14th Annual
MIDWEST WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT
2027 Host – Greater Kalamazoo USBC (Michigan)

(USBC Certified; Open to All USBC Female Members)

PRIZE FUND ENHANCED BY THE MWT

Entries Close: May 1, 2027

Tournament Opens: May 15, 2027 **Tournament Ends: June 27, 2027 (unless extended)**

☞ ***Squad Leader Incentive – $25 for first 5 teams and $10 for each additional 5 teams!!!*** ☜

(Entries must be complete with all information included and copies of average verifications attached or the incentive will be forfeited.)

1 Division – 100% Handicap – 240 Base

TEAM (4 women) – DOUBLES – SINGLES – ALL EVENTS

$30.00/per event – $10.00/optional all events

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Optional Scratch Cash Events Prize Fund – Team, Doubles, Singles & All Events

$10.00 per person/per event

Reservations will open October 1. Entry forms and fees are due no later than February 1 or entry closing date, whichever comes first, or dates will be lost. All other dates and times will be assigned on a first come – first serve basis as completed entries and correct amount of fees are received.



Handicap Prize Ratio:
Team, Doubles, Singles – 1:5
All Events – 1:10
Optional Scratch Cash Events Prize Fund – 1:10

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Money Order or Cashier's Check
Make payable to
Midwest Women's Tournament

Credit Cards will be accepted
A 5% service fee will be applied.

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A bowler may enter team or doubles and singles events an unlimited number of times; however, a team must change at least two (2) bowlers per entry and doubles must change at least one (1) bowler per entry. A bowler can cash only once in each singles event.

TEAM – Revel & Roll West
4500 Stadium Drive
Kalamazoo, MI 49008
Phone: 269-488-3800
24 Lanes

D / S – Continental Lanes
3645 Vanrick Drive
Kalamazoo, MI 49001
Phone: 269-343-2626
32 Lanes

This is a String-Pin Center

Send Completed Entry and Fee to:

GKBA Attn: Heather Marlett – Midwest 2027
1151 W. Milham #1352
Portage, MI 49081
Phone: 269-598-9584
Email: MWTKazoo2027@gmail.com

