

47th Annual Preston W. Thomas Open Senior Bowling Tournament

October 23-24-25-30-31 / November 1, 2026



525 US 9 North, Hopelawn, NJ 08861 – 732-826-6800

ENTRIES CLOSE WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 21, 2026



<u>SQUAD TIMES</u>	
Friday	11:00 am and 1:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am and 11:00 am 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm
Sunday	1:00 pm and 3:00 pm
<i>*Only one event may be bowled per squad*</i>	

*Certified by
the
United
States
Bowling
Congress*

<u>AGE DIVISIONS</u>
Class A1 – 75 years and older
Class A – 70 to 74 years old
Class B – 65 to 69 years old
Class C – 60 to 64 years old
Class D – 55 to 59 years old
Class E – 50 to 54 years old
Class F – 45 to 49 years old
Age at time of bowling first event determines Class

- All bowlers age 45 or older who are members of a New Jersey Local Association affiliated with the NJS USBC are eligible.
- An entrant does not have to be a member of a Senior League.
- F-Class: Bowlers ages 45 to 49 MUST BOWL within their class in the singles & with any age group in doubles.
- Bowl multiple times in Singles (7 Classes) and multiple times in Doubles with different partners
- All Events Champions, see rule 13

<u>ENTRY FEES</u>	
\$45.00 PER Bowler per Event	
Prize List	\$23.00
Expenses	\$7.00
Lineage	\$15.00
Total	\$45.00

WALK-IN FEE \$5.00
Walk-In Fee Entry \$50.00 per event
<u>*Walk-in is defined as paying entry fee after 10/21 once tournament competition has begun*</u>

Electronic payments (PayPal and Zelle) can be sent to:
<u>tournaments@njusbc.com</u>
<i>Participants can email the entry form to the Tournament Manager or complete the day of participation</i>

MAIL ENTRY FORM AND FEES TO: Richard Regan, Chairman, 122 East Golf Ave, South Plainfield NJ 07080

EMAIL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO: tournaments@njusbc.com

Make checks payable to: NEW JERSEY STATE USBC SENIORS

2026 NEW JERSEY SENIOR ENTRY FORM

ID#	<u>SINGLES - \$45 per Bowler</u> YES or NO		<u>DOUBLES - \$90 per Team</u> YES or NO		<u>ALL EVENTS</u> \$6 (optional) YES or NO	DOB	AGE
	1						
	2						

ENTERING AVERAGE INFORMATION (see rules 8 and 9)

Bowlers Name		USBC Number	Highest average (See Rule 8)	Number of games	League and Association of highest average
1			()		
2			()		

List Preferred Dates and Times	1 st Choice	2 nd Choice	3 rd Choice
Singles			
Doubles			

TOURNAMENT RULES

1. All games bowled in this tournament are subject to the rules of the United States Bowling Congress. Tournament Management reserves the right to reject or rerate any entrant prior to the entrant's first event.
2. Participants 45 years of age or older at the time of bowling their first event, who are certified members of a Local USBC Association affiliated with the NJ State USBC, are eligible to compete.
3. Bowlers may be asked to present their certification card at check-in. If unable to verify an active USBC membership, **CERTIFICATION MUST THEN BE PURCHASED THROUGH BOWL.COM PRIOR TO COMPETITION.**
4. The Handicap will be 90 percent of the difference between the entering average and 230 in Singles and 460 in Doubles. There is no limit to the amount of handicap. This tournament shall be run as a handicap tournament for all three events: Singles, Doubles, and All Events.
5. There will be Seven Classes of competition in Singles and All Events: Class A-1, 75 years and older; Class A, 70 to 74 years old; Class B, 65 to 69 years old; Class C, 60 to 64 years old; Class D, 55 to 59 years old; Class E, 50 to 54 years old; Class F, 45 to 49 years old.
Entrants must verify age when checking in.
6. Doubles partners do not have to be from the same age group since there is only one class of competition in doubles.
7. Entrants are eligible to compete in an unlimited amount of times in Singles & Doubles but may only cash once in Singles and Doubles (Highest Place). You may cash more than once in Doubles providing you change partners.
8. Bowlers entering average shall be the highest recorded average based on 21 games or more from a certified local USBC Association affiliated with the NJ State USBC in the following order: **(A) 2025-2026 winter season (B) 2026 summer season (C) 2024-2025 winter season (D) A bowler not meeting criteria A through C must use a 230 average. Entrants must indicate appropriate letter after average on the front entry form.**
9. An Entrant is responsible for the verification of their entering average, whether submitted by the bowler or someone else. Failure to use proper average shall disqualify score if submitted average is lower than actual average thereby resulting in more handicaps. Prize winnings will be based on the submitted average if it is higher than the actual average. In Doubles the averages will be combined to determine whether the correct total is higher or lower than the submitted total. Corrections in average may be made up to the completion of the first game of a series, or within 48 hours of completion of the series if, prior to completion of the first game, written consent is given by the ranking Tournament Official present in accordance with USBC Rule 319a4.
10. USBC Rule 319d will be waived in the event of anyone who has qualified for a cash and or merchandise prize of \$600.00 or more in any event of a tournament in the 12 month period prior to entry.
11. Any Entrant whose average must be adjusted under the provisions of USBC Rule 319e must report such adjusted average prior to bowling.
12. The 10 pin increase in current average USBC Rule 319a2 is waived.
13. **All Events Champions in Classes A1, A, B, C, D and E are eligible to receive paid entry into the 2027 USBC Senior Championships. Eligibility is based on 35 or more entries in each Class (entry fee and shirt provided). If less than 35 entries, the winners are still entitled to go to the 2027 USBC Senior Championships but at their expense. Class F bowlers are not eligible for the USBC Senior Championships which is limited to bowlers aged 50 years or older.** If the first place All Events winner in any Class declines to bowl in the USBC Senior Championships the entry fee will revert back to the tournament expense fund. In the event of a tie for an entry to the Nationals in any class a three game roll off with handicap will be held to determine the entrant. If a tie still exists after three games, and additional 9th and 10th frames roll off will be bowled until the tie is broken.
14. Contestants will bowl only one event per squad. A bowler entered in both Singles AND Doubles will be scheduled for two squads. Singles will be scheduled before Doubles. Walk-in entries will be allowed providing there is space available on that squad. **A WALK-IN FEE OF \$5.00 WILL BE ADDITIONALLY CHARGED TO THE ENTRANT.** (Walk-in fee is defined as paying entry fee after 10/21 once tournament competition has begun).
15. The Prize ratio in Singles, Doubles, and All Events shall be at least one in seven. USBC Rule 308 requires at least one in ten in Singles and Doubles and USBC Rule 306d requires at least one in twenty in All Events.
16. Lanes will be oiled prior to the following squads: 11:00am Friday, 9:00am and 2:00pm Saturday, and 1:00pm Sunday
17. **Tournament Management will render on the spot decisions when required. All Tournament Management decisions shall be final except when an appeal is made to the USBC Headquarters.**

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Richard Regan – Tournament Director (908-285-0663)

Jay Frangione – Tournament Co-Director (732-715-9021)

Joyce Brokling – Carol Chadwick – Phil Gessner – Norman Sees

Evonte Dickerson – James Testa – Angela Best

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For Committee Use

SINGLES: _____

DOUBLES: _____

A.E. PAID: _____

MASTERS PAID: _____

KEY NUMBER: _____

