

THE GREATER DENVER USBC ANNUAL QUEENS / DUCHESS / PRINCESS TOURNAMENTS

USBC Certified

February 3, 2018

BZ Wheat Ridge– 9751 W 49th Ave– Wheat Ridge, CO – 303/425-1601

2018 FORMAT:

- 1) **QUEENS DIVISION – 186 AVERAGE AND ABOVE**
DUCHESS DIVISION – 185 AVERAGE AND BELOW

Average determination: Entrants will use the higher of their 2016-17 book average or their certified average of 21 games or more as of January 1, 2018.

PRINCESS DIVISION – YOUTH BOWLERS

- 2) **QUALIFYING: Saturday, Feb 3, 2018 – 9:30 am**

-- 6 games across 12 lanes

-- Each division finals will be based on 1 in 3 entries in each division. (Finals rounded up to 4, 6, or 8 finalists in each division – minimum four (4) finalists in each division – maximum eight (8) finalists in each division)

- 3) **FINALS: 2-Game single elimination match play**

- 4) **ENTRY FEE: QUEENS AND DUCHESS -- \$85.00**

Prize fund \$62.00, Bowling fee \$20.00, Expense fee \$3.00

PRINCESS -- \$45.00

Prize fund \$22.00, Bowling fee \$20.00, Expense fee \$3.00

ENTRIES CLOSE ONE HOUR PRIOR TO START OF QUALIFYING SQUAD.

An allocated position for the 2017 defending Champion of each division will be held until tournament entry closing date. Entry fees are the responsibility of the defending champions. If the position(s) have not been claimed by tournament entry closing, the position(s) will be released. If a defending champion has entered the tournament and has not changed divisions, she will be exempt from the qualifying round and will be seeded for the match play competition. She is permitted to pace during the qualifying round, however, she must pace for the entire qualifying block. Only the QUEENS champion will win paid entry in the National USBC Queens Tournament All finalists will cash. (Duchess finalists win cash only Princess finalists will win scholarship money)

QUEENS/DUTCHESS/PRINCESS ENTRY FORM:

February 3, 2018

DIVISION: QUEENS

DUCHESS

PRINCESS

Name: _____

USBC ID# _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

2016-17 Book average: _____

Signature: _____

Average Jan 1, 2018: _____

Mail or bring entries to:

GREATER DENVER USBC

99 Zenobia St., Denver, CO 80219

Phone: (303)934-3100

General Rules and Regulations:

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** QUEENS and DUCHESS events are open to all female USBC adult members. PRINCESS event is open to all female USBC youth members.
2. **DRESS CODE:** Entrants are requested to wear suitable attire while participating in this tournament. Obscene attire will not be permitted.
3. **PRIZES:** Prize fund will be returned 100%. A minimum of 4 qualifiers will cash in each division. (Scholarship money will be awarded in the PRINCESS division.)
4. **EQUIPMENT:** Each bowler is responsible for their equipment meeting USBC specifications. Forms to record ball manufacturer and model will be completed each day. Bowling balls must be listed in the USBC "Approved Bowling Ball" list. (The "Approved Bowling Ball" list can be located on the specifications and certifications page of [bowl.com](http://www.bowl.com) on the internet.)
5. **QUALIFYING ROUND:** The qualifying round will be held to determine the finalists in each division who will compete in the match play competition. Each bowler will bowl 6 games across 12 lanes. Total pins for the 6 game block will determine the finalists in each division. Finals participation will be based on the number of entries in each division, rounded up to an even number of competitors – 4, 6, or 8. A minimum of four (4) finalists and a maximum of eight (8) finalists in each division. (Eligible defending champions automatically advance to the finals.)
6. **MATCH PLAY FINALS:** Each division will consist of either an 8, 6 or 4 person bracket. Each match will consist of two games, total pins determining the winner. In a 6 person bracket the top two (2) qualifiers will draw a bye for the first match. Match play procedures will be used. Higher seed chooses starting lane. The bowler on the odd numbered lane shall bowl one frame. The opponent then bowls two consecutive frames starting on the even numbered lane. The starting bowler then bowls two frames, etc. **Once defeated, players are eliminated from competition.** The winner of the match play finals will determine the GREATER DENVER USBC QUEENS, DUCHESS AND PRINCESS CHAMPIONS. If a bowler is unable to appear for match play the next qualifier will be given the opportunity to bowl. After first match play begins no replacements allowed. Non-appearance, regardless of cause, will constitute forfeiture of the match and the player present will bowl her games without opposition.
7. **TIES for the last qualifying spot** after the 6 games of qualifying will be broken by a two-frame roll-off immediately following the qualifying round and scored as the 9th and 10th frames. If the tie is not broken after the two-frame roll-off, two additional frames will be bowled with the bowlers starting on their finishing lanes. This two-frame roll-off procedure will continue until the tie is broken.

TIES in the finals match game competition: Winners will be determined by the two-frame roll-off procedure.
8. **LANE ASSIGNMENTS/PAIRINGS:** Entrants will draw for starting lanes in the qualifying round when they check-in. Pairings in the finals will be determined by the bowler's finishing position in the qualifying round.
9. **PRACTICE:** 10 minutes of practice will be allowed prior to the first game in the qualifying round. 10 minutes of practice will be allowed prior to the first match in the finals.
10. **CHECK-IN:** All bowlers must be present and ready to bowl at least 15 minutes prior to scheduled starting times.
11. **A TWO LANE COURTESY WILL BE EXPECTED.**
12. **USBC RULES AND REGULATIONS WILL APPLY IN INSTANCES NOT SPECIFICALLY COVERED BY THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

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