

# 8th Annual MIDWEST WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

## 2021 Host - Indiana

(USBC Certified; open to USBC female members)



Prize Fund enhanced by the MWT

**Entries Close: May 15, 2021**

**Tournament Opens: May 22, 2021**

**Tournament Ends: June 27, 2021 (unless extended)**

👉 **Squad Leader Incentive - \$25 for first 5 teams and \$10 for each additional 5 teams!!!** 👈

**1 Division - 100% Handicap - 240 Base**

**TEAM (4 women) - DOUBLES - SINGLES - ALL EVENTS**

\$25.00/per event - \$5.00/optional all events



**Optional Scratch Prize Fund - Team, Doubles, Singles & All Events - \$10.00 per person per event**

**Reservations will be Accepted.** Entry forms and fees are due within 30 days of making reservation, or entry closing date, whichever comes first, or dates will be lost. All other dates and times will be assigned on a first come - first serve basis as completed entries and correct amount of fees are received.



Handicap Prize Ratio:  
Team, Doubles, Singles - 1:5  
All Events - 1:10  
Optional Scratch Prize Fund - 1:10



**Money Order or Cashier's Check Only**  
**(U.S. Currency Only)**  
Make payable to  
**Midwest Women's Tournament**



**D/S - Chippewa Bowl**  
225 W Chippewa Avenue  
South Bend, IN 46614  
Phone: 574/291-5093  
48 Lanes

**Team - Signature Lanes**  
1180 Fremont Court  
Elkhart, IN 46516  
Phone: 574/296-1111  
32 Lanes

Send completed entry and fee to:  
Gerri Smolen  
Indiana Tournament Manager  
2329 Courtyard Lane  
Portage, IN 46368  
Phone: 219/763-6023  
Email: [gerrismolen1@frontier.com](mailto:gerrismolen1@frontier.com)  
Web site:

[www.midwestwomensbowling.com](http://www.midwestwomensbowling.com)

A bowler may enter team or doubles and singles events an unlimited number of times; however, a team must change at least two (2) bowlers per entry and doubles must change at least one (1) bowler per entry. A bowler can cash only once in singles.

# Midwest Women's Tournament Rules

## 1. ELIGIBILITY:

- A. An entrant must be a female member of USBC; if not, she must purchase membership onsite.
- B. Women who identify themselves as professionals, are members, or apply for membership in any professional or semi-professional organization on or after August 1 preceding this tournament shall be eligible for participation as follows: (a) Not more than one such player on a four-woman team lineup; (b) Not more than one such player on a two-woman doubles lineup; (c) Each such player shall be eligible to enter singles and all events. Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification.

2. **FORMAT:** The tournament shall consist of a four-woman team event, doubles, singles and optional all events. Three games shall be bowled in each event. Highest total pins plus handicap shall be declared tournament champion(s) in each event.

3. **AVERAGE REQUIREMENTS:** (Please read carefully) Entrants shall use their highest USBC average in the following order:

- A. As of the end of the previous season (winter or summer) for 21 games or more, OR:
- B. Current average as of January 1 of current season with a minimum of 21 games or more, OR:
- C. Current average of at least 12 games in a USBC certified league, as of the first date of tournament participation.
- D. If a challenge/sport bowling average is the only average available, entrant will abide by the average adjustment scale of current USBC Rule book.
- E. If none of the above applies, entrant will be permitted to bowl using scratch figure of 240.
- F. The delivery hand used in this tournament must be the same as that used when the average was established.
- G. Entrant may request tournament AVERAGE RELIEF in compliance with USBC Rule 4e. If average relief is granted, this rule will supersede the average rules of this tournament.
- H. USBC Rules 319a-2, 319c and 319e do not apply (average adjustments).

4. **AVERAGE VERIFICATION:** Each entrant is responsible for the accuracy of her average whether submitted by captain or others. Average corrections can be made up to the end of the bowler's first game of a series. Falsification of an average will result in disqualification if submitted average is lower than correct average. If submitted average is higher than correct average, prize winnings will be based on submitted average. Averages are subject to verification. **Copy of bowler's average profile from Bowl.com must be attached to entry for each bowler. If none, average must be verified with an individual record sheet.**

5. **MULTIPLE PARTICIPATION:** A bowler may enter team or doubles and singles events an unlimited number of times, however, a team must change at least two (2) bowlers per entry and doubles must change at least one (1) bowler per entry. A bowler can cash only once in singles.

