

OPEN TO ALL FEMALE CERTIFIED
USBC MEMBERS

DIVISIONS

AGES 49 & UNDER

AGES 50 – 59

AGES 60 – 69

AGES 70 & ABOVE

\$40.00 ENTRY FEE

Prize Fund: \$24.50

Lineage: \$10.50

Awards/Expenses: \$5.00



RESERVED ENTRIES CLOSE
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2026
(No checks accepted after this date.)

WALK-INS ACCEPTED ONE HOUR
PRIOR TO SQUAD TIME
(Based on lane availability)

NO LATE FEES

BRACKETS & JACKPOTS

46th ANNUAL WOMEN'S SWEETEST DAY HANDICAP TOURNAMENT

October 17, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

AMF Brookgate Lanes

14950 Snow Road, Brook Park, Ohio 44142

MAIL ENTRY FORM & FEE TO:

CLEVELAND OHIO USBC, 14950 SNOW ROAD, SUITE 100, BROOK PARK, OHIO 44142

(All entry fees must accompany this entry; checks payable to COUSBC.)

2026-2027 COUSBC SWEETEST DAY TOURNAMENT

NAME _____ USBC # _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME NUMBER _____ CELL NUMBER _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

HIGHEST FINAL AVERAGE: 2024-2025 _____ 2025-2026 _____ CURRENT 2026-2027 _____
(21 games or more) (21 games or more) (12 games or more)

I WISH TO BOWL WITH _____

(If bowling together, all entries must be mailed in the same envelope ... NO EXCEPTIONS.)

For Office Use Only

ENTRY #	DATE RECEIVED	AMOUNT PAID	CK / MO / CASH	DIVISION	VERIFIED BY
_____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____

Cleveland Ohio USBC Women's Sweetest Day Handicap Tournament Rules – 2026 – 2027 Season

