

2024 Mesquite Senior Games Spring Bowling Tournament Rules Doubles & Singles

Dates: March 9, 2024 – Doubles – 3 games

March 10, 2024 – Singles – 3 games

Doubles: Check-in 9:00 a.m. Start: 10:00 a.m. Singles: Check-in: 9:00 a.m. Start: 10:00 a.m.

1. The Mesquite Senior Games is open to all senior male and female participants 50 years of age or older on or before December 31, 2024. This is a non-sanctioned USBC tournament, but it is governed by USBC Playing Rules and rules adopted by Mesquite Senior Games.
2. This is a handicap tournament. The handicap will be 100% of 240.
3. Events: The tournament will consist of the two events. Doubles: Mixed, Men's, and Women's. Singles: Men's and Women's. Three games will be bowled in each event. The combined 3 games score plus handicap will determine Doubles winners in each division. The total score of the 3 games plus handicap will determine the Singles winner in each division.
4. Registration fee: Registration fee is 30.00, Event fees are: 15.00 for Doubles and \$15.00 for Singles, plus a \$5.00 third party registration processing fee. If bowling both events the Event Fee is \$25.00.
5. Registration for this tournament will close March 2, 2024.
6. Age Divisions: Age divisions will be in 5-year increments. There will be nine age divisions. 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85-89, 90+ for all events. Doubles age division will be determined by the age of the youngest doubles partner.
7. Averages: USBC Rule319a will apply. When an entrant has a current average for 21 or more games that is 10 pins or higher than the prior season's average, the current average must be used. Bowlers are required to verify his/her own average, whether submitted by the bowler or others. All bowlers with an average in another Association for the previous season must furnish verification from previous Association in writing before closing date of tournament. Failure to follow this rule may result in disqualification from the tournament. With the exception of the 10-pin rule noted above, averages will be reported in the following order:
 - a. Highest 2022-2023 winter book average with at least 21 games
 - b. Highest 2021-2022 winter book average with a least 21 games
 - c. Highest current average with at least 21 games in one league as of March 1, 2024, will be used when current season's average is used as verified average.
 - d. 2022-2023 non-USBC league average will be verified using the final standings sheet for all non-USBC leagues bowled. Bowlers must provide.
 - e. No Sport or Challenge Shot averages will be used with the following exception. If a bowler has an adjusted sport or challenge shot average that is 15 or more pins higher than their book average, the adjusted sport or challenge shot average will be used.

- f. Averages will be verified using USBC data and non-sanctioned leagues standing sheets.
 - g. All bowlers without an entering average that can be verified will enter the tournament with the following averages: Men - 160. Women - 130. The tournament directors reserve the right to adjust a bowler's entering average.
 - h. USBC Rules 319c will apply to all participants. (Average adjustments/re-ratings 6appeal). In accordance with Rule 319c, the average of a bowler may be adjusted upward before participation in any event. If the bowler does not accept the the assigned average the entry fees will be refunded.
 - i. Rule 319a3 - Bowlers are responsible for verifying his/her own average, whether submitted by the bowler, or others. If the submitted average is lower than required and results in a lower classification or more handicap, the bowler's score is disqualified. If the submitted average is higher than required, prize winnings will be based on the submitted average. In the case of a team of two or more bowlers, the averages will be combined to determine if the correct total is higher or lower than the submitted total.
 - j. Average corrections (down or up) based on verified information can be completed prior to tournament by Tournament Director.
 - k. Rule 319e - A bowler will adjust his/her entering average, if during a 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 exceed the average to be used for entry by 15 or more pins. In that case, the accumulated average must be used for handicapping or classification purposes.
8. Pacers will not be allowed.
9. Line-up Changes: Line-up changes must be made 1 hour prior to the start of the event, unless deemed an emergency.
10. Tardy Bowlers: Any bowler arriving late shall play from the frame being bowled. No score will be given for frames the bowler missed. USBC Rule 322a applies.
11. Awards: Doubles: Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded for Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles in each age division for Doubles High Series Handicap. One (1) Gold medal will be awarded in each age division for Doubles High Series Scratch and Doubles High Game Scratch. If participants are eligible for both High Series and High Game Scratch, High Series will take precedence and High Game will be awarded to the next eligible participants. Singles: Gold, Silver and Bronze will be awarded for Men and Women in each age division for Singles High Series Handicap. One (1) Gold medal will be awarded in each age division for Singles High Series Scratch and Singles High Game Scratch. Special Recognition Award will be awarded to a participant for a scratch (natural) 300 game or 800 series.
12. Interrupted Games/Series: USBC Rule 321: If equipment failure on a pair of lanes would delay the progress of the game/series, tournament officials can authorize the completion of a game/series on another pair of certified lanes. The interrupted game/series must be resumed from the point of the interruption. The tournament may authorize participants on the pair to practice prior to resuming the game/series. Practice time will be 5 minutes.

13. Delay of Game - No unreasonable delay in the progress of any game is permitted. If a player or team in a league or tournament refuses to proceed with a game after being directed to do so by league or tournament officials, the game or series shall be declared forfeited. This has no bearing on lane problems.
14. Decisions: Any situation not covered by these rules will be governed by USBC Rule Book. If a USBC rule cannot be found to resolve any situation that arises, the Tournament Directors will determine the outcome. No correction to scores will be allowed 15 minutes after the score is bowled, except for obvious errors. All changes must be authorized by a tournament official. Tournament Directors decisions will be final.

Dated: 1/20/24

Amended 2/15/2024.