

OCUSBC MASTERS & QUEENS TOURNAMENT RULES

- ELIGIBILITY:**This tournament is open to all current **ADULT** USBC members with a 2025-26 Orange County membership. Bowlers without an established USBC certified average must enter the Scratch division.
 - TOURNAMENT DATE:** Saturday, June 13, 2026. **Online registration closes:** May 31, 2026 - On-site entries permitted as space permits, subject to increased entry fee.
 - The tournament will be held at **FOUNTAIN BOWL**, 17110 Brookhurst St., Fountain Valley, CA 92708, (714) 963-7888.
 - **DIVISIONS:**Masters & Queens (Scratch), and Prince & Princess (Handicap; Prince 199 average or lower & Princess 195 averages or lower). ***Divisions may be consolidated depending on the number of entries per division. Any division changes will be made prior to the start of competition. If a division receives 15 or less entries, the division will be canceled. Those entrants may either move to an alternate eligible division or receive a full refund.*
 - HANDICAP:**Prince Division - 90% of 199, Princess Division - 90% of 195
 - TOURNAMENT FORMAT:**

QUALIFYING:Five games, moving pairs after each game.

FINALS STEPLADDER: The top five bowlers in each division will advance to stepladder finals. Bowlers will be seeded according to their overall total pin standings. Any ties for seeded positions will use the highest final game of qualifying to determine the higher seeded position. If a tie still exists, the higher previous game will determine the higher seed. If a tie occurs during the finals bracket, an additional 9th and 10th frame will be bowled until the tie is broken. Champions will be crowned in each division.

OVERALL FINALS:The two champions will bowl a one game match to determine the overall champion of the tournament. Handicap will apply for the Prince and Princess division.
 - The entering average for the HANDICAP DIVISION shall be determined from certified USBC leagues:**
 - Highest **2024-25 USBC certified book average** (min. 21 games and including composite); If none,
 - Highest **2025-26 USBC certified book average** (min. 21 games and including composite); If none,
 - Highest **CURRENT league average** (min. 21 games; sheet must be provided); If none;
 - Highest **2023-24 USBC certified book average** (min. 21 games); If none;
 - Enter **SCRATCH**
- AVERAGE VERIFICATION PRINT-OUTS FROM BOWL.COM ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL HANDICAP ENTRIES.**
- The minimum average to enter is 150. Bowlers are responsible for verifying their own averages. Any falsification of the highest known average will result in immediate and final disqualification. If a "sport" league average is the bowler's only verifiable average, it should be marked with an "SP" in the average box and will be adjusted per the USBC Sport Chart to determine the correct entering average. Rules 319a2 and 319d will be waived. Bowlers on the USBC re-rate list must report the re-adjusted average or be subject to disqualification.
- Bowlers must check in 45 minutes prior to scheduled squad time with **VALID IDENTIFICATION** and proof of USBC membership (current USBC membership card or BOWL.com profile).
 - ENTRY FEE: \$100 per person** (lineage \$32 + prize fund \$55 + expenses \$13). **\$125 per person** (lineage \$32 + prize fund \$55 + expenses \$38) for entries received after 5/31/26.
 - All prize money will be returned 100%. Prize Money/Scholarships awarded to the final top five bowlers in each division**. A ratio of at least 1:8 may pay other places in each division if possible.
 - Bowlers arriving late shall begin play with the frame then being bowled. Frames may not be made-up. Bowlers not present to bowl when it's their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
 - In the event a bowler cannot finish their series, zero points will be scored the remaining frames.
 - ONLY A DRY TOWEL MAY BE USED DURING COMPETITION. ELIMINATION OF BALANCE HOLES:** Bowlers may have up to five holes for gripping purposes and all holes must be used on every delivery. If only fingers are used, the thumb hole must be plugged and an "X" marked for the palm position. Any bowling ball that does not meet USBC specifications will subject the bowler to disqualification of all tournament scores. We reserve the option to do random spot checks and we may be reported to check equipment by another bowler. **Visit BOWL.com to download the Non-conforming Bowling Ball List.**
 - All bowlers must wear suitable attire. Non-denim pants and collared shirts are preferred. Skirts, shorts and skorts should extend past fingertips. All shirts must have sleeves.**
 - This tournament is certified by USBC. The Tournament Director shall be the authority to interpret USBC and tournament rules, policies and procedures in deciding disputes.
 - Any violation of tournament rules is cause for disqualification, loss of entry fee, forfeit of all prize monies and possible suspension from USBC membership.
 - Registration for tournament through tournamentbowl.com only.**
 - Payment options:**
 - Tournamentbowl.com check out
 - Payment via Payal to president@ocusbc.org
 - Check mailed to PO Box 4396 Garden Grove, CA 92842 (must be post marked no later than 5/31/26)
 - Credit card payment via phone (657) 210-2695.