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DSBA Handicap Tournament Eligibility Rules & Information

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** The Deaf Senior Bowlers of America (DSBA) tournament is only for USBC registered Seniors (men and women 50 years old and up) before the first day of the tournament date.
2. **USBC MEMBERSHIP:** For our upcoming October tournament, all participants are encouraged to use the USBC Online Membership system for current membership verification and renewal. USBC is moving toward digital memberships, and online processing helps speed up check-in and registration for everyone. **NOTE:** Please make sure your USBC membership is current before tournament weekend. USBC Online Membership: <https://membership.bowl.com/Membership/>
All entrants must have **2026-2027** USBC membership cards for this coming fall to be eligible to bowl. Otherwise, the USBC membership fee will be **\$33.00** (USBC Rule).
3. **SINGLES/DOUBLES & MATCH PLAY (DOUBLE ELIMINATION):**
 - A) Singles/Doubles: Entrants in Singles must bowl in the Doubles event.
 - B) Kings/Queens Match Play (Optional): To enter the DSBA Senior Kings/Queens tournament, entrants must complete all games in the Singles and Doubles events. Four (4) qualifying round games will determine the top 32, 24, 16, or 8 qualifiers based on the number of entries of men and women. Men and Women will compete separately, acknowledging that women with an average of 145 or better may bowl in Men's elimination bracket if desired. Handicaps will be used.
 - C) Bowlers shall only compete once in any event.
4. **AVERAGES**
 - a) The DSBA tournament director must verify those of the entrant's highest book average of **2024-2025 and 2025-2026**. USBC website, bowl.com, bowling averages may be accepted. Men entrants without an average of two years will be assigned **SCRATCH** (No handicap) (USBC Rule). Women entrants without an average of two years will be assigned a 180-bowling average (with handicap).
 - b) **2025-2026** averages shall be used. **No Summer League Average will be accepted.**
 - c) It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify their average. (USBC Rule).
5. **HANDICAP:**
 - a) **Handicap** will be determined based on 100% of 210 with limited handicap 65 or less for the men's average of 145 and up; women's 80 or less for an average of 130 and up.
 - b) **Super Seniors:** 80 years and up will receive 100% of 215 with limited handicap 70 or less for the men's average of 145 and up; women's 85 or less for an average of 130 and up.
6. **PARTNERS:**
Doubles Partner to fill their entry form **SEPARATELY**. Partners may be woman/man or both men or both women.
7. **PICK UP BOWLERS:**
We cannot guarantee a partner for the Doubles event. Any bowler who sends in the entry form for a pick-up partner will do so at their own risk. We will notify the bowler before the tournament, and the entry fee shall be refunded.

8. **BREAKDOWN FEES:**

- a) The entry fees for the Singles/Doubles will be \$88 per entrant, which includes \$58 for the prize fee and \$30.00 for the lane fee and tournament expense.
- b) The optional entry fee for the Match Play (Double Elimination) will be \$57, which includes \$33 for the prize fee and \$24 for the lane fee and expenses.
- c) Optional Handicap All events (Single/Doubles only) – Pay an additional \$10.00 per bowler. Bowlers entering this event must enter the Singles and Doubles events;
- d) The late entry penalty will be \$10 to the General Fund.

ENTRY FEE BREAKDOWN

<u>Singles</u>	<u>Doubles</u>	<u>Match Play</u>	
\$29.00	\$29.00	\$33.00	Prizes
\$11.25	\$11.25	\$19.00	Lane Fee
<u>\$ 3.75</u>	<u>\$ 3.75</u>	<u>\$ 5.00</u>	Tournament Expense
\$44.00	\$44.00	\$57.00	Total

9. **REPORTING OF PRIOR PRIZE WINNINGS (USBC 319d):** Bowlers must report any prize monies and/or merchandise won in any tournament. They must report any winnings over \$300 or more in a single event, the combined prize money won over \$500 in a tournament, and/or the combined prize money won over \$1000 in all tournaments competed in within the past 12 months. Failure to comply with this provision shall cause you to forfeit tournament entry fees and prize winnings. If the bowler does accept the rerated average, the entry fee shall be refunded. (DSBA Rule & USBC Rule 319d).
10. **RERATE RULES:** (in reporting of prior prize winnings video)
Bowlers will be rerated as follows: First tournament winnings over \$300 will be rerated three (3) pins. Second tournament winnings over \$300 will be rerated with an additional two pins. Third and subsequent tournament winnings over \$300 will be rerated with an additional one pin. Bowlers ages 80 and up shall not be rerated.
11. **PRIZE RATIO:** One hundred percent (100%) of the prize fund shall be allocated at the end of the tournament. Cash prizes will be mailed to the winners within 30 days after the tournament ends. One (1) prize shall be awarded for every four (4) entries in Singles, Doubles, and All-Events. Match Play prize funds shall be awarded only to qualified Senior Classic Match Play winners.
12. **NO FEES RETURNED:** The entry fee cannot be refunded after an entry has been received and the lanes assigned by tournament management. (USBC Rule)
13. **TARDY BOWLERS:** All squads will start on time, barring unforeseen difficulties. Tardy bowlers will start the game in the frame being bowled when they are READY for play, and no score will be counted for the frames missed. Bowler(s) refusing to start at the scheduled time due to a lack of players will be disqualified, forfeit the right to bowl, and all entry fees paid. (Rule 322a)
14. **ENTRIES CLOSE:** Entries shall close on **Friday, September 4, 2026.**
15. **USBC & DSBA RULES & REGULATIONS WILL APPLY IN INSTANCES NOT SPECIFICALLY COVERED BY THE ABOVE.**