

50/50 SCRATCH TEAM BOWLING TOURNAMENT FOR SATURDAY, 06 DECEMBER 2025

OBJECTIVE: To provide and conduct an annual scratch four person team bowling tournament for USBC certified bowlers.

ELIGIBILITY: Tournament participation is open to all bowlers in good standing with the USBC. For each four-person team, two members must be age 50 or older and two members must be younger than age 50 as of the scheduled tournament date. Only one division will be conducted with men and women competing together. Eligible entrants without USBC membership cards must apply for associate membership and pay respective fees. (Rule 300c. Professional bowlers meeting all other eligibility requirements are allowed to enter.

USBC CERTIFIED: This tournaments is USBC certified.

TOURNAMENT DATE AND TIME:	Saturday, 05 December 2025	at 12:00 P.M. (Noon)
Submit entries to: John Brinker	Gary Brinker	Joe Engelkes
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TOURNAMENT ENTRY PROVISIONS: This tournament is limited to 36 team entries. ONLY THE FIRST 36 PAID ENTRIES ARE GUARANTEED A RESERVED SPOT IN THE TEAM TOURNAMENT. WE ENCOURAGE PAYMENT OF TOTAL ENTRY FEES (INCLUDING SIDEPOTS) TO MINIMIZE TIME REQUIRED AT CHECK-IN. HOWEVER A \$100.00 PAYMENT WITH ENTRY IS SUFFICIENT TO GUARANTEE YOUR RESERVED SPOT.

We expect the team tournament will max out at 36 entries. **Additional entries will be placed on a waiting list in a first come-first served priority and will be provided a spot as available.** Walk-in entries will be accepted if any spots are available.

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEE: \$70.00 per bowler for a total of \$280.00 per team.

Optional \$5.00 high game singles jackpots available for the five qualifying games.

Make checks payable to SSBA or Seniors Scratch Bowling Association

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEE BREAKDOWN: Prize Fund = \$190.00 Bowling = \$80.00 Expense = \$10.00

TOURNAMENT PAY OUT RATIO: Major Prize Fund At Least 1 to 3 Major prize fund fees collected will be returned 100% to the participants (Rule 308). **Any added prize money obtained from sponsorship, donations, or fund raising efforts will be evenly distributed throughout all places cashing in the major prize fund.**

Optional High Game Jackpots Payout Ratio of 1 to 10 All jackpot fees collected will be returned 100%.

Major prize list and jackpot money will be paid out on Saturday, 05 December 2026 if possible.

BRACKETS: Multiple brackets available for the five qualifying games with brackets starting in games 1, 2 and 3.

TOURNAMENT STARTING LANE ASSIGNMENT: Teams will draw for starting lanes. Entries close at tournament starting time. Please check-in with tournament officials at least 30 minutes before noon on 05 December 2026.

TOURNAMENT QUALIFYING FORMAT: All tournament scores are scratch (no handicap). Each team will bowl five (5) games, moving to a different pair of lanes after completion of each game. All bowlers will alternate between the even numbered and odd numbered lane as their starting lane for each game. Bowlers will be responsible for keeping their own scores (as required when automatic scorekeepers are not available), checking the accuracy of their scores, transferring their scores to the tournament recap sheet, and submitting the recap sheet to the tournament officials. **The tournament recap sheets are the official score sheet and must be completed and submitted to tournament officials.**

TOURNAMENT STEPLADDER FINALS DETERMINATION: At the completion of five games, the top five teams based on total pin fall will be seeded into the stepladder two game total pins modified Baker finals. If after the five games of qualification, a tie exists for any of the top four (4) qualifying spots or for fifth and sixth, a Modified Baker 9th and 10th frame tie breaker roll-off (coin toss to determine lane choice) will be completed with high total pins determining the placement spot. **All four bowlers of the team could be required to bowl for the 9th and 10th frame.** If a tie still exists, the Modified Baker 9th and 10th frame roll-off will be repeated on opposite lanes until the tie is broken. Each bowler will be allowed two (2) practice balls on each lane. A coin toss will determine placement for 4th and 5th place ties.

TOURNAMENT STEPLADDER FINALS FORMAT: The lanes will be re-oiled for the step ladder finals. For the stepladder finals, each team starting with fourth versus fifth will bowl game one entirely on one lane and game two on the opposite lane. Higher seeded team has starting lane choice. Total pins for the two games will determine the winner. If a tie exists at the end of the match, a tie breaker Modified Baker 9th and 10th frame roll-off (higher seed has lane choice) will be completed as detailed in the above paragraph except without any additional practice balls. Winning team advances to face the third place qualifier with the stepladder continuing until a tournament champion is determined. First place through fifth place will be determined by the stepladder results. The remaining teams cashing in the prize list will cash in order of their total pin fall scratch from qualifying.

STARTING TIME: Tournament will begin at 12:00 P.M (Noon) on Saturday, 05 December 2026. This tournament is a one (1) day tournament to be completed on the respective scheduled tournament date.

TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT: All situations not covered under above rules will be decided by USBC rules. Tournament management has supervisory control of all of the tournament operations and authority to decide and settle any disputes or complaints. (Rule 303) Tournament management has the authority to reject acceptance of any entry.

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HOST BOWLING CENTER: CADILLAC XBC, 650 LaPorte Road, Waterloo, IA 50702, (319) 234-6888