

2019 Oregon State USBC Queens & Senior Queens Tournament Rules
Saturday & Sunday, January 26th and 27th, 2019

ELIGIBILITY

The Queens event is USBC certified and is open to all women 16 years of age or over holding a current 2018-19 Oregon State USBC membership. Youth Members 16 and over must sign a Singles Competition Waiver prior to bowling and will be competing for SMART funds only.

The Senior Queens event is open to all women 50 years of age or over with a current Oregon State USBC membership.

ENTRIES, CHECK-IN, PRIZE FUND

The entry fee is \$90 (\$50 prize fund; \$40 lineage and expenses). At least 1 in every 4 entries will cash. Checks for entry fees will be accepted until January 20th. All fees for entries received after January 20th must be paid in the form of cash, cashier's check, or money order. There will be a \$20 fee for all returned checks. Entries will close at 10:45am on Saturday, January 26th. All participants are asked to check in by 10:30am. Brackets and side pots will be available at the check-in table.

The winner of the Queens division will receive a paid entry to the 2019 USBC Queens tournament along with a cash prize.

The winner of the Senior Queens division will receive a paid entry to the 2019 USBC Queens tournament along with a cash prize.

A cash equivalent will not be paid for either division.

All prizes for bowlers making match play will be paid by check at the tournament site at the conclusion of the tournament. **Checks will not be distributed during match play.** Any bowler in a cashing position who does not make match play will be paid by check at the conclusion of the semifinals.

FORMAT

All entrants will bowl 5 games of qualifying at 11:00am on Saturday, January 26th. Bowlers will be randomly assigned lanes regardless of division.

There will be 15 minutes of warm-up before scoring starts. Total pins from qualifying will determine the cut to the semifinalists. The number of semifinalists for each division will be approximately twice the number of bowlers who will go to match play. This number will depend on the number of entries in each division. After a 30-45-minute break, and cut to the semifinalists, there will be 5 minutes of warm-up prior to the 5 games of the semifinals. Scores from the 5 games of qualifying carry over to the semifinals. Total pins for the 10 games of qualifying and semifinals will be used to determine who will go to match-play and seeding in the match-play bracket.

Any bowler arriving late will receive a score of zero for each frame missed and begin scoring with the frame currently being bowled.

The lanes will be conditioned only once for the qualifying and semifinal rounds (prior to the start of the qualifying squad). Each bowler will be allowed to take up to two re-racks per game.

MATCH PLAY

Match play will take place on Sunday, January 27th, 2018 beginning at 9:00am. Note: The start of Senior Division match play may be delayed if the total number of match play bowlers exceeds the number of lanes available. The number of bowlers to qualify for match play will depend on the number of entries. This applies separately to each division.

- Up to 23 entries: at least 4 bowlers in match play
- 24-47 entries: at least 8 bowlers in match play
- 48+ entries: at least 16 bowlers in match play

The lanes will be conditioned prior to the start of match play and finalists will receive 10 minutes of warm-up prior to their first match. Finalists will be seeded into the winner's bracket of a traditional double-elimination match play bracket. Seeding is based on total pins for 10 games. In case of any ties for qualifying positions, the bowler with the highest game during qualifying and the semifinals will receive the higher seed. The higher qualifier of each match will have choice of starting lanes with the bowler starting on the left bowling one frame to start each match. Each match consists of two games. Total pins shall determine the winner of each match. The loser of each match will be placed in the elimination bracket. Once a bowler loses two matches, they are eliminated from the competition. Any bowler not available for the start of any match will receive zero for each frame missed and start bowling in the frame currently being bowled by their opponent. If an opponent fails to show, they will forfeit their match while the other bowler must still bowl two games to advance to the next round. A pacer will be allowed, if available. If forfeiture occurs in any round of the winner's bracket, the bowler forfeiting the match would still be eligible to bowl in her next scheduled match in the Elimination Bracket. If a bowler is disabled during the match and is unable to continue, she receives a zero for all missed frames.

TIEBREAKERS

In the event of a tie for the final qualifying position, a one-game roll off will immediately take place to break all ties. The bowler with the highest game during qualifying will choose their starting lane with the bowler on the odd lane starting first. If a tie still exists at the end of that game, a 9th and 10th frame roll-off will immediately take place. The roll-off will be started on the same lane that each bowler finished their prior game with the bowler on the left lane starting first. This procedure will continue until all ties are finally broken. Failure of any bowler to be immediately available and in the bowling center for any roll off will result in forfeiture.

If a tie occurs during match play, a one-game roll-off will be bowled on the same pair of lanes to break the tie, with each bowler starting on the lane they finished their previous game with the bowler on the left lane starting first. If a tie still exists after the game, a complete 9th and 10th frame will be bowled. The 9th frame will be bowled on the same lane on which each bowler finished the last game, and the 10th frame on the opposite lane. This procedure will be followed until the tie is broken.

DRESS CODE, EATING, DRINKING

A shirt with the participant's last or full name on the back must be worn during all competition. A detachable name plaque (non-paper) being acceptable. Shorts and skirts must be equal to or longer than your fingers when arm is extended down by your side. Tank tops, halter tops, bare midriffs, spaghetti straps, hats, workout attire, bib overalls, and denim of any color are **not permitted**. Bowlers are **not permitted** to drink alcoholic beverages while participating.

All entrants give their express permission to the Oregon State USBC for the use of the entrant's photograph and/or likeness in any form and/or media without compensation of any kind.

Tournament management has the final authority to make decisions regarding anything not covered in the tournament rules.