Eastern Shore USBC 11th Annual Women's Championship Tournament

FEBRUARY 20 & 21, 2027

USBC Certified

OCEAN LANES
115 – 72nd St – Ocean City, MD 21842
(410) 524-7550

Handicap Event Only
90% of 220
No Maximum

NO WALK-IN ENTRIES ACCEPTED!
ENTRY CLOSING DATE
Saturday, February 13, 2027

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

Team Entry Fee:	$180
Singles:	$45
Prize Fund:	$22.00
Lineage:	$18.00
Expenses:	$5.00
Cost per Event	$45.00
Everything	$90.00

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 Choice	Singles Choice
SATURDAY, February 20, 2027	2:00 PM		
SUNDAY, February 21, 2027	10:00 AM and 2:00 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**
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Pocomoke City, MD 21851
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Website: www.esusbc.com

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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 ($45 per event x 2).
- By separating the Ladies from the same time as the Open championship, ladies 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

Eastern Shore USBC 11th 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 February 13, 2027. **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 (winter or summer) of at least 21 games from the 2025-26 season. BOTH AVERAGE LISTS CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.ESUSBC.COM.
   2) Highest 21+ game USBC average from any certified league from the 2025-26 season.
   3) If neither of the above applies, a 21+ game USBC average from this season as of the entry closing date (February 13, 2027) 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 > 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.** Association prizes will be awarded for 1st Place Handicap and Scratch scores. 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:

Fees	Team	Singles
Prize Fee	$88.00	$22.00
Bowling Fee	$72.00	$18.00
Expense Fee	$20.00	$5.00
	$180.00	$45.00

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.