## 6. SUBSTITUTES:

- A. A bowler may be allowed to bowl as a substitute an unlimited number of times in team and doubles events only.
- B. A substitute will not be required to reimburse the entry fee nor give the original entrant any prize money or award.
- C. Captains must provide verification of averages for substitutes as required in Rules #3 and #4 (properly signed affidavits and records when required) mailed to the Tournament Manager at least two weeks prior to date scheduled to bowl or at least two hours prior to bowling time.
- D. In case of emergency/disability after team or doubles events have started, a substitute shall be permitted, if available. Combined scores to count and player subbed for cannot return. If no sub is available, only frames bowled will count.
- E. Paid all events are not transferable unless the substitute replaces the original entrant in all three events and the transfer is made by a tournament official prior to the time of the substitute's participation in any event.

7. **AWARDS/PRIZE MONEY:** In case of a tie for first place in any event, co-champions will be declared. Prize money for first and second place (or more) shall be divided equally between the teams

or individuals tied. Prize checks from the current tournament MUST BE cashed by June 15 of the following year, or prize monies will be forfeited.

## 8. FEES:

- A. Entry fee will be \$25.00 per event per bowler for each handicap event. Optional handicap all events fee is \$5.00.
- B. Optional Scratch Prize Fund entry fee will be \$10.00 per event per bowler for team, doubles, singles and all events. **To be eligible for team scratch all team members must enter. For doubles scratch both partners must enter. Any participant may enter singles or all events scratch cash event.**

9. **LANE COURTESY AND TIME LIMITS:** This tournament has a 1-lane courtesy and will be enforced. Time limits will be 3 hours for the team event and 4 hours for the D/S event (excluding equipment issues).

## 10. LATE BOWLERS:

- A. Any player, or team, arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. A bowler who misses one or more frames, by not being present and ready to bowl when it is her turn, shall not be credited with any pins for frames missed.
- B. If an entrant is late for the doubles event, the entrant present shall bowl her singles first. If her partner has not arrived by the time she finishes her singles event and a substitute cannot be found, the entrant present shall be permitted to bowl her doubles event without a partner.

11. **LOST SCORES:** In the event a game (or portion of a game) is irretrievably lost in the scoring process, the game (or portion thereof) shall be bowled at a time and date determined by the Tournament Manager.

12. **FOREIGN SUBSTANCE:** The use of talcum powder, resin, pumice or any other foreign substance that, in any manner alters the normal conditions of the approach, is strictly prohibited. Soft rubber soles or heels that rub off on the approach cannot be used during competition.

13. **PACERS:** Pacers will not be allowed in the tournament.

## 14. SMOKING/FOOD/BEVERAGES/ELECTRONICS:

- A. **Smoking and electronic cigarettes will not be allowed in or outside the bowling center during your competition and will be cause for disqualification.**
- B. Drinking or eating will not be permitted in the bowlers' area.
- C. All electronics must be turned off or put on silent mode.

15. **ATTIRE:** Bowlers are requested to wear suitable attire when participating in the tournament. (Shirts or Blouses, Skirts, Walking Shorts, Slacks/Jeans are preferred.) Hats will be allowed for medical reasons ONLY.

## 16. EQUIPMENT:

- A. Each entrant must have a bowling ball for her individual use in the tournament, and for safety, only one ball per entrant allowed on rack.
- B. All bowling balls used in tournament competition shall meet USBC equipment specifications. Altering the surface of a bowling ball by the use of abrasives while bowling is prohibited. All bowling balls so altered must be removed from the competition.

17. **SPORTSMANSHIP:** Each participant is expected to exhibit good sportsmanship while participating in this tournament. The use of excessive foul language or improper conduct will result in the bowler being issued one warning. Additional violations will result in the immediate disqualification of the bowler from the event.

