EVENTS: Div $1, \underline{151} \& u p ;$ Div $2, \underline{150} \& \operatorname{down}$. (This structure is based on present average using 4-member team.)
2. HANDICAP: To the actual scores bowled in each series, shall be added a handicap of $100 \%$ of the difference between the individual's average and 230 , using the individual game handicap chart.
3. ELIGIBILITY: Participation in the Ladies Championship tournament of the Virginia USBC shall be available to all adult women members of USBC who have paid Virginia USBC dues and are members of a chartered local USBC association in Virginia. If not a member of a Virginia local association dues of $\$ 11.00$ must be paid to participate and if not a member of USBC total dues of $\$ 25.00$ must be paid to participate.
4. ENTRY FEE: The entry fee will be $\$ 30.00$ per person per event. This covers $\$ 13.00$ prize fee, $\$ 12.00$ lineage fee and $\$ 5.00$ expense fee. All events handicap are $\$ 10.00$ optional, $\$ 9.00$ prize fee and $\$ 1.00$ expense fee. Scratch options are $\$ 10.00$ per event, $\$ 9.00$ prize fee, and $\$ 1.00$ expense fee. Make all checks, money orders and certified checks payable to VA State USBC Women's Tournament. (After February 23, 2024 only money orders and certified checks will be accepted.) There will be a service charge of $\$ 35.00$ for all returned checks. Entry fee refunds will not be made unless a written notice of cancellation is received by March 10 th.
5. AVERAGES: Entrants will use their highest USBC Winter Season 2022-2023 certified adult league average based on a minimum of 21 games or more. If no 2022-2023 winter average, use the highest certified average for 21 games or more for the past Summer (2023). If no last season winter average or 2023 Summer average, use the highest certified adult league average based on a minimum of 21 games as of January 1, 2024. A written verification of the January 1 st average, signed by the League Secretary or a standing sheet must be submitted with the entry form. If a bowler has none of the above averages, use the highest current season average as of the start date of the tournament (April 6,2024) based on 21 or more games will be used. In this case, the bowler must provide average verification when checking in to bowl. A 230 average will be given the participant without a verified average. The participant will have 5 days after bowling to submit verification. If verification is not received or postmarked within the allotted time the 230 average stands. All others bowl scratch. USBC Rule 319A (2) will apply. If a bowler's average for at least 21 games as of January 1, 2024 has increased by 10 pins or more, the January $1^{\text {st }}$ average must be used. The Tournament Manager must verify the entering average of all winners by use of a previous season's local association yearbook, Win Labs, or final average sheets if no yearbook published; or written verification if participant used January 1st or average as of the start date of the tournament (April 6, 2024). It is the bowler's responsibility to verify her own average, not the team captain's.
6. AVERAGE ADJUSTMENT: Refer to applicable USBC Rule 319e of the Tournament Rules Book.
7. PARTICIPATION: Bowlers entered in the doubles event must also enter the singles event. Likewise all singles events entrants must also bowl doubles event. Bowlers cannot be listed on an original entry form more than once for any event. Scratch division is optional in each event. Participant must compete in handicap division to be eligible to enter scratch option of that event. To enter scratch team, the fee is $\$ 10$ each and all members of the team must enter scratch. To enter scratch doubles the fee is $\$ 10$ each and both partners must enter scratch doubles. To enter Scratch all events the total is $\$ 10$ each and is open to any bowler who bowled all three handicap events.
8. SUBSTITUTES: After a series has started, no changes shall be made in the order of the players, except that the captain may replace any of the players by another qualified substitute at the beginning of a game. A substitute is not required to reimburse the entry fee paid by the original entrant. Substitutes are entitled to all prize winnings. A substitute may be allowed multiple participation in team and doubles events only. A bowler from an original entry may bowl again as a substitute in the team and doubles events only, which must be an on-site substitution. Virginia State USBC is not responsible for securing substitutes.
9. ORDER OF BOWLING: Teams will bowl as lined up on entry form. During the doubles/singles events, doubles will be bowled first, then singles, in that order, with no exceptions. The pattern to be followed in the doubles and singles events will be that there will be up to 3 bowlers on each bowling lane. Partners will start each game on opposite lanes. A substitute in singles events or doubles event must bowl events for the original entrant. No substitute will be accepted for All Events Prize List participation when any one event, or portion of an event, has been bowled by the original entrant or the substitute. No changing of lineups, unless requested prior to scheduling.
