

# 2009 MASSACHUSETTS ADULT 100% HANDICAP STATE TOURNAMENT

## Rules and Entrance Requirements

APPROPRIATE  
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REQUIRED  
AT EVERY  
EVENT

### 1. PARTICIPATION

- All participants in the 2009 Massachusetts Adult 100% Handicap State Tournament must be at least 17 years of age, and be a current league bowler at a Massachusetts Bowling Association (MBA) member establishment or Western New England Candlepin Association (WNECA) member establishment. Definition of a League Bowler – A team member, not a substitute. (Substitute bowler averages Do Not Count.)
- Youth bowlers who enter any portion of this tournament may not participate in the 2009 State Candlepin Youth Championships.

### 2. AVERAGE VERIFICATION AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS

- All bowlers entering any adult event must file by mail for an average card with JIM BARBER, c/o LUCKY STRIKE RECREATION, 73 BUFFUM Street, LYNN, MA 01902. **FILE EARLY.** No cards will be issued in person at the MBA office.
- A \$10.00 fee must accompany the average verification card request and all required information must be completed. Make checks payable to MBA Tournament.
- Upon receipt of a completed average verification card request, bowler will then be issued an official MBA average card, valid from February 15, 2009 to February 14, 2010 and a coupon good for 5 Free Strings of Open Play Bowling valid to December 31, 2009. Both cards will be honored at any MBA or WNECA establishment. Bowlers are required to present their identification cards for every event, even qualifying events. No card on file - No entry. Photo ID may be required at finals.
- All entrants must have verified MBA or WNECA LEAGUE averages (at least 40 strings) in an MBA or WNECA establishment. TRUE average from 2,3,4,5 or 6 person teams shall be used in determining the highest average.
- PRO TOUR bowlers may participate provided they have a verified MBA or WNECA LEAGUE average as described above. PRO TOUR bowlers use the highest of either their Pro Tour Average or MBA / WNECA league average.
- Late league starters must have a minimum of 40 strings recorded as of date of filing for verification card.
- Eliminate all fractions when submitting average. Declared average is individual bowler's sole responsibility.
- ONLY Official MBA Verification Cards will be accepted as proof of average.
- Average may not be changed after an individual has started any event, except to increase it.
- Misrepresentation of any kind will result in disqualification of entire entry and forfeiture of all prize monies. Bowlers submitting falsified information will be banned from participating in any MBA sponsored Tournament for five (5) years.

### 3. ENTRIES – Multiple entries allowed – no entry deadline.

- A bowler may enter each event more than once and may bowl in any area. See Rule 5c for All Events
- ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED OR CONSIDERED OFFICIALLY ENTERED WITHOUT THE ENTRY FEE.  
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO MBA TOURNAMENT and MAIL TO:  
1) Host center for each event entered. 2) "All Events" to host center for singles or doubles.
- Proof of entry is the responsibility of the bowler
- You may enter at any time. However, if you enter on the day of the event, your entry will be handled on a **space available** first come first served basis only. No entry will be allowed after the shift has begun. No shifts will be added after the last posted shift.
- Use a separate entry blank for each event. In order to assure preferred time and date, send entries EARLY. Be sure to list a SECOND CHOICE. If no second choice is listed, or the second choice is full, the committee reserves the right to assign a date and time.

### 4. EVENTS: Singles, Doubles, Mixed Doubles, Mixed Teams and Teams

- For average requirements for the tournament and further explanation see rules 5e and 8.
- In Doubles and Team Events, any bowler may enter regardless of average as long as the doubles and / or team combined average does not exceed the 2009 MBA Adult Handicap State Tournament requirements for that particular event.

### 5. ALL EVENTS – Classes A and B – Top ladies' and men's bowler in each area goes to All Events Championship

- Individual bowler must enter Singles, Doubles Event (best Doubles or Mixed Doubles) and Team Event (best Teams or Mixed Teams), in ONE area. The combined 13-string total plus personal handicap for each game is your "All Events" total.
- You may enter all 5 events and take your best Doubles and Team scores.
- All Events must be entered before bowler's first ball is rolled.** Entrants must check All Events board in order to verify entry.
- Bowlers entering All Events must bowl all their events in the same area. You may enter All Events in more than one area.
- A separate entry blank must be filed (\$10.00 fee required). Mail to Host center for the singles or doubles in the "area" that you will bowl in.
- Class A – Men=103 and above; Class A Ladies=90 and above. Class B Men=102 and below; Class B Ladies'=89 and below**

### 6. SUBSTITUTIONS

- Substitution may be made in any event except singles.
- In the finals any substitute average may be used as long as average total does not exceed stated cap for that event.
- Substitutes are subject to Average Verification rules. (See rule #2)
- Replacement bowler/s may not have participated in that event.
- Host center should be notified at least two hours prior to the event.

### 7. GENERAL RULES

- In case of default for any reason, entry fee will not be refunded.
- Incomplete game(s) – score stands at time of default.
- 1 in 4 win cash prizes. All ties for last qualifying position win prizes.
- In case of ties, cash prizes will be divided equally. Next position(s) move down.
- All notices and prize money will be forwarded to the first person listed with a legible mailing address on entry blank. Distribution is their sole responsibility. Non-distribution of prize funds will result in suspension from further MBA Tournaments.
- Director reserves the right to add or delete from the schedule to accommodate entries.
- ICBA official rules will govern all decisions. All decisions of the Tournament Committee shall be final.
- Returned check bank charge of \$20.00 applies.
- Appropriate dress required at all events

### 8. HANDICAP BASE & AVERAGE LIMITS

- There is an average limit on each event except Singles as follows:

#### HANDICAP BASE AND AVERAGE LIMITS

Men's Teams	650	Ladies' Teams	575
Mixed Teams	500	Mixed Doubles	250
Men's Doubles	280	Ladies' Doubles	240

#### HANDICAP BASE

Men's Singles and All Events	140
Ladies' Singles and All Events	125