



Tennessee State Bowling Proprietors Association

To: All Tennessee Bowling Centers

From: Tennessee State Bowling Proprietors' Association

Date: September 30, 2022

Re: *24th Annual Tennessee Volunteer Doubles Tournament*

The Volunteer Doubles Tournament is ready for its 24th year of competition. Started those years ago by a group of Middle Tennessee proprietors, the goal was to increase income for area centers and offer the league bowlers in these centers a chance to win good money in a tournament with a very low entry fee. It has been quite a success!

To provide more opportunities for our bowlers to participate we have extended the in-house qualifying window by two months this year! Our qualifying window begins November 7, 2022, and runs through March 24, 2023. More money for the centers – more opportunities for our bowlers! This is a win-win opportunity so don't miss out!

This Tournament can be a successful event, excite your bowlers, and earn substantial profits. When teams qualify during league play you keep \$2.00 out of the \$10.00 entry fee. The average center has had 90 in-house entries. With a little effort this is a real money-maker. This Tournament is very easy to sell with the low entry fee and 1 out of 6 entries advancing to the State quarter finals.

To participate in this year's tournament, you must send a minimum of 3 teams to the quarter finals to be held at Hermitage Strike & Spare in Hermitage, TN. Look over the enclosed event packet and start running your qualifier November 7, 2022. If you have any questions, contact Mark Hubbuch, Tournament Director, at (615-883-8900) or Michele Colangelo, Executive Director Tennessee BPA, at (817-822-9416).

For your convenience we have enclosed master copies of the Tournament Flyer & Rules, Entry Blank, Quarter Finalists Worksheet, and FAQ Sheet on the various ways to run the in-house qualifying events.

Have a great qualifier and remember if you have any questions, we are a phone call away!



24th Annual Tennessee BPA Volunteer Doubles Tournament

\$10 per team (\$2 lineage, \$6 state prize fund, \$2 state expenses) when qualifying using your league scores! For additional opportunities to qualify outside of league play. Please ask center manager for details.

Estimated Prize Fund \$9,000

(based on 1,500 center-level entries)

2023 State Finals
April 23, 2023 @ 9:00 AM
@ Hermitage Strike & Spare
3436 Lebanon Pike
Hermitage, TN 37076

*Prize money
payout based
on 1 in 6
entries at
state level*

- Two person teams – Men, Women or Mixed
- Open to any league bowler at any Tennessee BPA member center
- Ages 18 & older
- Handicap is 90% of 450
- Qualify up to four (4) times with different partners
- 1 in 6 teams will qualify for the state quarter-finals

In Center Qualifying
November 7, 2022 – March 24, 2023

Quarter Finals
April 15, 16 & 22, 2023

Semi-Finals & Finals
Sunday, April 23, 2023 @ 9 AM
**State Finals immediately following
the Semi-Finals**



24th Annual Volunteer Doubles Challenge Tournament 2023 Tournament Rules and Regulations

FORMAT

1. A) In Center Qualifying - Teams may qualify at any participating Tennessee Bowling Center by using a three-game league score and paying a \$10 per team entry fee (\$2 local lineage, \$6 state prize money, \$2 state expenses, or by bowling a three-game set during times set by each individual center. For additional opportunities to qualify outside of league play, Please ask center manager for details.
- B) 1 of 6 teams competing at the center level advance to the State quarter-finals.
- C) State Quarter Finals - Bowlers in the State quarter-finals bowl a three-game set with the highest scoring 1 of 6 teams and ties advancing to the State semi-finals.
- D) State Semi-Finals - Bowlers in the State semi-finals will bowl a three-game set with the top 5 teams advancing to the State finals. In case of a tie for any of the top 5 spots a 9th and 10th frame roll-off, with each team receiving 20% of their handicap, will be held to determine standings. All teams advancing to the State semi-finals cash.
- E) State Finals - Finals consist of a 1 game TV style roll-off with the winning team advancing to the next match. (5th bowls 4th with winner bowling 3rd etc.) In case of a tie a 9th and 10th frame roll-off, with each team receiving 20% of their handicap, will be held.

