



Southwest Deaf Bowling Association, Inc.
18th Annual SWDBA Mixed Tournament

April 30th - May 2nd, 2027

Vestavia Bowl

1429 Montgomery Hwy, Vestavia Hills, AL 35216

Additional Information: www.swdba.org



Tournament Certified
#04337

	Required (4 bowlers)	Optional (Individual)	Optional (Individual)	Optional (Individual)
	Team / Doubles / Singles	Seniors	HC Classic	Seniors & HC Classic
Prize Fees	\$360.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$90.00
Tournament Fees	\$280.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Total	\$640.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$115.00

For Your Information
 Combo \$25.00
 Member Dues \$15.00
 Total: \$40.00

Team Name: _____

Captain Name: _____

	Bowler (First and Last Name)	Sex M/F	Combo, Dues, Team, Doubles, and Singles <i>Required</i>	All-Event <i>Optional</i> \$10.00	Hoffman Memorial Seniors Classic <i>Optional or Walk-In</i> \$70.00	Mixed Handicap Classic <i>Optional or Walk-In</i> \$70.00	Mixed Handicap & Hoffman Memorial Seniors Classic <i>Optional or Walk-In</i> \$115.00	Total
1	1		\$200.00					
2	2		\$200.00					
3	1		\$200.00					
4	2		\$200.00					

Deadline: April 1, 2027



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Tournament Director: td@swdba.org

Mail: P.O. Box 8121,
 The Woodlands, TX 77387

Bowler Verification Form

Bowler Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

VP: Mobile:

Email:

USBC #:

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2025-2026 Average: of Games

2026-2027 (March 1, 2026): of Games

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If YES, how many time?

I have read and understood the tournament rules and regulations of SWDBA. The listed average is correct to the best of my knowledge. Please return this verification card. Failure to this signed may result in having a 210 average assigned. USBC Rule 304 will also be in effect.

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Rules & Regulations

1. This tournament is Moral Support Sanctioned by the **UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS (USBC)**
2. USBC and Non-USBC members may enter this tournament with high score recognition automatically extended to USBC members. Eligible non-league bowlers can qualify for high score recognition at their option by paying a \$25.00 fee for which the Congress will issue an associate membership card.
3. Prizes for Team, Doubles, and Singles will be awarded on a handicap basis of 100% of 210 for women and 90% of 210 for men. 100% of 210 for 75 years old or older men and women. Handicaps will be figured by each bowler.
4. ALL PRIZES FEES RETURNED 100%. The prizes ratio is 1 to 4 for Team, Doubles, and Singles. 1 to 6 for All-Events.
5. All handicaps will be computed under the following average rule, based on USBC leagues participation. Re-rating requirement of USBC Rule 319c or SWDBA Re-rating System and Rules 319a-3 and 319d shall apply:
 - a. Entrants will use their highest USBC sanctioned league average based on a minimum of 21 games for the 2025-2026 season.
 - b. If the current 21 games average as of March 1, 2027, is 10 or more pins above the 2025-2026 season's average, the current average must be used. If no average as last year, use the highest current USBC sanctioned average, 21 games or more, as of March 1, 2027. All others bowl scratch.
 - c. Bowlers bowling in more than one league must submit the highest average of any league.
 - d. Members who have neither a current average of 21 games nor an average from last year, may enter and bowl at 210 average of his tournament average, whichever is higher.
6. A team must have at least one man and at least one woman. Double partners must come from the same team.
7. Substitutes or any other changes in the original schedule must be given to the Tournament Director one hour prior to scheduled time to bowl. A substitute shall not participate in the "ALL EVENTS CLASS" unless he bowls all three (3) events as a substitute for the same men for whom he is substituting.
8. In each event, the three games will be bowled on one pair of lanes. In the event of a mechanical failure, it is agreed that the bowlers affected shall be moved to the next available pair of lanes.
9. No blind score shall be permitted in case of absent bowlers. In the event a player is tardy, he/she will be permitted to start in the frame being bowled with zero (0) being given for each frame missed.
10. All participants in this tournament must be a member of SWDBA and pay \$15.00 membership fees in addition to the entry fees.
11. ASL-fluent female bowlers can participate in the SWDBA tournament.
12. The individual bowler will be required to verify his own average on the average verification form. All averages of bowlers placed in the prize money list will be checked with the City Association Secretaries prior to the time the prizes are awarded. Misrepresentation of the averages by the team captain will forfeit all rights to prizes in the tournament, and there will be no refund of entry fees. Further, bowlers who misrepresent averages shall be subject to USBC membership suspension penalties. If the two-bowlers entry cannot be certified as outlined above, both contestants must similarly certify the averages shown, with the same penalties and winners of \$300 or over per event within 12 months must be reported to the Secretary. (See Rule 319a & 319d). Failure to do this will cause forfeiture of tournament entry fees and prize-winning in accordance with USBC Rule 319d. The system for re-rating the bowlers who reported the earned prizes over \$300 in the categories of the ranges of averages being re-rated by the given points as follows:

