



97TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

USBC CERTIFIED

Tournament Opens February 21, 2026

Tournament Closes April 19, 2026

(Unless entries fill sooner)

ENTRIES CLOSE JANUARY 1, 2026

MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 1, 2026

(Unless other arrangements have been made, your reservation will not be valid after the above closing date.)

**HIGHLAND PARK BOWL
4204 AVENUE OF THE CITIES
MOLINE, ILLINOIS 61265**



NO BOWLING ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

MARCH 21st & 22nd and APRIL 4th & 5th

SUBSTITUTES WILL NOT BE PROVIDED

97TH STATE WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT
ILLINOIS STATE USBC WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT RULES
MOLINE, ILLINOIS

1. No one under 18 can bowl in this tournament. All entrants in this tournament must be members in good standing of the Illinois State USBC with 2025-2026 USBC Certification Card. A bowler may be requested to show current USBC Certification Card when checking in. A certification verification form will be completed if USBC card is unavailable. A bowler may bowl multiple events as long as at least two bowlers are changed on the team. A bowler may bowl multiple Doubles and singles and cash only once in singles.
2. The Illinois State USBC Women's Championship Tournament shall be conducted on a handicap basis: 100% of the difference of 230.
3. Bowlers are not permitted to smoke while participating in the Illinois State USBC Women's Championship Tournament. This includes from the start of practice to the last ball rolled for score in each event. This also includes between doubles and singles event. Failure to comply shall result in immediate disqualification. **NO ELECTRONICS SMOKING DEVICES TO BE USED DURING TOURNAMENT COMPETITION.**
4. Entrants in the Illinois State USBC Women's Championship tournament shall submit the highest USBC or converted 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, entrant shall use her highest USBC certified league average for 15 games or more in the current season as of January 1 or as of date of participation.
 - d) If none of the above applies, entrant will bowl scratch using 230.
 - e) Tournament average relief refer to USBC Rule 4e.
5. Rule 319(a) excluding item 1: 319 (c), 319d will apply. Ten (10) pin rule WILL apply. Rule 329 (Protests) apply.
6. After an entry has been received and the date and time assigned by the Tournament Manager and not refused in writing within 15 days of the confirmation, the entry cannot be refunded. Refunds of \$10.00 or less for overpayment of entry fees will not be refunded except as specified.
7. 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 Board of Directors. Prize ratio for handicapped events is 1 in 6 except All events which will be 1 in 10. Prize ratio for all scratch events is 1 in 5.
8. All events, SCRATCH OR HANDICAP, is not transferable unless the substitute replaces original entrant in all three events. The optional handicapped All Events fee of \$5.00 per person may be paid only by those entered in all three events and must accompany entry form.
9. In case of a tie for first place championship in any event, co-champions shall be declared.
10. 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. On discovery all partners will be disqualified.
 - 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.
11. **Substitutes will not be provided by the Illinois State USBC nor the hosting association.**
12. 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.
13. 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. **ONE LANE COURTESY WILL BE OBSERVED.**
14. Bowlers entered in the Doubles Event must also enter the Singles. Every effort will be made to schedule two (2) sets of doubles to a pair of lanes. When it is not possible to do so, three (3) sets will be scheduled to a pair. D/S will be bowled on same pair of lanes.
15. 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 Doubles, the entrant present shall bowl her Singles 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 the Doubles in order to qualify for the All Events.
16. Errors in scoring must be reported to the Tournament Manager within 24 hours.
17. General Playing Rule #15 FORBIDS gambling of any kind in tournament play -- **CARD PLAYING WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.**
18. 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. **APPROPRIATE ATTIRE IS REQUIRED.** (Examples of prohibited attire include halter tops, bare midriffs, spaghetti strap tops, short shorts* short skirts*, short culottes* bib overalls, torn jeans and cutoffs.) *The length of these items shorts, skirts, culottes) must go beyond the fingertips when your arms are at rest along your sides. Bowlers will be required to change if attire is deemed inappropriate by tournament management decision will be final. **NO OBSCENE WORDING OR GESTURES.**
19. The Tournament Manager has the authority to make decisions regarding anything not covered by these rules. All USBC rules apply.
20. Lanes will be stripped and oiled each squad.
21. **TIME CONSTRAINT: TEAMS SHOULD BE COMPLETE IN 3 HOURS, Doubles/Singles; 4 ON A PAIR-3 hours and 6 on a pair- 4 hours, if time is exceeded, lanes may be shut down.**

SQUAD TIMES

SATURDAY 9:00 A.M. 2:00P.M.