1. This tournament is open to all current female members of the Cleveland Ohio USBC (COUSBC). There are four (4) divisions based on the bowler's age as of October 17, 2026: 49 & Under, 50 – 59; 60 – 69; and 70 & Over. Female non-members may enter this tournament by purchasing a Cleveland USBC membership (\$28.00) or paying local association dues (\$11.00); membership dues must be submitted with the entry form. All entries must be completed in full and include the bowler's national USBC ID number. An entry is not considered final until all monies are paid in full.
2. Entry fee is \$40.00 and is broken down as follows: Lineage: \$10.50; Prize Fund: \$24.50; Awards/Expenses: \$5.00. Entry fees may be paid by cash or check / money order payable to Cleveland Ohio USBC (COUSBC). Checks returned for non-sufficient funds (NSF) will be charged a \$35.00 fee plus the amount of the check; only cash will be accepted for NSF checks. No checks will be accepted after October 9, 2026. There will be no refunds (except for illness; see Rule #15). Reserved entries must be filled out completely on the official entry form and submitted with full payment to the COUSBC office (14950 Snow Road, Suite 100, Brook Park, Ohio 44142) by Friday, October 9, 2026. **Individuals who wish to bowl together must submit their entry forms and payment in the same envelope ... NO EXCEPTIONS.**
3. Entrants will bowl three (3) games league style on the same pair of lanes. Handicap is 90% of 675 for a 3-game series.
4. Tournament winners are determined by the highest handicap series in each division. Winners will be invited to the annual Awards Banquet which will be held at the end of the season.
5. Average Rule: All individuals must use:
 - a. Their highest USBC certified average (21 games or more) from the 2024-2025 or 2025-2026 season (including summer averages).
 - b. If the bowler does not have a USBC certified average from the 2024-2025 or 2025-2026 season, they will use their current (2026-2027) average of at least 12 games at the time of bowling. The current average must be verified in writing from the league secretary or the bowler can provide a current standing sheet, which lists the bowler's full name, # of games and current average.
 - c. If the bowler does not have an average as required in 5a or 5b, a 225 average will be used.
 - d. **Rule 319-a2 will apply (10-pin rule). (When the previous season's average is used, and at the time of bowling an entrant has a current average for 21 or more games that is 10 pins or more higher than the prior season's average, the current average must be used.)**
 - e. Any falsification of average will result in the entrant being disqualified from the tournament with no refund of entry fees. NOTE: Average corrections can be made up to the end of the bowler's first game of a series.
6. Check-in will be one (1) hour prior to the squad time. All individuals must check-in. Walk-ins are permitted one (1) hour prior to squad time based on lane availability.
7. Eligible substitutes will be permitted to bowl in the tournament.
8. Bowlers arriving after the tournament has begun will be permitted to bowl but must begin in the current frame being bowled. All tardy bowlers not ready to bowl when the tournament begins will receive zero (0) for all frames missed.
9. Tournament officials will collect money for brackets and jackpots.
10. ETIQUETTE: Individuals are responsible for their own conduct during tournament competition. Disruptive and unsportsmanlike conduct, profane language and obscene gestures will not be tolerated. Proper attire must be worn. No cut-off shirts, tank tops, spaghetti straps, low-cut tops, bare midriffs, short shorts or cut-offs will be allowed. No obscene printing or references to drugs, alcohol or tobacco is permitted. Length of skirts, dresses, skorts or shorts must be below the competitor's fingertips when they are standing and their arms are at rest along their sides. Length of skirts, dresses, skorts, and shorts MUST be long enough to not see your bottom area (even if covered by under shorts) at any time, standing or bent over. Tops of shorts/pants must be worn at waist level. Appropriate hats are permitted. One lane courtesy will be observed by bowlers and enforced throughout the tournament. Failure to comply can result in disqualification from tournament competition.
11. Bowling equipment must meet USBC specifications. No balance holes will be permitted. All holes drilled must be used for gripping purposes on every delivery. NOTE: House balls are exempt from this rule. The use of any powder or foreign substance on shoes, on the approach, on the facility floor, on the carpet, or on a bowling towel is not allowed. **Use of all liquids, sprays and sanding pads must be done prior to the first ball of tournament competition.** NOTE: Any cleaner that is used prior to the start of competition must be approved by USBC (refer to the "Approved Cleaners" list in the Equipment Specifications manual on www.bowl.com) and in its original container which displays the USBC Approved Before/After logo. **Once competition has begun, the outer surface of the bowling ball may only be cleaned with a dry towel (USBC Rule 18). (Competition starts once any bowler throws a ball for score in the tournament.)** If a bowler is seen altering a ball surface during the tournament, the ball will be disqualified for the remainder of the tournament as soon as this is discovered. If the bowler incurs a second equipment offense, the bowler will be disqualified from the current event with NO refund of entry fee. NOTE: Should a foreign substance appear on the outer surface of a bowling ball which cannot be removed with a dry towel, an approved cleaner may be used with consent from the tournament manager.
12. If a lane malfunction occurs during tournament competition that requires participants to be moved to a new pair of lanes, the participants will start their tournament competition from the point of interruption with no practice/shadow balls on the new lanes. NOTE: The tournament director / official may authorize participants on the pair to practice prior to resuming the game/series.
13. The entrant, by signing his/her name, hereby agrees that the COUSBC, its officers and agents shall be liable only to the extent of returning the entry fee if and when this entrant shall be prevented from bowling in the tournament through delay, unexpected yet necessary schedule change, or premature termination of the tournament, which may be brought on by war, national emergency or emergencies caused by unexpected weather conditions or causes relating thereto or resulting therefrom fires, strikes, lockouts, labor difficulties or causes beyond the control of the COUSBC.
14. Decisions of the tournament director are final unless an appeal is made in accordance with Rule 329 and is filed within 72 hours of the infraction or prior to tournament prizes being paid, whichever occurs first.
15. Illness Precautions: If you are feeling sick, have a fever over 100 degrees or have come in contact with someone who has had a confirmed case of COVID within the last 14 days leading up to this tournament, please contact the COUSBC Office to withdraw from the event. You will receive a full refund.
16. All participants agree to allow his/her name and likeness to be used on social media in regard to this event.
17. Questions should be directed to the COUSBC office (216-898-9115).
18. **Per center management, outside food and beverages are NOT PERMITTED inside the center. THIS POLICY WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**