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46th Annual NYS Queens Championship

Open & Classified* Divisions

Saturday, April 22, 2017

Rapids Bowling Center

9524 Niagara Falls Blvd., Niagara Falls, NY 14304

*Classified Div., See Rule 2 on back

TWO QUALIFYING SQUADS

9:30 a.m., 1 p.m.: Five Games

MATCH PLAY SEMIFINALS & STEPLADDER FINALS

After 1 p.m. squad and re-oiling: Semis, 1-
game matches followed by Stepladder, Top 4
advance in each division (Rules on back)

ENTRY FEE: \$80

Entries close March 29, 2017

BRACKETS: \$5

\$5 brackets during qualifying squads.

20 bracket limit per each group:

Games 1-2-3, 2-3-4, 3-4-5

(Scratch brackets ONLY, by division)

Competition is scratch - 1 in 4 will cash!

Lane condition will not be a "house shot" - SMART approved

ENTRANT INFORMATION		Local Assn.:	
NAME:		PHONE:	
ADDRESS:		EMAIL:	
CITY:	ZIP:	USBC #:	AVG. See Rule 2 on back
DIVISION (CIRCLE ONE): OPEN CLASSIFIED		SQUAD (CIRCLE ONE): 9:30 A.M. 1 P.M.	

MAIL ENTRY AND FEES TO:

New York State USBC
55 Edgewood Drive
Batavia, NY 14020
Phone, fax: 585-343-3736
Email: bowlNy300@yahoo.com

Our website is:
www.bowlNy.com

Make checks payable to:

NYS USBC Queens

Entry fee is \$80

CHECK NO.

I would like to bowl on the lanes with:

Please note: Checks must accompany entry form.
Also there is a dress code for this tournament (see
rules on back). A \$30 fee will be charged for any checks
returned. (9-27-16)

QUEENS CHAMPIONSHIP — Saturday, April 22, 2017
THE FOLLOWING FORMAT WILL BE USED IN BOTH DIVISIONS

QUALIFYING ROUND

ALL ENTRANTS will bowl five (5) games, moving after each game according to a pre-determined schedule. **The field is limited to 150 bowlers**, with a maximum of 75 bowlers on each squad — five bowlers per pair (using up to 30 lanes). **BOWLERS MAY ENTER ONLY ONCE. Bowlers advance to the semifinals based on their 5-game scratch scores from the TOTAL FIELD (not by squad).**

The number of entries in each division will determine the number of bowlers who advance to the semifinals:

47 entries or less— top 8 advance to semifinals; 1:4 entries will cash.

48-69 entries — top 12 advance to semifinals; 1:4 entries will cash.

70-95 entries — top 16 advance to semifinals; 1:4 entries will cash.

96-135 entries — top 24 advance to semifinals; 1:4 entries will cash.

136 or more entries — top 32 advance to semifinals; 1:4 entries will cash.

If there is a tie for the final qualifying spot, there will be a one-game roll-off to determine the semifinalist.

Note: Semifinalists are paired by their seeding according to an official bracket based on the number of semifinalists.

LANES WILL BE STRIPPED & OILED BEFORE THE FIRST AND SECOND QUALIFYING SQUADS AND BEFORE THE HEAD-TO-HEAD SEMIS. Rapids Bowling Center features synthetic lanes and wood approaches.

HEAD-TO-HEAD SEMIFINALS

After the qualifying rounds, those bowlers who have advanced will compete in head-to-head, one-game matches until four bowlers remain. Semifinal seedings will be based on total pins, and any ties for qualifying positions will be broken by using the bowler's highest game during the qualifying round. A tie at the end of the one-game head-to-head semifinal round match will be broken by a 9th and 10th frame roll-off.

STEPLADDER FINALS

The four bowlers who have advanced through the head-to-head semifinals will be seeded 1 through 4 for the one-game stepladder finals based on their AVERAGES of all tournament games bowled. In the first stepladder match, No. 4 will face No. 3. In the second match, the winner of the first match will face No. 2. And in the third match, the winner of the second match will face No. 1 for the title. Ties will be broken by a 9th and 10th frame roll-off.

TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Entry fee is \$80, with \$55 going toward the prize fund and \$25 for lineage and expenses. Entries close on March 29, 2017. The NYS Queens Championship is open to all female members in good standing of the United States Bowling Congress, NYS USBC and a local NYS USBC association and is conducted under USBC rules and regulations. Non-members of the NYS USBC residing in New York State can become eligible by purchasing a USBC membership card for \$21. A non-resident of NYS who is eligible for state tournaments in her state of residency must have participated in a minimum of 21 games at the time of bowling in a league in a USBC chartered local association in NYS to be eligible. *Youth bowlers must sign a waiver or parental consent form prior to bowling; winnings will be held by SMART in the NYS USBC #10118.*

2. BOTH DIVISIONS ARE SCRATCH.

- **In the Open Division**, in order to enter, bowlers must have **at least a 165 average** for 21 games or more from the previous season or a current average of **at least 165** as of 3/16/17 documented with a league standing sheet or signature of local assn. manager. Champion has option of taking prize winnings in cash (check) OR part of it in cash (check) and the remainder as a paid entry to the 2017 USBC Queens on May 17-23 in Baton Rouge, La.
- **In the Classified Division**, in order to enter, bowlers **must not have an average of 195 or above**, based on the highest of the previous season for 21 games or the current season for 21 games as of 3/16/17. Averages must be verified.

Rule 319a, reporting incorrect averages, shall apply. Tournament manager has the right to adjust a bowler's average. Sport, Modified, Challenge league averages are subject to adjustment. Rule 17a also will be in force.

3. Bowlers by entering this tournament agree to abide by all rules and regulations of the New York USBC and the United States Bowling Congress. Decisions of the tournament manager are final.

4. Proper dress is required – skirts (length at least to the end of fingertips), dress slacks or dress jeans, 'skorts' and dress shorts are allowed. **No short shorts, short skirts, tank-tops, T-shirts, hats. Penalty is disqualification.**

5. A bowler may be disqualified and removed from the tournament for any infraction of USBC or Tournament Rules, or for derogatory conduct as determined by the Tournament Committee. Disqualification will result in forfeiture of entry fee and any prize money, and/or awards, which the bowler may have been entitled to.

6. Prize ratio is 1:4. **High qualifier in both divisions will receive a \$25 bonus.** Prize fees will be returned 100%.

7. Bowlers must register 30 minutes prior to the squad time. Only replacements appearing at the Queens bowling center will be put on a waiting list to replace an absent or tardy bowler who has not notified the tournament director. All replacement bowlers must fill out a new entry form and pay the fee. The original bowler will be placed on a waiting list if there is another squad.