

## TOURNAMENT RULES and REGULATIONS

The Danville Moose is excited to host this year's Pennsylvania Moose Association (PMA) bowling tournament. We are a small house with 6 lanes and 2 mechanics; however, we are taking several steps to ensure everything runs smoothly and efficiently.

First, when scheduling please indicate your first, second, and third session on the application. We are scheduling a maximum of 4 teams per session to allow us a pair of lanes that teams can be moved to in the event of any lane issues. We appreciate your participation and want to be respectful of your time. If you've set aside a weekend to come bowl with us, we want to make sure that you're able to bowl and don't need to worry about rescheduling. We understand your weekends are valuable. To be clear, we do not expect any issues with the lanes. We are simply taking precautions for unforeseen events.

Secondly, Danville Moose bowlers will be given the opportunity to bowl the 6 Friday nights before the listed sessions. This serves 2 purposes. It allows us to get our local teams in across all 6 lanes with the understanding that if we have any lane issues these folks are not traveling to come bowl, and rescheduling would be easier. It also allows us to accommodate a total of 60 teams over the 6 week tournament. The Danville Moose bowlers will bowl on the same lane conditions as the weekend bowlers. Participants will bowl Singles and Doubles on the same night and lanes will not be redressed between events. The following week the same folks will bowl their Team matches. A total of 12 teams can be accommodated before Danville Moose teams begin taking time away from the limited weekend availability.

- 1) Entrants must be members in good standing of the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) and either the Loyal Order of the Moose or Women on the Moose.
- 2) All entries and competition in this tournament must be in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the USBC.
- 3) Entrants must bowl both Singles and Doubles the first time they participate in the Tournament. Multiple participation will not be permitted, with the exception of Danville Moose Lodge members substituting for vacancies on out-of-town teams. These substitutes will qualify for prize money.
- 4) Substitutes may be used when necessary, as long as such substitute meets all the rules of eligibility. No substitute will be accepted for All Events prize list participation when any one event, or portion of any event, has been bowled by the original entrant. The substitute must bowl in the same position as the original bowler.
- 5) Entrants will use their highest sanctioned USBC average based on a minimum of 21 games for the prior season. If the entrant has no 21-game prior average, entrant must use a sanctioned 21-game average as of the date they are scheduled to bowl. Entrants who use a 21-game sanctioned average as of the date they bowl must bring verification from league secretary. Entrants must use their current year average if they have bowled 21 games this season and their

average is 10 pins or higher than their previous season as of the date they are scheduled to bowl.

- 6) It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average, whether submitted by the bowler or their captain. Failure to use the proper average or make a correction prior to completion of the first game of a series may disqualify score if the submitted average is lower than the actual average.
- 7) All participants will compete in one division. Prizes will be paid on handicap totals, with the exception of paying out the top scratch score for all four events (team, singles, doubles, all events).
- 8) The team captain in the Team and Doubles events and the individual in the singles event must verify the accuracy of the scores as they are entered on the recap sheet by signing the score sheet upon completion of each event. Any appeal or protest concerning mistakes in scoring shall be submitted to the Tournament Director no later than 24 hours after the event has been bowled.
- 9) Entries must have All Events fees paid with entry. Entrants not entering all events must submit \$5.00 per man for the events entered. The balance due must be paid before bowling events entered. All entry fees are non-refundable. After entry is scheduled and no objections are received by the Tournament Director within 24 hours, entries must have the entry fee paid in full for events that you are scheduled to bowl.
- 10) No entries will be accepted without preferred date and time designated for each event. A second and third preference should also be noted in the blank space provided for that purpose. Please indicate using the session names including in this packet on the 'SESSION AVAILABILITY' page.
- 11) Captains of participating teams in the tournament will receive a copy of the complete prize list. The prize list will also be posted on the PMA website.
- 12) Team captains or individuals will be notified in writing by the Tournament Director of any changes in their final standings which would affect prize money won by their entry. The notification will list the reason for any changes.
- 13) No unreasonable delay when bowling will be permitted. Delays will be dealt with according to the General Playing Rules of the USBC.
- 14) In the event of a tie for first place in any event, co-champions shall be declared.
- 15) Improper conduct during the course of your completion shall be cause for disqualification of score in that event.

