

68th Annual “2023” – Wauconda Bowl “HUMMDINGER TOURNAMENT”

Starts **March 4th** - Ends **April 30th**
 Open to Men & Women

Bowl four games across all eight lanes while counting the top three games bowled.

Bowl as often as you like, you may only place once in each of the following categories, Men’s Division, Women’s Division, and Scratch. You may place multiple times in Doubles but only one time per partner, you may bowl with as many partners as you would like to increase your chances.

A minimum of 1 out of 8 bowlers will Cash in each Division. (100% of all prize funds returned)

Entry Fee: \$50.00 (\$25.00 Prize Fund, \$15.00 Linage, and \$10.00 Tournament Expenses)
 Optional Doubles and Scratch entries are additional.

USBC Certified Sanctioned Handicap Bowling Tournament

	Men's Division	Women's Division	Men's Doubles	Women's Doubles	Mixed Doubles	Scratch
1st Place	\$5,000.00	\$1,400.00	\$2,000.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$375.00
2nd Place	\$4,000.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,600.00	\$325.00	\$325.00	\$275.00
3rd Place	\$3,000.00	\$800.00	\$1,100.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$175.00
4th Place	\$2,000.00	\$600.00	\$700.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$75.00
5th Place	\$1,000.00	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Based on	800 entries	200 entries	1,000 entries	200 entries	200 entries	350 entries

For Tournament dates and scheduling please contact Lori Kmiecik @ "WB" Phone 1-847-526-5030 "Cell" Phone 1-847-204-5497 Email: lorikmiecik@sbcglobal.net		For questions on Rules or Prizes please contact Jason Kmiecik @ "WB" Phone 1-847-526-5030 Email: waucondabowlers@gmail.com
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All Sponsors of Squads with 16 or more Bowlers will receive Free Entry into the tournament.

Tournament dates are as follows.

March 4,5,11,12,18,19,25,26
 April 1,2,8,9,15,16,22,23,29,30

2023 Rules

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY TO THE INFORMATION GIVEN BELOW

1.) AVERAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR 2023

- A.) The average to be used for participation will be the highest of the following:
- 1.) Highest USBC-certified league average (winter, summer, or composite*), based on 21 or more games from the last season.
 - 2.) All averages established on a Sport or Challenge condition must be adjusted utilizing the USBC Sport Average Adjustment Scale found on BOWL.com. The adjusted average must be used if it is the highest average.
- B.) Bowlers who do not meet any of the average requirements stated in Item 1.A will be entered with a 220 average.
- C.) If a bowler's highest average of 21 or more games as of March 4, 2023, is 10 or more pins higher than their entering average, the March 4, 2023, average must be used.
- D.) Previous Average Adjustments (Re-rates). If you have ever had any re-rate or adjustments to averages, and the average adjusted to, from any tournament or event regardless if the adjustment was accepted or not must be disclosed at the time of entry.
- E.) Prior Prize Winnings (USBC Rule 319d) Cash and/or merchandise prize of \$600 or more earned or qualified for in any event in a tournament within the last 12-month period immediately preceding the time and date of bowling in the tournament.
- The following information must be reported prior to participation for possible average adjustment:
- a.) The name of each tournament in which they have been paid such a prize, or if not yet paid, in which they have qualified for the prize.
 - b.) The amount of the prize.
 - c.) The actual score bowled to qualify for the prize.
 - d.) The prize position
- F.) Tournament Average Adjustment (USBC Rule 319e)
- If, during the 12-month period immediately preceding the time and date of bowling, the bowler's accumulated average for all, but not less than 21 tournament games, exceeds the average to be used for entry by 15 or more pins, the accumulated average must be reported and used for classification purposes.

HANDICAP

Men's Division Handicaps will be calculated based on 80% of the difference of your highest finishing average of last season and 220. Bowlers having an average of 220 through 229 will bowl scratch. Max Handicap is limited to 50 pins per game.

Women's Division Handicaps will be calculated based on 80% of the difference of your highest finishing average of last season and 220. Bowlers having an average of 220 through 229 will bowl scratch. Max Handicap is limited to 57 pins per game.

MAX AVERAGE FOR PLAY

Anyone with an average or rerated average of 230 or higher is prohibited from bowling in the Annual Hummdinger Tournament.

PBA or PWBA Bowlers

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FAILURE TO REPORT REQUIRED INFORMATION

Bowlers must attest to the accuracy of the information provided, and an understanding of the consequences of their failure to provide the proper facts. Failure to report all re-rates and report prize winnings shall be cause for disqualification. Bowlers will be disqualified for failing to submit adjusted average under Rule 319e.

