

# *Eastern Shore USBC 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Championship Tournament*

**EASTERN SHORE LANES - JANUARY 17 & 18, 2026**

## **FORMAT CHANGE ANNOUNCEMENT**

The ES USBC Women's Championship is modifying the format to be Team and Singles events only. No more Doubles or All-Events.

### **WHY NO DOUBLES?**

- Scheduling – Any event can now be bowled in any squad since both events are three-games sets.
- Bowlers can bowl all of their events in one day (6 games total).
- The center prefers max capacity on the lanes when taking full house tournaments at discounted lineage rates.
- Lane availability is getting harder to secure for tournaments.
- Bowlers can opt to bowl only singles, which can increase overall participation. No partner or team needs to be found.
- Lower overall entry fee cost (\$40 per event x 2).
- By separating the Ladies from the same time as the Open championship, ladies will have the opportunity to bowl in the Open without a conflict of dates/times.
- A VIRTUAL Round Robin Sweeper Doubles will be offered. An additional fee may be paid on site and scores bowled in Team and/or Singles will count for the Doubles.

**Entry form attached**

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USBC Certified

## EASTERN SHORE LANES

1834 Market St – Pocomoke City, MD 21851  
(410) 957-0775

**Prize Fund Returned 100%  
Prize Ratio at least 1 in 7**

Team Entry Fee: \$160  
Singles: \$40

Prize Fund: \$21.00  
Lineage: \$15.00  
Expenses: \$4.00

Cost per Event \$40.00  
Everything \$80.00

### Handicap Event Only

90% of 220  
No Maximum

## **NO WALK-IN ENTRIES ACCEPTED!**

ENTRY CLOSING DATE  
Sunday, January 11, 2026

## **NEW FORMAT!**

### **TEAMS AND SINGLES ONLY**

**VIRTUAL ROUND ROBIN SWEEPER DOUBLES AVAILABLE ON SITE**

(All bowlers that enter in each squad will be paired with each other)

**Team Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Check box for Team and/or Singles.

Official Team Line-Up	Average	Phone #	USBC ID		Team	Singles
1-						
2-						
3-						
4-						

**CIRCLE CHOICE OF SQUAD TIMES.** Requests will be honored as long as vacancies exist:

DAY & DATE	Options	Team Time	Singles Time
SATURDAY, January 17, 2026	1:30 PM		
SUNDAY, January 18, 2026	10:00 AM and 1:30 PM		

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL (Required for Confirmation) \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to: Eastern Shore USBC**

### MAIL ENTRY & FEE TO:

ELLEN SMITH  
2307 Old Snow Hill Rd  
Pocomoke City, MD 21851

**NEW\*** [miss5pin@comcast.net](mailto:miss5pin@comcast.net) Phone: (410) 251-7134

Website: [www.esusbc.com](http://www.esusbc.com)

# *Eastern Shore USBC 10<sup>th</sup> Women's Open Championship*

## **TOURNAMENT RULES**

Read all rules.

1. The Eastern Shore USBC Women's Championship Tournament is open to all women who are USBC certified members of the Eastern Shore USBC. No memberships may be purchased on site.
2. All entries must be received with fees no later than January 11, 2026. **NO walk-in entries will be accepted.**
3. Multiple participation is permitted. However,
  - a. No more than two (2) players can compete on the same team more than once.
  - b. No Singles event bowler will be permitted to cash more than once.
4. Handicap will be based on 90% of the difference between the bowler's average and 220, with no maximum or negative handicap.

5. **\*IMPORTANT\*** ENTERING AVERAGE:

- 1) Highest of **either** your Shore Tour average of at least 21 games **or** Eastern Shore USBC average of at least 21 games from the 2024-25 season. BOTH AVERAGE LISTS CAN BE FOUND AT [WWW.ESUSBC.COM](http://WWW.ESUSBC.COM).
- 2) Highest 21+ game USBC average from any certified league from the 2024-25 season.
- 3) If neither of the above applies, a 21+ game USBC average from this season as of the entry closing date (January 11, 2026) may be used. Documentation must be provided.
- 4) All others will bowl scratch (220 with 0 handicap).

Failure to supply correct average may result in disqualification. Corrections to average may be submitted up to the conclusion of the first game of competition.

6. USBC Rules 319a (10 pin up), 391c (Rerating), 319d (Reporting Prior Prize Winnings) **will apply**. (Prize winnings from certified and non-certified tournaments, including those using a modified format of American Tenpins (example: 9 pin tap), must be used in the application of this rule.) For 319d, form can be found at [bowl.com](http://bowl.com) > **USBC > Rules/Tournament Resources**).

7. It is each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average. Failure to use proper average or to make a correction prior to the completion of the first game may result in forfeiture of prizes for themselves and their team if the result of the error has a positive effect on their position on the prize list.

8. All prize fees will be returned 100% for handicap only. **There will not be any scratch prize money.** Scratch scores are maintained for association records only. The prize fund will be paid out at a ratio of **at least 1 in 7**.

9. Squads **MUST** be completed within three (3) hours. Any unnecessary delays (not including lane problems) may receive zeroes for frames not finished within the allotted time frame. One-lane courtesy is to be observed.

9. Bowlers must check in 30 minutes prior to squad time and may be asked to present membership cards. A player or team missing one or more frames by not being present and ready to bowl in turn shall receive zero (0) for frames missed and the score will count from the frame then being bowled (Rule 322a).

10. Substitutes are permitted as long as the bowler meets the eligibility requirements. Pacers are not permitted.

11. Entry fee breakdown:

<u>Fees</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Singles</u>
Prize Fee	\$84.00	\$21.00
Bowling Fee	\$60.00	\$15.00
Expense Fee	<u>\$16.00</u>	<u>\$4.00</u>
	\$160.00	\$40.00

12. Any entrant whose check is returned by their bank may lose their squad time as well as the privilege to pay for future Eastern Shore USBC events by check. A returned check charge of \$35 will be assessed.

13. The Tournament Director shall decide any questions not covered by these rules. USBC Rules will prevail when not specifically covered above.

**KEEP A COPY OF THESE RULES FOR YOUR REFERENCE. ALL TEAM MEMBERS SHOULD BE AWARE OF THESE RULES.**