Website:
www.midwestwomensbowling.com

Midwest Women's Tournament Rules

1. **ELIGIBILITY:**
   - **A.** An entrant must be a current female member of USBC; if not, she must purchase membership onsite.
   - **B.** Women who identify themselves as professionals, are members, or apply for membership in any professional or semi-professional organization on or after August 1 preceding this tournament shall be eligible for participation as follows: (a) Not more than one such player on a four-woman team lineup; (b) Not more than one such player on a two-woman doubles lineup; (c) Each such player shall be eligible to enter singles and all events. Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification.
2. **FORMAT:** The tournament shall consist of a four-woman team event, doubles, singles and optional all events. Three games shall be bowled in each event. Highest total pins plus handicap shall be declared tournament champion(s) in each event.
3. **AVERAGE REQUIREMENTS:** (Please read carefully) Entrants shall use their highest USBC average in the following order:
   - **A.** As of the end of the previous season (winter or summer) for 21 games or more, OR:
   - **B.** Average as of January 1 of current season with a minimum of 21 games or more, OR:
   - **C.** **When an average established per rules 3A or 3B is used, and at the time of bowling an entrant has a current average for 21 or more games that is 15 or more pins higher than submitted average, the current average must be used (Rule 319a-2 applies); OR**
   - **D.** Current average of at least 12 games in a USBC certified league, as of the first date of tournament participation.
   - **E.** If a challenge/sport bowling average is the only average available, entrant will abide by the average adjustment scale of current USBC Rule book.
   - **F.** If none of the above applies, entrant will be permitted to bowl using scratch figure of 240.
   - **G.** The delivery hand used in this tournament must be the same as that used when the average was established.
   - **H.** Entrant may request tournament AVERAGE RELIEF in compliance with USBC Rule 4e. If average relief is granted, this rule will supersede the average rules of this tournament.
   - **I.** USBC Rules 319c and 319e do not apply (average adjustments).
4. **AVERAGE VERIFICATION:** Each entrant is responsible for the accuracy of her average whether submitted by the captain or others. Average corrections can be made up to the end of the bowler's first game of a series. Falsification of an average will result in disqualification if submitted average is lower than correct average. If submitted average is higher than correct average, prize winnings will be based on submitted average. Averages are subject to verification. **Copy of bowler's average profile from Bowl.com must be attached to entry for each bowler. If none, average must be verified with an individual record sheet.**
5. **MULTIPLE PARTICIPATION:** A bowler may enter team or doubles and singles events an unlimited number of times, however, a team must change at least two (2) bowlers per entry and doubles must change at least one (1) bowler per entry. A bowler can cash only once in singles.
6. **SUBSTITUTES:**
   - **A.** A bowler may be allowed to bowl as a substitute an unlimited number of times in team and doubles events only.
   - **B.** A substitute will not be required to reimburse the entry fee nor give the original entrant any prize money or award.
   - **C.** Captains must provide verification of averages for substitutes as required in Rules #3 and #4 (properly signed affidavits and records when required) mailed to the Tournament Manager at least two weeks prior to date scheduled to bowl or at least two hours prior to bowling time.
   - **D.** In case of emergency/disability after team or doubles events have started, a substitute shall be permitted, if available. Combined scores to count and player subbed for cannot return. If no sub is available, only frames bowled will count.
   - **E.** Paid all events are not transferable unless the substitute replaces the original entrant in all three events and the transfer is made by a tournament official prior to the time of the substitute's participation in any event.
   - **F.** A substitute who is not already entered in the tournament will be allowed to pay cash at check-in for the optional scratch singles and/or all events fees if the original entrant did not enter the scratch event(s).
7. **AWARDS/PRIZE MONEY:** In case of a tie for first place in any event, co-champions will be declared. Prize money for first and second place (or more) shall be divided equally between the teams or individuals tied. Prize checks from the current tournament must be cashed by June 15 of the following year, or prize monies will be forfeited.
8. **FEES:**
   - **A.** **Entry fee will be $30.00 per event per/bowler for each handicap event. Optional handicap all events fee is $10.00.**
   - **B.** Optional Scratch Cash Event Prize Fund entry fee will be $10.00 per event/per bowler for team, doubles, singles and all events. **To be eligible for team scratch all team members must enter. For doubles scratch both partners must enter. Any participant may enter the singles or all events scratch cash event**.
   - **C.** A substitute who is not already entered in the tournament will be allowed to pay the $10 optional scratch cash event entry fee at check-in for the scratch singles and/or all events if the original bowler did not enter the event(s).
9. **LANE COURTESY AND TIME LIMITS:** A 1-lane courtesy will be enforced for this tournament. Time limits will be 3-1/2 hours for the team event and 4-1/2 hours for the D/S events (excluding equipment issues).
10. **INTERRUPTED GAME/SERIES:** If equipment failure on a pair of lanes delays the progress of a game/series, bowlers will be moved to another pair of lanes and one practice ball on each lane will be allowed. If moved during practice, only remaining time will be allowed.
11. **LATE BOWLERS:**
    - **A.** Any player, or team, arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. A bowler who misses one or more frames, by not being present and ready to bowl when it is her turn, shall not be credited with any pins for frames missed.
    - **B.** If an entrant is late for the doubles event, the entrant present shall bowl her singles first. If her partner has not arrived by the time she finishes her singles event and a substitute cannot be found, the entrant present shall be permitted to bowl her doubles event without a partner.
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 bowled at a time and date determined by the Tournament Manager.
13. **FOREIGN SUBSTANCE:** The use of talcum powder, resin, pumice or any other foreign substance that in any manner alters the normal conditions of the approach is strictly prohibited. Soft rubber soles or heels that rub off on the approach cannot be used during competition.
14. **PACERS:** Pacers will not be allowed in the tournament.
15. **SMOKING/FOOD/BEVERAGES/ELECTRONICS:**
    - **A.** **Smoking and electronic cigarettes will not be allowed in or outside the bowling center during your competition and will be cause for disqualification**.
    - **B.** Drinking or eating will not be permitted in the bowlers' area.
    - **C.** All electronics must be turned off or put on silent mode.
16. **ATTIRE:** We follow USBC dress code. Bowlers are requested to wear suitable attire when participating in the tournament. **(Shirts or Blouses, Skirts, Walking Shorts/Capris or Slacks/Jeans are preferred.)** Hats will be allowed for medical reasons only.
17. **EQUIPMENT:**
    - **A.** Each entrant must have a bowling ball for her individual use in the tournament, and for safety, only one ball per entrant allowed on the rack.
    - **B.** All bowling balls used in tournament competition shall meet USBC equipment specifications. Altering the surface of a bowling ball by the use of abrasives while bowling is prohibited. All bowling balls so altered must be removed from the competition.
18. **SPORTSMANSHIP:** Each participant is expected to exhibit good sportsmanship while participating in this tournament. The use of excessive foul language or improper conduct will result in the bowler being issued one warning. Additional violations will result in the immediate disqualification of the bowler from the event.
19. **RULES OF GOVERNANCE:** A protest involving eligibility or playing rules must be confirmed in writing to the Tournament Manager before the prize payments are made. After a score has been recorded, it cannot be changed, except where there is an obvious error in scoring or calculations. Obvious errors, when found, must be corrected by a tournament official. Questionable errors shall be decided by the Tournament Manager. (The Tournament Advisory Committee shall have the power to act on all protests arising from or under construction of the rules of the Midwest Women's Tournament.)

