

2023 Mesquite Senior Games Spring Bowling Tournament

Doubles & Singles

Date: March 11, 2023

Doubles: Check-in 9:00 a.m. Start: 10:00 a.m. Singles: Check-in: 12:30 p.m. Start: 1:30 p.m.

1. The Mesquite Senior Games is open to all senior male and female participants over the age of 50 on or before December 31, 2023. 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 4, 2023.
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. Entering Averages: In accordance with USBC Rule 319a, all bowlers are required to submit the highest average of a single league based on the following priorities:
 - a. Highest 2021-2022 Winter book average with at least 21 games
 - b. Highest 2022 Summer average with at least 21 games
 - c. Highest 2020-2021 Winter book average with at least 21 games
 - d. Highest current average with at least 21 games as of March 1, 2023 will be used when current season's average is used as verified average
 - e. 2021-2022 non-USBC league average will be verified using the final standings sheet for all non-USBC leagues bowled. Bowlers must provide.
 - f. No Sport or Tough Shot averages will be used. If none of the previous (a-e) are available, the USBC conversion charts will be used to determine the entering average for the tournament.
 - g. Averages will be verified using USBC data and non-sanctioned leagues standing sheets.
 - h. 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.

- i. Rule 319a2- When the previous season's average is used, and at the time of bowling an entrant has a current average for 21 games or more that is 10 pins or more higher than the prior season's average, the current average must be used.
 - j. Rule 319a3 - Bowlers are responsible for verifying his/her own average. 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.
 - k. Average corrections (down or up) based based on verified information can be completed prior to tournament-by-Tournament Director.
 - l. USBC Rules 319c will apply to all bowlers. The average of a bowler may be adjusted upward before participation in any event. If the assigned average is not accepted by the bowler, the entry fee shall be refunded.
 - m. 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.