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M. 2:00 P.M.

MAIL ENTRY FORMS AND COMPLETE FEES (MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ILLINOIS STATE USBC)

SANDY DARNSTAEDT, TOURNAMENT MANAGER 618-416-3565

1429 N. ILLINOIS STREET

SWANSEA, IL 62226

EMAIL: illinoisbowlersrock@aol.com

Contact Person and/or Captain: _____

Give names as printed on USBC membership card (print legibly) lineup will not be changed,
substitutes must take the place of the original entrant.

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Local Assoc: _____

(Prize checks will be mailed to the above contact address)

TEAM NAME: _____

CROSS WITH: _____

List 3 different dates/times you prefer:

Team Doubles/singles

1) _____ 1) _____

2) _____ 2) _____

3) _____ 3) _____

TO ENTER THE 4-MEMBER TEAM SCRATCH CASH EVENT, ALL TEAM MEMBERS MUST ENTER.

USBC CARD #	TEAM LINE UP Last Name, First Name	Address	City, State Zip	2024-25 Final Aver	All Events Handicap	All Events scratch	Team Scratch
1234-0001	Bowler, Jane	123 East St	Bowling City, IL 12345	175	√	√	√
	1						
	2						
	3						
	4						

Doubles and Singles entries: Bowlers entering doubles must enter singles, and vice versa.
List doubles only on one form. To enter doubles scratch cash event both partners must enter.

USBC Card #	Doubles/Singles Last Name, First Name	Final Avg 24-25	Scratch Doubles√	Scratch Singles√
	1			
	2			
	1			
	2			

OFFICE USE ONLY

Team Scheduled		Doubles/Singles	
Date	Time	Date	Time
Squad		Squad	

CALCULATING FEES FOR ILLINOIS STATE USBC WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

HANDICAPPED ENTRY FEE BREAKDOWN

TOTAL PER PERSON PER EVENT.... \$35.00

All Events \$5.00

\$20.00 Expense Fee

\$15.00.....Prize Money

\$35.00.....Total Per Person Per Event

HANDICAPPED ALL EVENTS (OPTIONAL) \$5.00

SCRATCH ENTRY FEE BREAKDOWN

\$10.00 Entry Fee for EACH Scratch Event

\$10.00 Prize Money

\$10.00..... Total per Person

SCRATCH ALL EVENTS (OPTIONAL)...\$10.00 PER PERSON ADD'L.

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Team - _____@ \$140 per team	\$
Doubles—____@ \$70 per pair	\$
Singles—____@ \$35 each	\$
All Events Hdcp - ____@ \$5.00 each	\$
Optional Scratch Entry Fee: Team/Scratch - ____@ \$40 each	\$
Doubles/Scratch —____@ \$20 each	\$
Singles/Scratch —____@ \$10 each	\$
All Events/Scratch —____@ \$10 each	\$

TOTAL AMOUNTS MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY FORM

Must be signed or will be returned prior to processing. A fee of \$25.00 will be charged for returned checks. To the Association Manager of the Illinois State USBC, we by our captain and agent, hereby make application to participate in the Illinois State USBC Women's 2026 Tournament events listed and tender the entry fees required therefore. We warrant that we are Illinois State USBC members in good standings. We agree to abide by all tournament and playing rules and regulations prescribed by the Illinois State USBC, including all provisions set forth on this form. We specifically agree for ourselves and any replacements chosen by us or for us that if we are not eligible for participation in the Illinois State USBC Women's Tournament then our prize bowling and expense fees shall be forfeited and all sums tendered by us as prize, bowling and expense fees may be retained by the Illinois State USBC as liquidated damages. The entrants whose names appear hereon or their authorized replacements hereby agree that the Illinois State USBC, its officers and agents shall be liable only to the extent of returning entry fees less expenses 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 therefrom, fires, strikes, lock outs, labor difficulties or other causes beyond the control of the Illinois State USBC.

TEAM CAPTAIN: Scores will be disqualified for submission of incorrect average I hereby certify that all information given on this entry form, including average is correct.

Squad sponsor \$25 first 5 teams; \$10 for every 5 teams after that.

Signature: _____

ENTRY FEE RECAP								
HANDICAP EVENTS				OPTIONAL SCRATCH P IZE FUND				
TEAM	DOUBLES	SINGLES	ALL EVENTS	TEAM	DOUBLES	SINGLES		ALL EVENTS

TOTAL FEES DUE (Received) _____