

59th ANNUAL FAMILY DOUBLES TOURNAMENT INFORMATION SHEET
ATTENTION: TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS
(Tournament sanction # 4170)

It is the responsibility of the Tournament Director on the local level to see that this tournament is conducted according to the rules to prevent any disqualifications. Please read ALL the enclosed rules thoroughly and if you have any questions, contact the state office BEFORE starting your tournament.

This tournament is open to all youth USBC members that have paid National dues and who belong to an Iowa State USBC CERTIFIED league. You may run the tournament as a house tournament with scheduled times or as a walk-in tournament, but in NO case should participants keep their own score. **PLEASE PROVIDE SCORE MONITORS.**

ENTRY FORMS: PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL THE INFORMATION IS FILLED OUT AND IS LEGIBLE.
THE HARDEST THING TO READ IS THE HANDWRITING FOR THE BOWLERS.

REGULAR MIXED TOURNAMENT CERTIFYING: Non-certified adult bowlers must pay the \$5.00 fee for one-time participation (USBC). Bowlers not qualifying with an acceptable certified average under tournament average requirements must bowl with an assigned average minimum 150 for women and 170 for men (USBC Rule 319b). A one-time participation fee form is enclosed to send along with your remittance.

Continuing this year! The tournament director (whether local, district or state) has the right to re-rate **up or down** any bowler without a certified average from the previous year based on previous USBC certified averages or previous tournament performance. For example: If you come into tournament with a 150 or 170 average, and you don't have an average for the previous season but there is a composite average on Bowl.com, you will use the composite average listed on Bowl.com. Or if you bowled in last years Family Doubles tournament, you will use the average of those games bowled in Local, District & State competitions. This will be sent to each center/association via email.

AVERAGES: Bowlers will use the HIGHEST USBC average of the leagues they bowl in.

LOCAL QUALIFYING ROUND: Entries open October 5 and close midnight October 20, 2024. All divisions must bowl 3 games. If the USBC members bowl in more than one center, he/she must make a choice for each classification he/she enters. Parents and youth bowlers may bowl once and have their scores count toward each parent or child but they must make that decision **before** bowling with the first child. The \$8.00 fee per child is still required. **ALL PAPERWORK FOR ALL BOWLING COUPLES MUST BE SENT IN, NOT JUST THE ONES ADVANCING!!! INCLUDING SCORE SHEETS!**

Keep in mind the proprietor may set up shifts after school, weekends, evenings, etc. This tournament is not limited to JUST weekends. The local qualifying round is set by the local association or the participating center. It can be all three weekends or just one of the weekends. Please check with your local centers.

HANDICAP CHARTS: Please throw away any previous handicap charts you may have. The chart included is for this year and is for 3 games.

TIMES TO BOWL FOR DISTRICT: Each form is marked with Saturday AM & PM, Sunday AM & PM. Please be advised that not all districts have the need for that many shifts. Please check with your district director about what times will most likely be available. Those people advancing should have this section marked. If it is not marked, district directors will assume there is no preference and just assign a shift to them!

Cost: Local bowling fees **plus** \$8.00 per couple for Iowa State USBC Youth expenses. Winners in EACH division AND classification will advance to the District Level on a ratio of 1 for every 3 entries OR any fraction thereafter. Winners will be notified by the District Director of their time to bowl at the District level.

The tournament director is responsible for checking averages and scores **AND** signing the forms and adding an email.

FOLLOWING LOCAL COMPETITION: Entries close midnight, October 20, 2024. Put ALL ENTRIES (winners and non-winners) in Classifications (Father/Son, Mother/Son, Father/Daughter, and Mother/Daughter). Then put in Divisions (Bantam ages up to 8, Prep ages 9 - 11, Junior ages 12 - 14, Major-Senior ages 15 & above). Make sure all local scores are entered on the entry form along with times that participants CAN bowl district event. Put all entries in numerical order with high scores on top. Mark an X in the advancing box in the top right-hand corner of the entry forms. Please put SCORE SHEETS in the same order. **DO NOT STAPLE!**

Advance 1 for every 3 entries or any number thereafter in EACH division and classification. If there are any ties, please write tie on the entry form. All ties count as one, so if you have a tie for any position advancing you would advance both entries. If a winning couple is unable to bowl in the District round, the next in line is eligible to advance in their place. DO NOT advance any USBC bowler in the wrong age division as they WILL NOT BE READJUSTED, THEY WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

Enclose your remittance: \$8.00 for every couple who participated in the local qualifying round, PLUS \$20.00 for each couple advancing to District. Make remittance in the form of a money order, bank draft, or cashier's check.

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT PERSONAL CHECKS!

To ensure safe delivery, it is highly recommended that everything be sent by priority mail. The state office is NOT responsible for lost entries. Complete the remittance sheet in full. Send it with **ALL ENTRY FORMS** (all must be signed) & all recap sheets (including winners and non-winners), and 1-time participation fee sheet **ALONG** with all fees to:

IOWA STATE USBC

Jolene Ketelsen, Youth Coordinator e-mail: youth.coordinator@iowabowl.com

815 11th Avenue

DeWitt, IA 52742

All entries and fees must be mailed to the state office **POSTMARK deadline is November 1, 2024.**

DISTRICT ROUND: December 7 & 8, 2024. Entry fee is \$20.00 per advancing couple which includes bowling expenses. NO REFUND!! This fee along with ALL \$8.00 local fees, local participation fees and ALL ENTRY FORMS AND RECAP SHEETS must be postmarked by November 1, 2024. Please see the district/state site sheet for the district site in your area. **Those fees and forms not postmarked by midnight, November 1, 2024 will not be accepted and will be returned.**

Averages and handicaps (90% of 450 scratch per team) are the same as on the local level and will also be used in the District and State finals events. Winners from the district event will then advance on to the State final on the basis of 1 for every 5 entries or any fraction thereafter in EACH division and classification. Youth first place winners will be awarded a plaque which will be presented at the State finals event. District winners will be notified by the state office as to the times they are to bowl at state finals.

STATE FINALS COMPETITION: January 4 or 5, 2025 at Champion Bowl, Ottumwa. There is NO STATE ENTRY fee. A \$100 scholarship and a plaque will be mailed to the YOUTH first place winner in each division and classification. \$50.00 scholarships will be awarded to all 2nd place winners. Medals will be mailed to additional places in a 1 for every 5 entries or any fraction thereafter. In the event of a tie for first or second place, duplicate awards will be given.

PLEASE NOTE

Attn: Sub parent's names on Plaques. The person who is a sub parent and the youth bowler's names will be the only names on the plaque. Not Grandmother, Grandfather, Aunt, Uncle etc.

Please make sure your participants are aware of this.