- 16) All decisions of the Tournament Director/on-site Tournament Manager are final unless an appeal is made in accordance with USBC rules.
- 17) Minimum participation requirement. The Tournament Director reserves the right to cancel squads and reassign bowlers to other squads if there are less than 2 teams or 12 minor event entrants in a squad. Bowlers will be notified of this change in their confirmation letter/email.
- 18) Confirmation letters will be sent by email in all possible situations. Email will also be used to send the final standings upon the completion of the tournament. This email will not be used for any other purpose nor sold or given to anyone outside the scope of this tournament.
- 19) Ten minutes will be allowed for practice for each pair of lanes prior the start of Singles and Team events. No practice will be allowed prior the beginning of Doubles, which will begin shortly after the completion of Singles for all bowlers.
- 20) Each bowler will be given an 80% handicap up to 220 pins. Anyone averaging 220 and above will not receive any handicap, nor will they receive any negative handicap.
- 21) Any circumstances not covered by these rules shall be interpreted by USBC rules.

ENTRY FEE	Prize Fee	Lineage	Expenses	Total	Per Bowler
Team (5 bowlers)	\$60.00	\$40.00	\$25.00	\$125.00	\$25.00
Doubles	\$24.00	\$16.00	\$10.00	\$ 50.00	\$25.00
Singles	\$12.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 25.00	\$25.00
All Events (AE) (Optional)	\$ 8.00				<u>\$ 8.00</u>
				Without AE*	\$75.00
				With AE*	\$83.00

\*If the bowler is not bowling in a 5 person team, they will owe \$50.00 total (singles and doubles) Assuming the 5 bowlers want to be included in all events, and the 6<sup>th</sup> bowler is not already on a 5 person team, the total payment would be equal to \$465.00 (\$83.00 \* 5 + \$50.00).

Prize ratio: One payment for every 5 entries in each event.

**The deadline to receive applications is February 15, 2025.** You will be contacted by Jared Bardall, tournament director, when your application is received. You will receive confirmation of your session on or around February 15, 2025.

## SESSION AVAILABILITY

- 1) **Session A**
  - a. Bowls Singles and Doubles at 10am on Saturday March 29, 2025
  - b. Bowls Team at 10am on Sunday March 30, 2025
- 2) **Session B**
  - a. Bowls Singles and Doubles at 4pm on Saturday March 29, 2025
  - b. Bowls Team at 2pm on Sunday March 30, 2025
- 3) **Session C**
  - a. Bowls Singles and Doubles at 10am on Saturday April 5, 2025
  - b. Bowls Team at 10am on Sunday April 6, 2025
- 4) **Session D**
  - a. Bowls Singles and Doubles at 4pm on Saturday April 5, 2025
  - b. Bowls Team at 2pm on Sunday April 6, 2025
- 5) **Session E**
  - a. Bowls Singles and Doubles at 10am on Saturday April 12, 2025
  - b. Bowls Team at 10am on Sunday April 13, 2025
- 6) **Session F**
  - a. Bowls Singles and Doubles at 4pm on Saturday April 12, 2025
  - b. Bowls Team at 2pm on Sunday April 13, 2025
- 7) **Session G**
  - a. Bowls Singles and Doubles at 10am on Saturday April 19, 2025
  - b. Bowls Team at 10am on Sunday April 20, 2025
- 8) **Session H**
  - a. Bowls Singles and Doubles at 4pm on Saturday April 19, 2025
  - b. Bowls Team at 2pm on Sunday April 20, 2025
- 9) **Session I**
  - a. Bowls Singles and Doubles at 10am on Saturday April 26, 2025
  - b. Bowls Team at 10am on Sunday April 27, 2025
- 10) **Session J**
  - a. Bowls Singles and Doubles at 4pm on Saturday April 26, 2025
  - b. Bowls Team at 2pm on Sunday April 27, 2025
- 11) **Session K**
  - a. Bowls Singles and Doubles at 10am on Saturday May 3, 2025
  - b. Bowls Team at 10am on Sunday May 4, 2025
- 12) **Session L**
  - a. Bowls Singles and Doubles at 4pm on Saturday May 3, 2025
  - b. Bowls Team at 2pm on Sunday May 4, 2025