

# **2025 Mesquite Senior Games Spring Bowling Tournament Rules Doubles & Singles**

**Dates: March 15, 2025 – Doubles – 3 games**

**March 16, 2025 – Singles – 3 games**

**Doubles: Check-in 9:00 a.m. Start: 10:00 a.m.      Singles: Check-in: 9:00 a.m. Start: 10:00 a.m.**

1. The Mesquite Senior Games is open to all senior male and female participants 50 years of age or older on or before December 31, 2025. This is a non-sanctioned USBC tournament, but it is governed by USBC Playing Rules and rules adopted by Mesquite Senior Games.
2. This is a handicap tournament. The handicap will be 100% of 240.
3. Events: The tournament will consist of two events. Doubles: Mixed, Men's, and Women's. Singles: Men's and Women's. Three games will be bowled in each event. The combined 3 games score plus handicap will determine Doubles winners in each division. The total score of the 3 games plus handicap will determine the Singles winner in each division.
4. Registration fee: Registration fee is 30.00, Event fees are: \$20.00 for Doubles and \$20.00 for Singles, plus a \$5.00 third party registration processing fee. If bowling both events the Event Fee is \$35.00.
5. Registration for this tournament will close March 7, 2025.
6. Age Divisions: Age divisions will be in 5-year increments. There will be nine age divisions. 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85-89, 90+ for all events. Doubles age division will be determined by the age of the youngest doubles partner.
7. Averages: The following conditions apply to averages for this tournament
  1. The bowler is required to submit the previous season's highest average of single USBC league average based on a minimum of 21 games.
  2. USBC Rule 319a will apply. When the entrant's previous season average is used and when an entrant has a current average of 21 or more games that is 10 pins or higher than the prior season's average, the current average must be used. Except for the 10-pin rule above averages will be reported in the following order:
    - a. Highest 2023-24 winter book average with at least 21 games.
    - b. Highest 2022-2023 winter book average with at least 21 games.
    - c. Highest current average with at least 21 games in one league as of March 1, 2025, will be used when season's current average is used as verified average.
    - d. 2023-2024 non-USBC league average will be verified using the final standing sheet for all non-USBC leagues bowled. Bowler must provide.
    - e. No Sport or Challenge Shot averages will be used with the following exceptions. If a bowler has an adjusted Sport or Challenge shot average that is 15 or more pins higher than their book average, the adjusted sport or challenge shot average will be used.
  3. Bowlers are responsible for verifying his/her own average, whether submitted by the bowler, the team captain or others. If the submitted average is lower than required and results in a lower classification or more handicap the bowler's score is disqualified. If the submitted average is higher than required awards will be based on the submitted average. In the case of a team of two or more bowlers, the averages will be combined to if the correct total is high or lower than the submitted total.
  4. Average corrections can be made up to 1 hr. prior to the start of tournament.

5. All bowlers without an entering average that can be verified will enter the tournament with the following averages. Men – 160. Women 130. The tournament directors reserve the right to adjust a bowler's entering average.
6. The average of a bowler may be adjusted upward before participation in the event. If the assigned average is not accepted by the bowler, the entry fee shall be refunded.
8. Pacers will not be allowed.
9. Line-up Changes: Line-up changes must be made 1 hour prior to the start of the event, unless deemed an emergency.
10. Tardy Bowlers: Any bowler arriving late shall play from the frame being bowled. No score will be given for frames the bowler missed. USBC Rule 322a applies.
11. Awards: Doubles: Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded for Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles in each age division for Doubles High Series Handicap. One (1) Gold medal will be awarded in each age division for Doubles High Series Scratch and Doubles High Game Scratch. If participants are eligible for both High Series and High Game Scratch, High Series will take precedence, and High Game will be awarded to the next eligible participants. Singles: Gold, Silver and Bronze will be awarded for Men and Women in each age division for Singles High Series Handicap. One (1) Gold medal will be awarded in each age division for Singles High Series Scratch and Singles High Game Scratch. If participants are eligible for both High Series Scratch & High Game Scratch High Series will take precedence and High Game Scratch will be awarded to the next eligible participant. A Special Recognition Award will be awarded to a participant for a scratch (natural) 300 game or 800 series.
12. Interrupted Games/Series: USBC Rule 321: If equipment failure on a pair of lanes would delay the progress of the game/series, tournament officials can authorize the completion of a game/series on another pair of certified lanes. The interrupted game/series must be resumed from the point of the interruption. The tournament may authorize participants on the pair to practice prior to resuming the game/series. Practice time will be 5 minutes.
13. Delay of Game - No unreasonable delay in the progress of any game is permitted. If a player or team in a league or tournament refuses to proceed with a game after being directed to do so by league or tournament officials, the game or series shall be declared forfeited. This has no bearing on lane problems.
14. Decisions: Any situation not covered by these rules will be governed by USBC Rule Book. If a USBC rule cannot be found to resolve any situation that arises, the Tournament Directors will determine the outcome. No correction to scores will be allowed 15 minutes after the score is bowled, except for obvious errors. All changes must be authorized by a tournament official. Tournament Directors decisions will be final.

Dated: 1/13/25