DATES

2. A) **In Center Qualifying** – November 7, 2022 – March 24, 2023
- B) **State Quarter Finals** – April 15th, April 16th, April 22nd, 2023 @ Hermitage Strike & Spare
- C) **State Semi-Finals** – April 23rd, 2023 @ Hermitage Strike & Spare
- D) **State Finals** – April 23rd, 2023 @ 9:00 AM immediately following the State Semi-Finals – at Hermitage Strike & Spare

ELIGIBILITY

3. A) Participation is open to any adult league bowler at any participating Tennessee Bowling Center who is 18 years of age or older.
- B) Participants must be a league bowler and have a minimum of 21 games toward a league average.
- C) Entrant may not be a member of any professional bowling association. (PBA, PWBA, or any group the Committee considers professional)
- D) Entrants may not be a member of USBC Youth.
- E) Any entry may be refused for any reason by the Tournament Committee.

TEAM COMPOSITION

4. A) Teams may be composed of 1 man & 1 woman, 2 men, or 2 women as long as eligibility requirements in rules 3.A) thru 3.F) are met.

AVERAGES

5. A) The average used for in-house competition shall be the highest current 2022-2023 league average of at least 21 games at time of entry. Bowlers without at least a 21-game average must bowl scratch (225).
- B) The average used for bowlers who advance to State Quarter Finals, Semi-Finals, and Finals shall be the highest current 2022-2023 league average of at least 21 games as of April 1, 2023, or the average with which they qualified, whichever is higher. Bowlers without at least 21 games as of April 1, 2023, must bowl scratch (225). Each bowler who advances to the State semi-finals is required to bring an average verification form signed by the tournament coordinator of the center in which they qualified.

HANDICAP

6. A) The team handicap at all levels of competition is 90% of 450.

MULTIPLE PARTICIPATION

7. A) Multiple participation is permitted for individuals and teams at the house level...however, the same team may qualify only once for the State Quarter Finals.
- B) A bowler may qualify for the State Quarter Finals a maximum of four (4) times with different partners.

GENERAL PLAYING RULES

8. A) This tournament is administered through a Tournament Director appointed by the Tournament Committee.
- B) Any matters not covered by these rules are decided upon by the Tournament Director and/or the Tournament Committee and all decisions are final.
- C) This tournament is conducted in accordance with the general playing rules of the United States Bowling Congress where the above rules are not specified.

Volunteer Doubles

Date Bowled _____	Employee Initials
<input type="checkbox"/> LEAGUE (Scores from _____ League)	Payment Amount
<input type="checkbox"/> OPEN/SQUAD (PRINT OUTS MUST BE ATTACHED)	\$10 - League - \$? Outside League

BOWLER 1	Phone
Highest Current Average at Time of Bowling	(IN ANY LEAGUE & ANY CENTER)
Average Used is in the _____	League at _____
BOWLER'S SIGNATURE (Required)	
(Signature indicates understanding of average requirement in the Volunteer Doubles Challenge Tournament)	

BOWLER 2	Phone
Highest Current Average at Time of Bowling	(IN ANY LEAGUE & ANY CENTER)
Average Used is in the _____	League at _____
BOWLER'S SIGNATURE (Required)	
(Signature indicates understanding of average requirement in the Volunteer Doubles Challenge Tournament)	

Volunteer Doubles Challenge Scoring Recap

Bowler Name	Average	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Scratch Total
1					
2					
Total Total Team Average		Team Handicap			
				Total Handicap Score	

Return this Recap to the Control Counter at Completion of Competition!

Copies will be made at your request.

2023 Volunteer Doubles Challenge

State Quarter - Final Qualifiers

Using instructions provided with cover letter, please print the following information for each Doubles Team you are sending to the State Quarter Finals.

Team - Bowler Names	House Qualifying Average	Highest Average 3/1/23	Center where Highest 3/1/23 Average held	Assigned Squad Time (For Official Use Only)
1.				
2.				

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1.				
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Qualifying Center				
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