



43RD ANNUAL



# QUEENS TOURNAMENT



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USBC #: \_\_\_\_\_ AVERAGES: HOUSE \_\_\_\_\_ MODIFIED \_\_\_\_\_ SPORT \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

PAIRING REQUESTS (4 PEOPLE MAX):

DIVISION (PLEASE SELECT ONE):

- \_\_\_ QUEEN (196+ AVERAGE)
- \_\_\_ PRINCESS (170 - 195 AVERAGE)
- \_\_\_ DUCHESS (169 & BELOW AVERAGE)

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# Tournament Rules

Tournament Director: Ricky Zinone (585-469-0882)

This event is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (USBC). Any USBC certified tournament rule not specifically stated, waived or modified in these rules will apply to this tournament where applicable.

The tournament oil pattern will be an undisclosed modified house shot.

**ELIGIBILITY** - The Rochester NY USBC Queens Tournament is open to all adult female members in good standing of the USBC, NYS USBC and are sanctioned in the Rochester NY USBC Local association. Surrounding touching associations (Canandaigua, Finger Lakes, Genesee Region, Hornell, Penn Yan- Dundee & Lake Ontario/Wayne County), are welcome with a \$9 local association fee. All previous Rochester Queens Champions and HOF members are eligible to bowl as long as they have a valid USBC membership card and have paid the Rochester NY USBC Association membership dues. Bowlers will be required to show their USBC membership card upon request. **This tournament is not SMART Certified and NCAA Collegiate Certified bowlers are not eligible.**

**Entering average used based in the order listed:** *Book & League Averages based on Rochester NY USBC or Listed Neighboring Association Leagues*

1. Last Season's highest 2024-25 Book Averages with a minimum 21 games:

(1) Standard/House averages, highest at minimum 21 games OR (2) or if converted Sport & Challenge averages, minimum 21 games is higher than last year's Standard Avg

-A bowler with averages established on a sport or challenge must convert that average to a standard average using the USBC conversion chart and enter with the highest converted average. (Rule 201c)

-Any bowler whose current average as of January 1, 2026 is 10 or more pins higher than her 2024-25 average and at least 21 games, must use current year's average (Rule 319)

2. Current Season averages 2024-25, minimum 21 games or more as of January 1, 2026.

-Highest Standard average or if only Sport/Challenge then highest converted average.

-Any bowler who will be using their current year 2025-26 average must submit to the tournament director written verification of this average from their league before bowling to this tournament.

3. If no established Rochester NY USBC or listed neighboring Associations 2024/25, 2025/26 averages, bowler must enter as scratch and compete in the Queens Division.

4. Averages established in USBC Youth leagues will not be accepted.

5. Bowlers are responsible for verifying her own average, whether submitted by the bowler or others. Failure to use the proper average or make a correction up to the completion of the end of the first game may disqualify you.

**TOURNAMENT FORMAT** – Lanes assigned for first round by Director. First Round entrants will bowl four (4) games across four (4) pairs of lanes. Half of the field will move on to the Second Round. Ties in final placement in any division will move on to Second Round. Second Round consists of two (2) games across two (2) pair of lanes. First Round Scores will carry over to the second round. Top 5 qualifiers will move on to the Final Stepladder. Ties will be a two-frame (9th & 10th) roll-off bowled to determine placement for the Final Round. Final Round is stepladder format of the Top 5 qualifiers. Placement for Stepladder is determined on the two (2) game total (with handicap if applicable). Ties will be a two-frame (9th & 10th) roll-off bowled to determine winner.

**HANDICAP** - Queens Division bowls Scratch. Princess Division handicap will be based on 80% of the participant's entering average and 195. Duchess Division handicap will be based on 80% of the participant's entering average and 169 (If average is under 100, handicap will be based off of the minimum entering average of 100).

**PRIZES AND AWARDS** - PRIZE FEES WILL BE RETURNED 100% IN EACH DIVISION. Prize ratio is a minimum of 1:6 per division. Prize payouts will be paid within 30 days after the tournament closes and averages and prize funds are verified. **Brackets will also be available.**

**ENTRY FEE**– Entry Forms and payment must be postmarked and in the Rochester NY USBC Office no later than January 24th to qualify for the \$65 Entry Fee. **Each Early Bird entry will receive one ticket into an exclusive "Early Bird" Ball Raffle.** Drawing will be Saturday, January 31st, 2026. Requested lane assignments only guaranteed to entries paid and received. Payments must be made by cash, check (made payable to: Rochester NY USBC), PayPal (bowl@rochesternyusbc.org) or Venmo (@Rochester-NY-USBC). Entry Forms and payment received in to the Rochester NY USBC Office after January 24th will pay the Entry Fee of \$70.00. Requested lane assignments are not guaranteed after January 24th. Payments must be made by cash or checks payable to: Rochester NY USBC. Walk In entries accepted until **12:30 PM (NO EXCEPTIONS)**. Entry Form, Sanction Verification, Average Verification and payment must be received in person to the Tournament WALK IN Check In on the day of the tournament. Tournament Cost for a Walk In is the Entry Fee of \$70.00. Cash or checks payable to Rochester NY USBC only - **no credit cards**

**DRESS CODE** – Polo Shirts, bowling jersey with collar, ¼ zip or mock collar. Skirts (length at least to the end of fingertips), dress slacks or dress jeans, 'skorts' and dress shorts are allowed. No short shorts, short skirts, leggings, tank-tops, T-shirts or, hats. Penalty is disqualification. No head covering or sunglasses can be worn while competing (hats, caps, or bandanas, etc.). EarPods will be allowed, providing there is no interruption to the game. The Tournament Director must approve any/all exceptions prior to the event.

**BOWLER OF THE YEAR POINTS** - Participation in this tournament will count toward your point total in the Bowler of the Year award in your respective category. You will receive points for your highest finish position and for any honor scores bowled in this event.

**MISCELLANEOUS** - A bowler arriving late may bowl, but her score will begin in the frame being bowled. If a bowler cannot finish her series, zero pins will be scored for the remaining frames. An entrant can be disqualified and thus forfeit entry fee and the right to any prize money for any of the following: infraction of the rules, derogatory conduct, dress code, use of any foreign substance which comes in contact with lane approaches. Decision of the tournament DIRECTOR is FINAL. Cancellations to the tournament will result in a refund after the tournament has concluded.