

2023 MASSACHUSETTS ADULT STATE TOURNAMENT

Rules and Entrance Requirements

1. PARTICIPATION

- a. All participants in the tournament must be at least 17 years of age, and must be a current league bowler at a Massachusetts Bowling Association (MBA) member establishment. See www.masscandlepin.com for complete list of member centers. Definition of a League Bowler – A team member, not a substitute. (Substitute bowler averages Do Not Count.)
- b. Youth bowlers who enter any portion of this tournament may not participate in the 2023 State Candlepin Youth Championships.

2. AVERAGE VERIFICATION FORMS – NO FEE REQUIRED – 30 string minimum

- a. All handicap bowlers must fill out an average request form, **stating your highest average and number of strings**. You must have a verified MBA LEAGUE average of 30 strings or more. Have the form signed by both your league secretary and your bowling center. All information must be completed. Eliminate fractions. Use ink. Altered, changed or initialed averages will be rejected. Once your info is complete, get appropriate signatures and submit form by mail to **MBA c/o Nick Norcross, 29 Garfield Ave, Woburn MA 01801**. Once your average is verified, your average will be reported into tournament database.
- b. **TRUE Average** shall be used in determining the highest average. **You cannot combine averages from 2 or more leagues. If during the season, you have bowled with temporary injuries or physical circumstances that decrease your average, it will be reviewed by the Hosting House and subject to adjustment. If you are deliberately throwing away pins, your average cannot be considered a TRUE AVERAGE and will be subject to disqualification by the Hosting House.**
- c. PRO League bowlers may participate provided they have a verified MBA LEAGUE average as described above. PRO League bowlers use the highest of either their Pro League average or MBA league average. Averages must have a 30-string minimum.
- d. Late league starters must have a minimum of 30 strings recorded as of date of filing average verification form.
- e. Declared average is individual bowler's sole responsibility.
- f. ONLY Official MBA Average Cards will be accepted as proof of average.
- g. Average may not be changed after an individual has started any event, except to increase it.
- h. 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 – no entry deadline. See rule 3d. **Same day entries must register at least 30 minutes before the shift starts**

- a. A bowler may enter more than once but no more than twice in each event. Your first entry will be the one counted for ALL EVENTS. For re-entry in any team or double events at least one participant must be different from first entry.
- b. **ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED OR CONSIDERED OFFICIALLY ENTERED WITHOUT THE ENTRY FEE.** Make all checks payable to: **Woburn Bowladrome. Mail ENTRIES to MBA c/o Nick Norcross, 29 Garfield Ave, Woburn MA 01801**
- c. Proof of entry is the responsibility of the bowler
- d. You may enter at any time. 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.
- e. 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 - (NO CLASSES): Singles, Doubles and/or Mixed Doubles, Teams and/or Mixed Teams. Handicap & Opens competing at once.

- a. For average requirements for the tournament and further explanation see rule 8.
- b. 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 2023 MBA Adult Handicap State Tournament requirements for that particular event.

5. ALL EVENTS – (NO CLASSES) Winners are top ladies' & men's bowler with combined highest 21-string total

- a. Individual bowler must enter Singles, a Doubles Event and a Team Event. The combined 21-string total plus personal handicap for each string
- b. is your "All Events" total. You must enter all 5 events and take your **first scores from each event bowled**
- c. All Events must be entered before bowler's first ball is rolled in **any** event. Entrants must check All Events board in order to verify entry.
- d. A separate entry blank must be filed (\$20.00 fee required). Mail to MBA c/o Nick Norcross, 29 Garfield Ave, Woburn MA 01801

6. SUBSTITUTIONS

- a. Substitution may be made in any event except singles and are subject to Average Verification Rules (#2)
- b. Replacement bowler(s) may not have participated in that event. Host center should be notified at least two hours prior to event

7. GENERAL RULES

- a. In case of default for any reason, entry fee will not be refunded.
- b. Incomplete game(s) – score stands at time of default.
- c. 1 in 4 will win cash prizes. (1 in 4, 2 in 8, 3 in 12 etc.) In case of ties, cash prizes will be divided equally. Next position(s) move down. MBA will be adding to prize pool amounts.
PRIZE POOL will be determined by the number of entries. 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.
- d. Hosting House reserves the right to add or delete from the schedule to accommodate entries.
- e. ICBA official rules will govern all decisions. All decisions of the Tournament Director shall be final.
- f. Returned check bank charge of \$20.00 applies.
- g. Smoking, including vaping, electronic or smokeless cigarettes is not allowed
- h. Appropriate dress required at all events. No cut-off or tank top or muscle shirts allowed

8. HANDICAP BASE & AVERAGE LIMITS:

- a. There is an average limit for each event except Singles. Handicaps are based on the average limit for each event as follows:

Men's Teams	650	Mixed Teams	500	Ladies' Doubles	240	Men's Singles & All Events	130
Ladies' Teams	575	Men's Doubles	260	Mixed Doubles	250	Ladies' Singles & All Events	120

APPROPRIATE DRESS IS REQUIRED AT EVERY EVENT

Complete Rules, Center and Tournament Information at www.MassCandlepin.com