10. TARDINESS: Teams and individuals arriving late shall begin play and the scores shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. Entrant will receive zero for all frames missed.
11. BOWLER'S RESPONSIBILITY: ( a) It is each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average whether it is submitted by them, team captain, or others If the submitted average is different than correct average, the bowler's average will be automatically corrected and placed in the proper ranking position. (b) PROPER ATTIRE (1) No spaghetti strap tops or wide open arm holed tops, and no midriff showing (2) trousers, skirts, or shorts must come at least halfway to the knee (must not be shorter than fingertip length). Bowler will not be allowed to begin participation until dressed in proper attire. BOWLER WILL RECEIVE ZERO PINFALL FOR EACH FRAME MISSED.
12. REPORTING OF PRIZE WINNINGS USBC RULE 319D: A bowler who has qualified for a cash and/or merchandise prize of $\$ 300$ or more in the position standings prize list in any event in a tournament including all events, special prizes and donated prizes, and/or $\$ 500$ combined winnings in a tournament, and/or a total of $\$ 1,000$ in all tournaments within a 12-month period, must report his actual score, position and amount won to the tournament management before bowling in handicap or classified tournament for possible re-rating. Failure to comply with either of those provisions shall be cause to forfeit tournament fee and prize winnings.
13. PRIZE DISTRIBUTION: Prize money will be distributed at a ratio of at least one for every ten entries for each event, except that in All Events prize money will be distributed at a ratio of at least one for every twenty entries. Prize money shall be paid with handicaps added to actual scores. Prize Money will be awarded to both handicap and scratch winners in each event. Prize checks will be mailed to listed "CAPTAIN". All averages of winners will be VERIFIED before distribution of prize money. Prize money in scratch events shall be paid to actual scores. Prize money shall be returned $100 \%$. In the event of a tie in any event, prize money will be equally divided. A bowler winning $\$ 600$ or more in the tournament will be required to provide Social Security number to the Tournament Manager before check is mailed out.
14. OFFICIAL SCORE: Telescores and/or displayed scores will be the official score during a game, and the Official Recap Sheet will then be the official record after game scores are entered. The Official Recap sheets will be audited and obvious errors will be corrected. Any protests must be made in writing to the State President within 72 hours of the infraction. Protests involving the scores or any other rules must be made before payment of tournament prizes. Any score lost by Auto-scorers shall be re-bowled.
15. The entrants whose name appear hereon or their authorized replacements hereby agree that the Virginia USBC, its officers and agents shall be liable only to the extent of returning entry fees if and when these entrants shall be prevented from bowling any event in the tournament through delay, unexpected yet necessary schedule change, or premature termination of the tournament, which may be brought about by war, national emergency or emergencies or causes relating thereto or resulting there from, fire, strikes, lockouts, labor difficulties, or other causes beyond the control of the Virginia USBC.
16. Additional squads may be added if needed at the discretion of the Tournament Manager.
17. Virginia State USBC has the right to refuse entrant into brackets and may request Social Security number where a possible 1099 may be issued for winnings.
18. RULE REGARDING CONDUCT: Each participant is expected to exhibit good sportsmanship while participating in this tournament. The excessive use of foul language or improper conduct will result in the bowler being issued one (1) warning. Additional violations will result in the immediate disqualification of the bowler from the event.

PLEASE READ THE RULES FIRST - TYPE OR PRINT AND FILL ALL SPACES COMPLETELY \& CLEARLY

## ALL BOWLERS MUST PRESENT A CURRENT USBC CARD OR PAY \$25.00 THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS



| TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY THE BOWLER'S NAME AS IT APPEARS IN THE YEARBOOK |  |  | BOWLER ID\# | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { HIGHEST } \\ \text { 2022-2023 } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { JAN } 1 \\ & 2024 \end{aligned}$ | SCRATCH OFFICE <br> DIVISION USE ONLY |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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DOUBLES/SINGLE ENTRY: DOUBLES PARTNERS MUST BE LISTED ON THE SAME ENTRY FORM. IF A TEAM MEMBER IS PAIRED FOR DOUBLES WITH A BOWLER ON ANOTHER TEAM, PLEASE SUBMIT BOTH ENTRIES IN THE SAME ENVELOPE


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