ALL OTHER USBC RULES AND REGULATIONS SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT.

Tournament Dates	Team Squad Times		Team	Doubles/Singles Squad Times	
	Saturday	**Sunday**	**Friday**	**Saturday**	**Sunday**
May 15-16 May 21-22-23 May 28-29-30 June 4-5-6 June 11-12-13 June 18-19-20 June 25-26-27	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m.
	1:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.		1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.

Entry No.

Contact Person and/or Captain: _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Evening Phone _____ Day Phone _____

Email Address _____

State Association _____

(Prize checks will be mailed to the above contact address.)

List 3 different dates & squad time choices you prefer:	
Team	Doubles/Singles
1)	1)
2)	2)
3)	3)
List dates/times you cannot bowl:	
Arrive Friday? Yes No	

TEAM NAME: _____ **CROSS LANES WITH:** _____

Give names as printed on USBC membership card (print legibly). Lineup will not be changed – substitute must take the place of the original entrant.

USBC Card#	**Team Captain**	**Team Line-Up** **Last Name, First Name**	**Address**	**City – State – Zip**	**Final Avg 25-26**	**Attach Average Verification from Bowl.com**	**All Events Hdcp**	**All Events Scratch**	**Team Scratch**
1234-0001	✓	Bowler, Jane	123 East St	Bowling City, IN 12345	175	✓	✓	✓	✓
		1							
		2							
		3							
		4							

To enter the 4-member Team Scratch Cash Event, all team members must enter.

Doubles and Singles entries: Bowlers entering doubles MUST enter singles and vice versa. List doubles only on ONE form.

USBC Card#	**Doubles / Singles** **Last Name, First Name**	**Final Avg 25-26**	**Attach Average Verification from Bowl.com**	**Scratch Doubles** ✓	**Scratch Singles** ✓
	1				
	2				
	1				
	2				

To enter the Doubles Scratch Cash Event, both partners must enter.

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Team Scheduled		**Doubles/Singles Scheduled**	
Date	Time	Date	Time
Squad		Squad	

Both sides MUST be completed!

Team – $120 ($30 each)	$
Doubles – _____ @ $60 ($30 each)	$
Singles – _____ @ $30 each	$
Optional A/E Hdcp – _____ @ $10 each	$
Optional Scratch Cash Event Prize Fund: Team / Scratch – $40 ($10 each)	$
Doubles / Scratch – _____ @ $20 ($10 each)	$
Singles / Scratch – _____ @ $10 each	$
All Events / Scratch – _____ @ $10 each	$
TOTAL ENCLOSED:	$

Entry Fee Breakdown
Prize Fee: $15.00
Expenses: $15.00
Total Per Person/Per Event: $30.00
Optional A/E Hdcp Fee – $10.00

Optional Scratch
Cash Event Prize Fund
Per Person/Per Event – $10.00

Overall Scratch Champions in each event will receive a bonus of $200.00 per individual plus plaque.

ENTRY DEADLINE IS MAY 8, 2027 FOR ALL OF THE EVENTS. YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO REGISTER FOR THE OPTIONAL CASH EVENTS ON SITE.

Important Information

- Rule 319a-2 (15 pins) will apply (see page 2).
- Smoking will not be allowed during your competition (including e-cigarettes).
- Teams that wish to cross lanes shall submit fees and forms in the same envelope.
- Entrant must use her highest USBC league average regardless of whether bowled as a regular member or as a substitute. See Rule #3(A-I).
- Anyone without a verified average as of the time she competes in the tournament will bowl scratch.
- Cancellation and Refunds: Requests for cancellations must be in writing from the team captain within 14 days of the date of the original confirmation letter. Overpayments of $10.00 or less will not be refunded.

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Entry Fee Recap							
Handicap Events				Optional Scratch Cash Event Prize Fund			
Team	Doubles	Singles	All Events	Team	Doubles	Singles	All Events

Total Fees Due: _____

Date Received: _____ Amount Received: _____ Money Owed: _____

2028 Host – Waterloo, IA

PLEASE RETURN PAGES 3 AND 4 WITH FULL FEES.

Entry confirmations will be sent after October 1.