18. **RULES OF GOVERNANCE:** A protest involving eligibility or playing rules must be confirmed in writing to the Tournament Manager before the prize payments are made. After a score has been recorded, it cannot be changed, except where there is an obvious error in scoring or calculations. Obvious errors, when found, must be corrected by a tournament official. Questionable errors shall be decided by the Tournament Manager. (The Tournament Advisory Committee shall have the power to act on all protests arising from or under construction of the rules of the Midwest Women's Tournament.)

## Midwest Women's Tournament Entry Form

Tournament Dates	Team Squad Times		Team & D/S	Doubles/Singles Squad Times		Entry No.
	Saturday	Sunday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
May 22-23 (no Friday)	10:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	
May 28-29-30	1:30 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	<b>(All Fridays)</b>	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	
June 4-5-6	5:00 p.m.			6:00 p.m.		
June 11-12-13						
June 18-19-20						
June 25-26-27						

**Contact Person and/or Captain:** \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

State Association \_\_\_\_\_

**(Prize checks will be mailed to the above contact address.)**

**List 3 different dates & squad time choices you prefer:**

Team	Doubles/Singles
1)	1)
2)	2)
3)	3)

**List dates/times you cannot bowl:**

Dates Reserved? Y N	Arrive Friday? Y N

**TEAM NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CROSS LANES WITH** \_\_\_\_\_

Give names as printed on USBC membership card (print legibly). Lineup will not be changed – substitute must take the place of the original entrant.

USBC Card#	Team Captain	Team Line-Up Last Name, First Name	Address	City – State – Zip	Final Avg 19-20	Attach Average Verification from Bowl.com	All Events Hdcp	All Events Scratch	Team Scratch
1234-0001	✓	Bowler, Jane	123 East St	Bowling City, IN 12345	175	✓	✓	✓	✓
		1							
		2							
		3							
		4							

To enter the 4-member Team Scratch Cash Event, all team members must enter.

Doubles and Singles entries: Bowlers entering doubles MUST enter singles and vice versa. List doubles only on ONE form. ✓ ✓

USBC Card#	Doubles / Singles Last Name, First Name	Final Avg 19-20	Attach Average Verification from Bowl.com	Scratch Doubles	Scratch Singles
	1				
	2				
	1				
	2				

To enter the Doubles Scratch Cash Event, both partners must enter.

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Team Scheduled		Doubles/Singles Scheduled	
Date	Time	Date	Time
Squad		Squad	

**Both sides MUST be completed!**

**Midwest Women's Tournament Entry Form**

Team - _____ @ \$100 per team	\$
Doubles - _____ @ \$50 per pair	\$
Singles - _____ @ \$25 each	\$
Optional AE Hdcp. - _____ @ \$5 each	\$
Optional Scratch Prize Fund: Team / Scratch - \$40 (\$10 each)	\$
Doubles / Scratch - \$20 (\$10 each)	\$
Singles / Scratch - _____ @ \$10 each	\$
All Events / Scratch - _____ @ \$10 each	\$
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED:</b>	\$

Entry Fee Breakdown  
 Prize Fee: \$13.00  
 Expenses: \$12.00  
**Total Per Person/Per Event: \$25.00**

Optional AE Hdcp. Fee - \$5.00

Optional Scratch Prize Fund  
 Per Person/Per Event - \$10.00

Overall Scratch Champions in each event will receive a bonus of \$200 per individual plus plaque.

**Important Information**

- Smoking will not be allowed during your competition (including e-cigarettes).
- Teams that wish to cross lanes shall submit fees and forms in the same envelope.
- Entrant must use her highest USBC league average regardless of whether bowled as a regular member or as a substitute. See Rule #3(A-I).
- Anyone without a verified average as of the time she competes in the tournament will bowl scratch.
- Cancellation and Refunds: Requests for cancellations must be in writing from the team captain within 14 days of the date of the original confirmation letter. Overpayments of \$10.00 or less will not be refunded.

**OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Entry Fee Recap							
Handicap Events				Optional Scratch Prize Fund			
Team	Doubles	Singles	All Events	Team	Doubles	Singles	All Events

Total Fees Due (Received): \_\_\_\_\_

# 2022 HOST - ILLINOIS



- 2023 – Iowa**
- 2024 – Ohio**
- 2025 – Wisconsin**
- 2026 – Michigan**



Please return pages 3 and 4 with full fees.