



DSBA Handicap Tournament Eligibility Rules & Information



1. **ELIGIBILITY:** The Deaf Senior Bowlers tournament is limited to USBC registered seniors (men and women at the age of 50 years old and up) prior to the first day of the tournament date.
 2. **USBC MEMBERSHIP:** All entrants must have **2019-2020** USBC membership cards of this coming fall to be eligible to bowl. Stub or receipt may be accepted **ONLY** with date as "2019" and signed by league secretary. Otherwise, the USBC membership fee will be **\$25.00** (USBC Rule)
 3. **EVENTS OF SINGLES/DOUBLES & MATCH PLAY (DOUBLE ELIMINATION):**
 - a) **Singles/Doubles:** Entrants in Singles event must bowl in Doubles event.
 - b) **Match Play Classic (Optional):** In order to enter the DSBA Seniors Classic tournament, you must complete all games in Singles and Doubles events. A four (4) qualifying round games to determine top 32 or 16 or 8 qualifiers based on number of entries of men and women. Men and women will compete separately, acknowledge that for women with average of 145 or better may bowl in Men's elimination bracket if they desire. Handicaps will be used.
 - c) The late entry penalty will be \$10 to the General Fund.
 - d) No bowler shall compete more than once in any event.
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 - **Singles & Doubles events** will be determined on the basis of 100% of 210 with limited handicap 65 or less for men's average 145 and up; women's 80 or less for average 130 and up. Super Seniors, 80 years and up, will receive 100% of 215. Men's maximum handicap is 70 per game and women's is 85 per game.
 - **Match Play event** will be on the basis of 100% of 210 with limited handicaps. For men's handicap will be determined as 65 or less for average 145 and up; women's 80% or less for average 130 and up.
 5. **AVERAGES:**
 - a) DSBA Secretary must verify those of entrant's highest book average of **2017-2018 AND 2018-2019**. From Bowl.com averages may be accepted. Entrants without average of two years will be assigned SCRATCH. (USBC Rule)
 - b) **2018-2019** averages shall be used. No Summer Average will be accepted. For uncertified or unsanctioned leagues, will use average from the league with most recent or final league sheet. The league sheet must be mailed with the entry form. If the league sheet is not with the entry form, your entry will not be considered until the information is provided by the entries closing date September 6, 2019.
 - c) There shall be **limit of five (5) pin drop** from the prior average (**2017-2018**).
 - d) It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify his/her average. (USBC Rule)
 6. **PICK UP BOWLERS:**
 - a) Any bowler who sends in entry form for a pick-up partner will do so at own risk. We cannot guarantee a partner for Doubles event. We will notify the bowler prior to the tournament and the entry fee shall be refunded.
 7. **BREAKDOWN FEES:**
 - a) The entry fees for the Singles/Doubles will be \$80 per entrant, which includes \$56 for prize fee and \$24 for lane fee and tournament expense.
 - b) The optional entry fee for the Match Play (Double Elimination) will be \$50, which includes \$30 for prize fee and \$20 for lane fee and expenses.
 - c) Optional Handicap All events (Single/Doubles only) – Pay an addition \$5.00 per bowler. Bowlers entering this event must enter the Doubles and Singles events.
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| Singles | Doubles | Match Play | |
| \$28.00 | \$28.00 | \$30.00 | Prizes |
| \$ 8.25 | \$ 8.25 | \$15.00 | Lane Fee |
| \$ 3.75 | \$ 3.75 | \$ 5.00 | Tournament Expense |
| \$40.00 | \$40.00 | \$50.00 | Total |
8. **REPORTING OF PRIOR PRIZE WINNINGS (USBC 319d):** Bowlers are required to report any prize monies and/or merchandise won in any tournament. They must report any winnings in excess of \$300 or more in a single event, the combined prize money won in excess of \$500 in a tournament, and/or the combined prize money won in excess of \$1000 in all tournaments competed in within the past 12 months. Failure to comply with this provision shall be the cause 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)
 9. **PRIZE RATIO:** There will be one prize per entrant to every 4 entries in the Singles and Doubles events. 100% of the prize fund will be allocated. The Senior prizes will be sent to the winners within 30 days after the end of the tournament.
 10. **NO FEES RETURNED:** After an entry has been received and the dates assigned by tournament management, the entry fee cannot be refunded. (USBC Rule)
 11. **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 lack of players will be disqualified, forfeit the right to bowl, and forfeit all entry fees paid. (Rule 322a)
 12. **ENTRIES CLOSE:** Entries shall close on **September 6, 2019**
 13. **USBC & DSBA RULES & REGULATIONS WILL APPLY IN INSTANCES NOT SPECIFICALLY COVERED BY THE ABOVE.**