AVERAGE INTEGRITY

Any bowler found using an average below the player's ability will be disqualified from the competition and subject to suspension charges initiated under USBC Rule 17a, Grounds for Disciplinary Action – Unfair Tactics.

2. AVERAGE VERIFICATION – CORRECTION

Bowlers are responsible for verifying the accuracy of their averages, whether originally submitted by the bowler, Squad organizer or others. If the submitted average is lower than required and results in a lower classification, the bowler's score is disqualified. If the submitted average is higher than required, prize winnings will be based on the submitted average. If an extension of time has been granted in writing by tournament management before the end of the first game of a series, the bowler will be placed in the Regular Division pending verification of average, which must be submitted by the bowler within 10 days of the end of the event.

3. AVERAGES - ADJUSTMENTS

Tournament management has the authority to adjust a bowler's average upward before participation in any event. For purposes of average adjustment, tournament management will use guidelines including, but not limited to, USBC Open Championships performance, previous tournament winnings and any records of bowler performance from leagues and/or tournaments. A bowler has the right to appeal adjustments to the USBC Rules department within 15 days of notification. If the assigned average is not accepted by the bowler, the entry fee shall be refunded prior to the start of bowling.

AVERAGE RELIEF

Bowlers wanting to apply for relief on average due to injury or disability under provisions of USBC Rule 4e should apply a minimum of 30 days prior to the date of bowling. Applications for relief of average (USBC Rule 4e) must be submitted in writing to USBC Headquarters, Attn: Rules. Please see USBC Playing Rules for information regarding rules.

4. CLOSE OF ENTRIES/CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

Entries into The Annual Hummdinger Tournament will be accepted at the time of bowling.

5. ELIGIBILITY

MEMBERSHIP

A current USBC membership number must be presented at check-in prior to each bowler participating in any event. If current membership cannot be verified, a Participation Fee must be purchased at the tournament site for a \$5.00 fee.

AGE

The tournament is open to all USBC members 16 years of age or older at time of participation (See USBC Rule 16).

EMPLOYEE POLICY

Wauconda Bowl, Bar and Gaming employees and tournament employees are not permitted to participate in the prize funds, or awards programs at the Wauconda Bowl, Annual Hummdinger Tournament. Employees are eligible to bowl for participation records and pinfall.

6. EQUIPMENT

The Manager on Duty will handle any questionable circumstances.

BOWLING BALLS — Every bowler must have a bowling ball and shoes for his/her exclusive use. Each entrant will be allowed a maximum of eight bowling balls. Only USBC-approved bowling balls will be allowed and MUST have the manufacturer's name, product name and serial number clearly visible at all times for identification purposes. Balls and drilling must meet all USBC specifications. Holes or indentations for gripping purposes shall not exceed five and shall be limited to one for each finger and one for the thumb, all for the same hand. Any thumb hole that is not used for gripping purposes during the delivery would be classified as a balance hole. No balance holes are permitted. All holes drilled must be used for gripping purposes on every delivery. No more than three (3) ounces of weight on any halves of the ball.

GRIPPING ORIENTATION — A “Wi-Fit” or “Duo” grip bowling ball with finger grips cannot be used in USBC competition because the hole not used would be deemed as a weight hole and according to USBC specifications, no interchangeable device may be used in a weight hole. Bowling balls drilled to allow the bowler to grip the ball in different orientations will count as a ball for each gripping orientation used to deliver the ball in that competition, with the exception of:

1. A bowling ball with a “Triangle” grip will count as six balls.
2. The “Wi-Fit” or “Duo” grip, will count as two balls.

Individuals who violate the gripping orientation rule are subject to disqualification from the tournament.

EQUIPMENT ALTERATIONS — Altering the surface of a bowling ball using abrasives, cleaners or polish is prohibited during competition. In addition, no substance may be placed on the outer surface of the bowling ball. Bowlers are permitted to sand the surface of their bowling balls prior to certified competition; however, the use of abrasives strictly is prohibited once the first ball is thrown in competition. The outer surface of the bowling ball may only be cleaned with a dry towel once the bowler has begun competition. No alterations to static weight of bowling balls may be made after they have been checked through the scale room for that day’s competition. Any equipment deemed to have entered the field of competition which has not passed through the scale room and been approved prior to that event will be impounded and the bowler will be subject to disqualification for that event. Ball correction service is available before all team and doubles/singles squads to correct any equipment not in compliance with USBC rules and specifications. NOTE: USBC Rule 18/3 – Since the tournament is conducting doubles and singles concurrently, bowlers cannot alter the surface of the bowling ball (including sanding) between events. Competition is defined as individuals are bowling for score.

