

USBC SENIOR TOURNAMENT RULES

1. **DIVISION:** The format for the Senior's Championship tournament is one tournament with 2 divisions: MIXED (M) for men and/or women and WOMEN'S (W). Women members must determine the division they want to enter and will qualify only in that division. Participation is limited to one time in one division.
2. **ELIGIBILITY:** Open to current season members of USBC that have attained the age of 50 years or more as of September 24, 2021. Age classification will be determined as of that date.
3. **Entering Average** – A bowler must use his/her **Montana USBC state tournament average (21 game min.) as listed on the website, www.bowlmontana.com**. If no such average exists, then bowler must use his/her 2020-21 final season average (summer leagues included). A bowler without a certified 2020-21 winter or summer league average may use their current average as of the date bowled (21 game min.). If none of the above averages are available, then entrant may use highest 21-game average for the 2019-20 season. **Non-Montana residents are required to have at least 21 games in a 2020-21 Montana league to be eligible to enter. All averages are for a 21 game minimum.** To verify a current average, an average verification letter from the participant's league secretary or local Association Manager will be required. Any entrant not meeting one of the above average criteria must bowl scratch. **A current season (2021-22) USBC membership is required to enter this tournament or must purchase one onsite prior to bowling.**
4. **HANDICAP:** Handicap will be based on 90% of 225 for all divisions.
5. USBC rule 319a (2) & 319d are waived.
6. USBC rule 319c **Average Adjustments** is only in effect for bowlers, who have been rerated nationally by USBC and only when the adjusted average is higher than their Montana USBC state tournament average.
7. **PRIZE FEE:** Prize fees will be returned 100%.
8. **USBC CERTIFIED:** Eligible persons who are not USBC members may qualify for entry by paying an associate membership fee as determined by USBC for current year. (Rule 300c)
9. **PRIZE RATIO:** The prize ratio shall be one place for every eight entries in each division or any fraction thereof.
10. Winners in each age classification will have their entry fee of \$140 paid as state representative to the USBC Senior Championships and receive \$300 to help towards expenses to the USBC Seniors Tournament. The cost of the personalized participant shirt (\$35.00) will be paid from the National expense fund.
11. In the event of ties, prize money will be combined and split evenly among bowlers who are tied. However, age classes ending in a tie for 1st place must bowl a three (3) game roll-off to determine the National State Representative. Site to be determined by tournament manager. If, for any reason, an age classification winner cannot or does not want to attend Nationals, the second place winner shall be awarded the opportunity to participate with the expenses paid as stated in Rule 9. Expense money will not be awarded as prize money to any winner.
12. USBC rule 319d and 319e will be in effect and tournament management reserves the right to rerate or reject any entering average prior to the participant bowling.
13. It will not be necessary to have your average verified by your local association manager if using your state tournament average or previous year's averages.
14. Please enter using the **Montana USBC online registration system that can be found at bowlmontana.com on the home page**. Shift(s) can be selected in real time and payment can be made by credit card or electronic check (ACH). For bowlers without internet, please call the tournament director at the phone number show below to reserve squad date(s) and time(s).

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