

## GREATER DENVER USBC WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT RULES & INFORMATION

### --PLEASE READ CAREFULLY--

The tournament shall consist of a four-member team event, a doubles event and a singles event in each of four divisions. Three consecutive games shall be bowled in each event. The total of nine games shall determine the all-events winner in each division. The first participation in each event shall determine the All-Events total.

**1) ELIGIBILITY:** All entrants must be current members of the Greater Denver USBC.

**2) MULTIPLE ENTRY:** In order to place more than once in the prize list for position standings at least two players in the lineup must be different in the team event. Doubles teams with the same partners may only cash once. Singles bowlers may only cash once. When entering the doubles or singles event the bowler must also enter both the singles and doubles at the same time. Singles follows the doubles in the scheduling process.

**3) LATE ENTRIES:** A late entry fee of \$5.00 per bowler/per event will be assessed for entries received after the February 27, 2026 closing date deadline and reservations will only be allowed if space is available. Late entry fees will also apply to walk in entries.

**4) ENTERING AVERAGES FOR HANDICAP DETERMINATION:**

- a) Entrants shall use their highest USBC certified winter league average of 21 games or more of the 2024-25 season, if none then...
- b) Highest current USBC certified league average of 21 games or more at tournament entry closing date (February 27, 2026), if none then...
- c) Highest USBC certified league average of 21 games or more of the 2025 summer season, if none then...
- d) Highest current USBC certified league average of 12 games or more at the date of her first participation in the Greater Denver USBC tournament, if none then...
- e) Bowler will bowl scratch with no handicap allowed.. A 230 average will be used for assignment of division participation.

ENTRANTS MUST USE HIGHEST USBC LEAGUE AVERAGE REGARDLESS OF WHETHER BOWLED AS A REGULAR MEMBER OR A SUBSTITUTE.

*Closing date average* (B above) must be submitted to Greater Denver USBC office immediately after February 27, 2026

*Participation date average* (D above) must be presented at tournament check-in prior to participation.

**5) SUBSTITUTES:** Substitutes shall be allowed in each event. A substitute shall take the place in the lineup of the original entrant. The tournament office must be advised of substitutions before the scheduled bowling time. In the event of disability of an original entrant after a game has started, a substitute shall be allowed in the team and doubles event only. Handicap for a combined score will be adjusted proportionately reflecting the percentage of the game bowled by each bowler. The combined scores are to count in either of these events. If no substitute is available, only the actual scores of frames bowled shall count. Any score bowled by more than one individual shall not be counted towards the All-Events total. When the average of a substitute changes the classification of the entry it shall automatically be reclassified. In an emergency, a substitute may be used with the consent of the team captain. After the substitute has officially started, she cannot be replaced for the series, except for injury, illness or disability.

**6) LINEUP:** In team and doubles events, the lineup must be the same as shown on the entry form.

**7) TARDY PLAYERS:** Any player or team arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. If an entrant is late for the doubles event, the entrant present shall bowl her singles event first. If her partner has not arrived by the time the singles event is completed and a substitute cannot be found, the entrant shall be permitted to bowl in the doubles event to allow scores to be counted for All-Events total.

**8) SCHEDULING:** Entries will be scheduled in the order they are received at the Greater Denver USBC office. Every effort will be made to satisfy schedule requests. Teams and doubles entries wishing to bowl together should submit entry forms and fees together accompanied by a written request. Entry fees will not be refunded after dates and times have been assigned.

**9) BOWLING UNOPPOSED:** In the event a team, doubles, or singles participants are bowling unopposed on a pair of lanes, each frame shall be completed before the next frame is started on the accompanying lane. Pacers will not be allowed.

**10) PRIZES:** One (1) in five (5) will cash in team, doubles and singles in each division. One (1) in ten (10) will cash in paid All-events in each division.

**11) AWARDS:** Team, Doubles, Singles and All-Events champions in each division will receive awards.

**12) TIES:** In the event of ties, the prize money for those involved will be combined and divided evenly. In the event of a tie for first place in any event, Co-champions will be declared and appropriate championship awards will be presented.

**13) RECAP SHEETS:** The recap sheets are the official record of the Greater Denver USBC. Tournament games cannot be rebowled, except as authorized by the tournament manager, or when scores are irretrievably lost from an automatic scoring device.

**14) APPEAL OR PROTEST:**

- a) Errors in scoring must be reported to the Tournament Office within 24 hours after the event has been bowled.
- b) All obvious errors will be corrected immediately
- c) Any protest effecting eligibility of general playing rules must be confirmed in writing to the Greater Denver USBC manager before the tournament prize payments are made.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GREATER DENVER USBC BOWLING ASSOCIATION SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO HEAR AND ACT ON ANY PROTESTS ARISING FROM OR UNDER CONSTRUCTION OF THE RULES OF THE GREATER DENVER USBC WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT.**

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GREATER DENVER USBC BOWLING ASSOCIATION SHALL DECIDE ALL QUESTIONS NOT COVERED BY THE TOURNAMENT RULES.**

**USBC RULES SHALL GOVERN THIS TOURNAMENT.**

**FALSIFICATION OF AN AVERAGE OR VIOLATION OF GREATER DENVER USBC TOURNAMENT RULES WILL SUBJECT ENTRANT TO DISQUALIFICATION.**

**DRESS CODE:**

**BOWLERS ARE EXPECTED TO WEAR SUITABLE ATTIRE WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THE GREATER DENVER USBC WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT. OBSCENE ATTIRE WILL NOT BE PERMITTED. NO TANK TOPS, HALTER TOPS, BARE MIDRIFFS, SPAGHETTI STRAP TOPS, SWEAT PANTS, YOGA PANTS/ZUMBAS AND ATHLETIC WORKOUT ATTIRE.**

**ONLINE REGISTRATION / ENTRIES CLOSE FEBRUARY 27, 2026.**