- Penalty for the first offense: Individual is warned, and the ball is removed for the remainder of the series, match, or block (Doubles and singles is considered a block).
- Second offense: Disqualification from the tournament.

FOREIGN SUBSTANCE

No foreign substance can be applied to bowling shoes or approaches. This includes, but is not limited to: rosin, powder, Easy-Slide, dry bags, slide stone, soap stone, polish, wax, alcohol and like products.

- Penalty for the first offense: Individual is warned.
- Second offense: Disqualification from the tournament.

7. ETIQUETTE

A. Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated on the lanes or inside the tournament venue. Individuals are subject to ejection for engaging in improper tactics or conduct including but not limited to physical and verbal abuse toward other persons.

B. Slow Bowling – Please make every effort to complete your bowling in the allotted time (see Tournament Rule 29 – Slow Bowling).

8. FEES

1. Entry fee is \$50 per event/per bowler (breakdown per event is \$25 for prize fund, \$15 for linage, and \$10 for Tournament expenses. Optional events you may enter additionally are Doubles \$10 per pair (\$9 for prizes, \$1 for expenses), and Scratch \$5 (\$5 for prizes).
2. All squads will need to have their roster submitted to the Tournament manager one week prior to your squad date.
 - a. If a bowler withdraws from the tournament after the roster is submitted, there is a cancellation fee equal to the linage and tournament expenses of (\$25).

9. FORMAT

Men’s and Women’s Handicap Event will consist of four (4) games being bowled across all eight lanes. The best three out of four games will go toward your final scores. Men’s, Women’s or Mixed Doubles events will take the second, third, and fourth game scores to be counted toward your final scores. Scratch event will take your best three games to count toward your final scores.

10. GAMBLING

All forms of gambling are prohibited while bowling. This includes, but is not limited to, card playing, pushing coins, etc.

11. LANE COURTESY

To maintain a consistent pace of bowling, it is proper etiquette to observe one-lane courtesy and deliver the bowling ball within a reasonable amount of time as determined by the tournament management.

12. 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 re-bowled at a time and date determined by tournament management. Should the time and date of re-bowling be refused by the participant, USBC is liable only for the return of the entry fee paid for the event in which the loss occurred (including all-events entry, if applicable).

13. PARENTAL CONSENT

Bowlers under the age of 18 must have written consent of a parent or guardian before participation. The USBC Consent Form must be on file with tournament management at least one week before participation when the youth is unaccompanied by a parent or guardian. If the youth is accompanied by his/her parent or guardian, the consent form must be submitted prior to his/her participation. Failure to file the consent form will cause the player to be ineligible and subject games bowled to forfeiture or disqualification (form is available on BOWL.com).

14. PRIZE CHECKS

- A. The IRS requires that we furnish 1099 forms to individuals who accumulate winnings of \$600 or more annually in any USBC events in which they participate.
- B. Failure to furnish a Social Security number (U.S. citizens) or Individual Tax ID Number (ITIN) (non-U.S. citizens) to USBC will result in a 30 percent tax reduction of the prize check.
- C. Prize checks will be distributed within 30 days after the conclusion of the tournament (Rule 309) unless permission is granted to extend by USBC tournament certification.
- D. Any prize check requiring replacement within 90 days of tournament ending will require a \$25 replacement fee.

15. PROTESTS

- A. Any protest or appeal concerning scoring must be made in writing stating briefly the grounds of the protest or appeal and submitted to the USBC tournament office no later than 24 hours after the game has been played.
- B. Any other protest must be filed in accordance with USBC Rule 329.
- C. All foul protests must be filed before the squad is finished.

16. SQUAD TIMES/ASSIGNMENTS

Times listed are march-out times. Doubles and singles times are scheduled in real time. Times are not guaranteed from year to year. Tournament management has the right to reschedule lane assignments and times up to the time of bowling for score. Reasons for rescheduling of lanes may include, but are not limited to, mechanical breakdowns, bowling unopposed and technical problems.

17. SUBSTITUTES

- A. No one may bowl in this tournament except those originally entered.

18. OTHER RULES

- A. All USBC-certified tournament rules will apply, unless otherwise stated.
- B. Tournament management has the authority to make decisions regarding anything not covered by these rules.

Please fill out and return Sign Up sheets ASAP which will help us speed up the registration process prior to arriving. Thank you.

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