



61st ANNUAL MARYLAND STATE WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT



USBC Certified

All Prize Fees Returned 100%
80% Handicap 20% Scratch
Prize Ratio at least 1 in 7

Handicap 90% of 220 – no maximum

Thunderhead Bowl
4337 Old Taneytown Road
Taneytown, MD 21787
(410) 751-1750

ENTRIES CLOSE MIDNIGHT
April 24, 2026

Team Entry Fee: \$120.00

Doubles: \$60.00

Singles: \$30.00

Optional All Events: \$5.00

Total \$30.00 per event per person

Prize Fund: \$14.50

Lineage: \$12.00

Expenses: \$ 3.50

SINGLES & DOUBLES

Saturday May 2, 2026 10:00am _____
Sunday May 3, 2026 10:00am _____
Saturday May 09, 2026 10:00am _____
Sunday May 10, 2026 10:00am _____

TEAM

Saturday May 2, 2026 2:00pm _____
Sunday May 3, 2026 2:00pm _____
Saturday May 09, 2026 2:00pm _____
Sunday May 10, 2026 2:00pm _____

Please indicate your 1st & 2nd choices for each event

Teams desiring to bowl on the same squad should submit entries in the same envelope

TEAM			Multiple entry allowed (See rule #8)		
Official Team Lineup	USBC ID #	Average	Phone #	Local Association	All Events
1					
2					
3					
4					

SINGLES & DOUBLES			Bowlers must bowl both Singles & Doubles		
Official Team Lineup	USBC ID #	Average	Phone #	Local Association	All Events
1					
2					
1					
2					

Team Name _____

Captain _____

Email _____

Address _____

City

State

Zip

Make Check Payable to: **MD State USBC**

Mail Entry and Check to:
Lisa Baker, Tournament Director
4755 Catholic Church Road
Knoxville, MD 21758

Questions to:
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(301) 748-0861

MDUSBC WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

1. The Maryland State United States Bowling Congress Women's Open Championship Tournament is open to all women who are USBC certified members of one of the following Local Maryland USBC Associations. Note: Rule 13- Parental consent is acceptable per rule.

Cecil Harford USBC Association
Eastern Shore USBC Association
Greater Baltimore USBC Association
Mid-Maryland USBC Association
Western Maryland USBC Association

2. Entrants who are not a member of the MDUSBC can purchase an Associate membership for \$22.00 by the closing date of the tournament. Failure to meet these criteria shall be cause for disqualification and forfeiture of all entry fees and any prize or awards.
3. Handicap will be based on 90% of 220 with no maximum handicap.

4. Average Requirement

- a. Entrant shall use their highest certified USBC average established in any USBC certified league from the 2024-2025 season (winter & summer) based on 21 games or more.
 - b. If an entrant has no previous season certified USBC average, they must use their highest current USBC certified average for 21 games or more from any Association per USBC Rule 319a-1. In addition, entrant must furnish a league standing sheet with written verification from their league secretary as of April 1, 2026.
 - c. USBC rule 319a-2 (10 pin up rule) will not apply.
 - d. If eligibility requirements are met and the bowler doesn't meet the average requirements they will bowl scratch.
 - e. If average verification is not received by tournament manager by closing date, the bowler will bowl scratch.
5. Entries close midnight April 24, 2026. All entries postmarked by this deadline will be accepted provided all other conditions of this tournament have been met.
 6. Entry number shall have precedence in scheduling in all cases where duplicate requests are received. Scheduling will be accomplished on a first come, first served basis.
 7. Team captains may begin to check in their team one hour before scheduled time to bowl and shall present USBC membership cards for each member of their team at check in. Singles & doubles entrants shall check in together and present their USBC membership cards.

8. Participation shall be in accordance with the following rules: No more than two (2) players can compete on the same team more than once. A bowler participating more than once in the team event must count their first team score for all events. Entrants may bowl only once in the Singles & Doubles event and must bowl in both events. Singles will be bowled first and then doubles. Members of the PBA are limited to two (2) members on a four person team and one (1) member on a doubles team.
9. Cash prizes in the tournament will be awarded in each of the events for Scratch and Handicap performances. Prize fund will be paid out at a ratio of at least 1:7 with a split of 80% for handicap and 20% for scratch. All events will be paid out at a ratio of at least 1:10. The highest scratch All Events winner will receive a receive a paid entry to any scratch WOMEN'S USBC Certified Tournament up to \$500.00 (entry fee only).
10. A team or an individual can win both titles and the highest cash prize in each of the events. If a team or an individual should place first in both divisions they will receive the titles and chevron for both divisions and the highest cash award to which they are entitled.
11. **Entrants should be familiar with USBC Rule 319e (Average Adjustment for Entry) and USBC Rule 319d (Reporting Prior Prize Winnings).**
12. It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average, whether originally submitted by the bowler, team captain or others. Failure to use proper average shall disqualify scores if submitted average is lower than actual average. If you have been re-rated in the past 12 months, in any tournament, you must report in writing to the tournament director. Failure to report such re-rating is cause for disqualification.
13. Prize winnings will be based on submitted average if it is higher than actual average. Corrections of submitted averages will be allowed up to the completion of the first game of each event bowled.
14. All events entries may be transferred provided the transfer is made before the bowlers involved have participated in any event of the tournament as defined in USBC Rule 306.
15. A fee of \$25.00 will be charged for any checks returned by bank.
16. Appropriate attire is required at the discretion of the tournament manager.
17. Tournament director shall decide any questions not covered by these rules.
18. USBC Rules will prevail when not specifically covered in the above.

Signed: _____
Team Captain

Date: _____

Tournament Director reserves the right to cancel or combine squad times or eliminate squads based on entries.

NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED WITHOUT FULL ENTRY FEE

