

2023 Clare County USBC Tournament Rules

1. Each participant is expected to exhibit good sportsmanship and the use of foul language is prohibited.
2. The tournament will consist of a 4-person team event, a doubles event, a singles event, and all events. Three consecutive games will be bowled in each event and total pins plus handicap will determine the winner. The total of the first three games bowled in each event will determine the All-Events winner. If a bowler is entered more than once in any event, the first event bowled counts for All-Events.
3. Entrants will use their highest CCUSBC average from last year of 21 games or more. An entrant not meeting the above requirement will be permitted to bowl in the tournament using their highest current Clare County USBC average of 21 games or more as of February 4, 2023. All others will bowl scratch. The entrant must use their highest Clare County USBC verifiable average whether bowled as a regular league member or as a substitute. All non CCUSBC entrants must pay the \$6.00 Local Association fee. **Women's Tournament Only:** The ten-pin rule does not apply. **Open/Men's Tournament Only:** Any current league average of at least 21 games that is 10 pins or more must be submitted and used.
4. The tournament will be handicap in teams, doubles, singles and all events. The handicap will be 90% of the difference between 200 (**Women's Tournament**) or 220 (**Open/Men's Tournament**) and the individual's average.
5. Entry fees will be \$25.00 per event. Lineage will be \$10.00, prize fund \$13.50, and expenses \$1.50. There is an optional all events fee of \$5.00. No entry fees will be returned. Entry fees must be paid by cash, check or money order. Make checks payable to Clare County USBC. There will be an additional charge for returned checks.
6. An Entrant may participate in the Team Event any number of times, however not more than 2 players on one team can place more than once in the prize list for position standings. An entrant may participate in the Doubles Event and Singles Event more than once. Subsequent Doubles Event entries must be with a different partner.
7. Substitutes are allowed when replacement is necessary. The tournament manager must be advised of substitutions at least one hour before the scheduled bowling time. In case of an emergency after a game has started, a sub, if available, will be allowed in the team and doubles event only. The combined scores are to be counted in either of these events. If no subs are available, only the actual score of the frames bowled by the bowler will count in the game. A sub must take the place in a lineup that the original entrant occupied. In order for a sub to qualify for All Events, they must bowl for the same entrant in all three (3) events. A substitute is not required to reimburse the original bowler entry fee. Any prize money won will be awarded to the original entrant.
8. **The lineup will be the same as shown on the entry form.**
9. Entries will be scheduled in the order received with full payment. The schedule will not be changed by the tournament manager except for emergencies. Lanes will be assigned by the tournament manager for each event. Each event will be bowled on a pair of lanes.
10. Any player or team arriving after the games have started will be allowed to bowl and the score will count beginning in the frame being bowled. **You must be up to bowl when it is your turn or you will receive a zero for that frame.**
11. Singles are bowled immediately following doubles. If one bowler is late for the doubles event, the entrant present will bowl singles event first. If the bowler has not arrived by the time the singles finishes, and a substitute is not available, they will be permitted to bowl the games in the doubles event in order to qualify for all events.
12. If a team, doubles, or singles event has a substitute that has not been reported, you must report it one hour before the scheduled bowling time. In the team event, the captain checks in the entire team ½ hour before the scheduled bowling time. All bowlers in the doubles/singles events must check in ½ hour before the scheduled bowling time. **You must show your sanction card at check in time.**
13. First place ties in any event will be considered co-champions for that event. When ties occur, the money will be combined and divided equally among the tied position winners.
14. Any protest affecting eligibility or playing rules must be confirmed in writing to the tournament manager before the tournament prize payments are made. Errors in scoring must be reported to within 24 hours.
15. Prize money paid into each event will be returned to the winners in that event only. Prizes will be paid for handicap scores in team, doubles, singles and all events.
16. The Tournament Manager will decide any questions not covered by these tournament rules. The CCUSBC association board of directors will have the power to hear and act on all protests.
17. The sponsor of the winning team will get a sponsorship award.
18. Prizes will be awarded upon verification of tournament scores and position standings.
19. Awards of \$50.00 each for Highest Scratch Series, Highest Scratch Game, Highest Handicap Series, Highest Handicap Game and Highest Actual All Events will be funded by the sale of 50/50 tickets at the tournament. Any cost for these awards not covered by the sale of 50/50 tickets will be covered by the association. A bowler may take one (1) award only. In case of a tie each award will be divided equally.