

83RD STATE TOURNAMENT — 2012
(CERTIFIED BY USBC)

**ILLINOIS STATE USBC WBA
TOURNAMENT RULES
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS**

1. All entrants in this tournament must be members in good standing of the Illinois State USBC WBA with 2011-2012 USBC Certification card. ALL BOWLERS MUST SHOW USBC certification CARDS WHEN CHECKING IN; and if applicable, multiple CERTIFICATION card. A CERTIFICATION verification form will be completed if USBC card is unavailable. AN ENTRANT MAY BOWL ONLY ONCE IN EACH EVENT.
2. UNMARRIED GRADE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO HAVE NOT ATTAINED THE AGE OF 18 MUST FURNISH WRITTEN CONSENT SIGNED BY THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN. The consent shall be on an Illinois State USBC WBA approved form (available at the Illinois State USBC WBA office) and shall be on file with the Association Manager/Tournament Manager at least one week before the bowler is eligible for tournament competition; unless the student is accompanied by her parent or legal guardian in which case the parental consent form may be filed up to the time the student starts to bowl.
3. The Illinois State USBC WBA Championship Tournament shall be conducted on a handicap basis: 100% of the difference of 240. All prize money will be paid on handicap scores.
4. Bowlers are not permitted to smoke while participating in the Illinois State USBC WBA Championship Tournament. This includes from the start of practice to the last ball thrown for score in each event. This also includes between doubles and singles event. Failure to comply shall result in immediate disqualification.
- (5.) Entrants in the Illinois State USBC WBA tournament shall submit the highest average from USBC certified leagues for handicapping in the following order:
 - a) Highest USBC certified league average for end of the previous winter season, based on 21 games or more.
 - b) If #a does not apply, use the highest USBC certified league average as of the end of the previous summer season, based on 21 games or more;
 - c) If #a or #b do not apply, use the highest USBC current USBC certified league average, as of and including January 1, based on 15 games or more;
 - d) If #a, #b, or #c do not apply, entrant shall use her highest Illinois State USBC current USBC certified league average for 15 games or more as of the date of her participation.
 - (e) If none of the above apply, entrant shall bowl scratch.
 - (f) Tournament average relief refer to USBC Rule 4e.

An entrant must use her highest USBC certified league average, regardless of whether bowled as a regular member or as a substitute. Rule 319(a)(2) does not apply. Failure to submit the correct average, or failure to make a correction prior to completing her first (3) three game series bowled in the tournament, will disqualify the score if the submitted average results in the bowler receiving more handicap than that to which she is entitled. If the submitted average is higher than the correct average, the handicap and prize winnings will be based on the submitted average.
6. Rules 319(d) Tournament Prize Winnings and Rule 319(e) 15 pin increase in average are waived.
7. The delivery (right or left handed) used in this tournament must be the same as that used when the entry average was established.
8. After an entry has been received and the date and time assigned by the Tournament Manager are not refused in writing within 15 days of the date of the confirmation, the entry cannot be refunded. Refunds of \$5.00 or less for overpayment of entry fees will not be refunded except as specified.
9. Tournament rules, prize fees (all to be returned 100% in each event) and tournament expenses will be determined each year by the Illinois State USBC WBA Board of Directors. Prize ratio is 1 in 6 in each event.
10. All events, SCRATCH OR HANDICAP, is not transferable unless the substitute replaces original entrant in all three events. The optional All Events Prize Fee of \$2.00 per person may be paid only by those entered in all three events, and must accompany entry form.
11. For all events and computer purposes, if the sixth bowler is entered on another team, both entries must be mailed together.
12. An original entrant, or a substitute bowling for the original entrant in all 3 events, who bowls the highest scratch 9-game score, shall be declared All Events champion, even though she has not paid the optional all events fee.
13. In case of a tie for first place championship in any event, co-champions shall be declared.
14. Substitutions - All substitutions shall be made at least one (1) hour before scheduled time to bowl.
 - a. If an original entrant is unable to bowl as scheduled, she may be permitted to substitute on another week-end.
 - b. Substitute must take the place in the lineup of bowler being replaced.
 - c. Bowlers are not permitted to rearrange partners.
 - d. A substitute shall not be required to reimburse the entry fee nor give the original entrant any prize money or trophy won.
 - e. When a substitute is required for doubles, she must replace same bowler in singles event.
 - f. In case of an emergency/disability after team or doubles event has started a substitute will be permitted if available and the combined score shall count.
 - g. Substitute in the singles event only will not be permitted.
15. Substitutes will not be provided by the Illinois State USBC WBA nor the hostess association.
16. Each entrant must have a bowling ball for her individual use in the tournament and for safety only one ball per entrant allowed on the rack.
17. No unreasonable delay in the progress of any game shall be permitted. Any member refusing to proceed with the game after being directed to do so by a tournament official, shall receive zero for those frames missed and such games or series shall be declared forfeited.
18. Bowlers entered in the Doubles must also enter the Singles. Bowlers entered in the Singles must also enter the Doubles. Three (3) sets of Doubles and six (6) Singles will be scheduled on a pair of lanes. Every effort will be made to schedule three (3) sets of doubles to a pair of lanes. When it is not possible to do so, two (2) sets will be scheduled to a pair. D/S will be bowled on same pair of lanes for 2012 Tournament.
19. Any player or team arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame currently being bowled. If an entrant is late for the Doubles, the entrant present shall bowl her Singles event first. If her partner has not arrived by the time the Singles is finished and a substitute cannot be found, the entrant present shall be permitted to complete games in Doubles in order to qualify for the All Events Championship.
20. The use of such substances as Aersol, talcum powder, pumice, resin, etc. on shoes or the use of soft rubber soles and heels that rub off and in any manner alter the normal conditions of the approach, is strictly forbidden.
21. Errors in scoring must be reported to the tournament manager within 24 hours.
22. General Playing Rule #15 FORBIDS gambling of any kind in tournament play - CARD PLAYING WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.
23. Bowlers are requested to wear SUITABLE ATTIRE while participating in the tournament. (Polo Shirt, T-Shirt, Skirt, Walking Shorts, Slacks/Jeans are preferred.)
24. Each participant is expected to exhibit good sportsmanship while participating in the event. The use of excessive 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 that event.
25. The Tournament Manager has the authority to make decisions regarding anything not covered by these rules.
(RULES HAVE BEEN CHANGED OR NEW RULE.)