100 to 169	= 5 points
170 to 179	= 4 points
180 to 189	= 3 points
190 to 199	= 2 points
200 to 209	= 1 point
13. All prizes shall be distributed within 30 days after the close of the tournament.
14. No bowler shall practice on the tournament lanes within 30 minutes before his time to bowl.
15. Deaf PBA (Professional Bowling Association) bowlers are allowed to bowl all events in the SWDBA Tournament except for Handicap Classic and Senior Handicap Classic (Hoffman Senior).
16. The four-bowlers team event shall be bowled on one pair of lanes. Ten (10) minutes will be permitted for practice. If there is more than one squad in doubles events the same ten (10) minutes practice session will be permitted.
17. The Tournament shall be held on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The Senior Handicap Classic and Handicap Classic Qualifying Rounds shall be bowled on Friday. Seniors may participate in both events. Qualifying scores shall be the same for both events if entered. Re-entry is allowed and shall be bowled on Saturday.

18. The Handicap Classic and Senior Handicap Classic Rounds, and Stepladder shall be bowled Saturday following the conclusion of the Single and Double Events.. The Single and Double Events shall start Saturday morning. The Double Event shall be bowled after the end of the Single event. The Team Event shall start on Friday morning.
19. The contestants will be assigned lanes randomized by the computer.
20. Dress Code: Each SWDBA Tournament event requires that you abide by its dress code which is as follows: All participants must wear a shirt and casual slacks or shorts, trousers or jeans. Traditional collared shirts, mock-collared shirts, collarless shirts, and bowling jerseys are all permitted. Women may wear Capri pants provided the length is below the knees. Female participants can also wear skirts, culottes or skorts that extend beyond their fingers when their arms are extended down by their sides. Examples of prohibited attire include, but are not limited to: Obscene gesture T-shirts, inappropriate graphics on T-shirts, tank tops, halter tops, bare midriffs, spaghetti strap tops, gym shorts, leggings, sweatpants, cargos, and hats. If you are wearing any of these items you will be asked to change into more appropriate attire. All apparel must be neat, clean and in good condition.

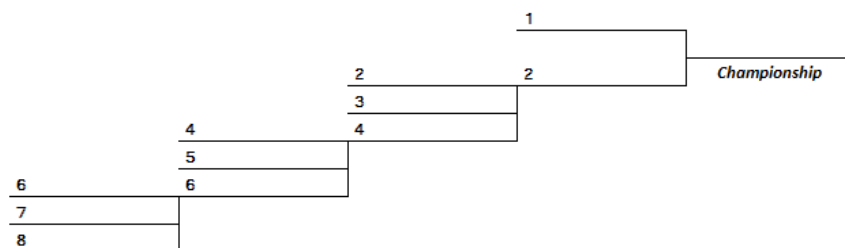
Any questionable items or special circumstances will be addressed by the Tournament Director on Duty.

Hoffman Senior Handicap Classic Event

1. Must be at least 50 years old for both Men and Women to participate in this event.
2. Must purchase a combo ticket and pay SWDBA membership fee of \$15.00 if the bowler is not participating in the SWDBA in any events.
3. Entering average: (a) If no average last year, use the highest current season USBC average at the time entry for 21 or more games. (b) Bowlers with neither of the above shall be assigned averages of 210 for men and 210 for women. (c) If the current season's average of 21 or more games is 10 or more pins than last season' average, the current average must be used.
4. For the Handicap, 50 to 59 years old for men will use 90% of 210 unlimited pins. But if at least 75 years old, use 100% of 210 unlimited pins. All women will use 100% of 210 unlimited pins.
5. Shall be bowled on one (1) pair of lanes, with ten (10) minutes of warm-up practice.
6. No contestants shall practice on the tournament lanes within thirty (30) minutes before his time to bowl.
7. Walk-in entries shall close thirty (30) minutes before the start of qualifying round.
8. Bowl three games across three pairs of lanes. All games will be counted with the handicap.
9. Top 25% (1 to 4 ratio) bowlers shall be advanced to the Rounds Play.
10. Rounds Play Format - bowler will bowl 2 games each round with handicap and the top 50% with highest scores of the first round will advance to the second round. In the second round, the top 50% with the total scores of first and second rounds will advance to the next round or all subsequent rounds until there are only top eight (8) bowlers remaining.
11. Stepladder Bracket Format - the final eight (8) players will use the single-elimination bracket; the total scores from all previous rounds will not be included in the final eight. Note: All bowlers will bowl on the same pair of lanes in Stepladder Bracket Round.

Handicap Classic Event

1. Must bowl in Team and Doubles events to be eligible to participate in this event.
2. Entering average: (a) If no average last year, use the highest current season USBC average at the time entry for 21 or more games. (b) Bowlers with neither of the above shall be assigned averages of 210 for men and 210 for women. (c) If the current season's average of 21 or more games is 10 or more pins than last season' average, the current average must be used.
3. For the Handicap, all men will use 90% of 210 unlimited pins and all women will use 100% of 210 unlimited pins.
4. Shall be bowled on one (1) pair of lanes, with ten (10) minutes of warm-up practice.
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This stepladder bracket format applies to Hoffman Senior Handicap Classic and Handicap Classic.

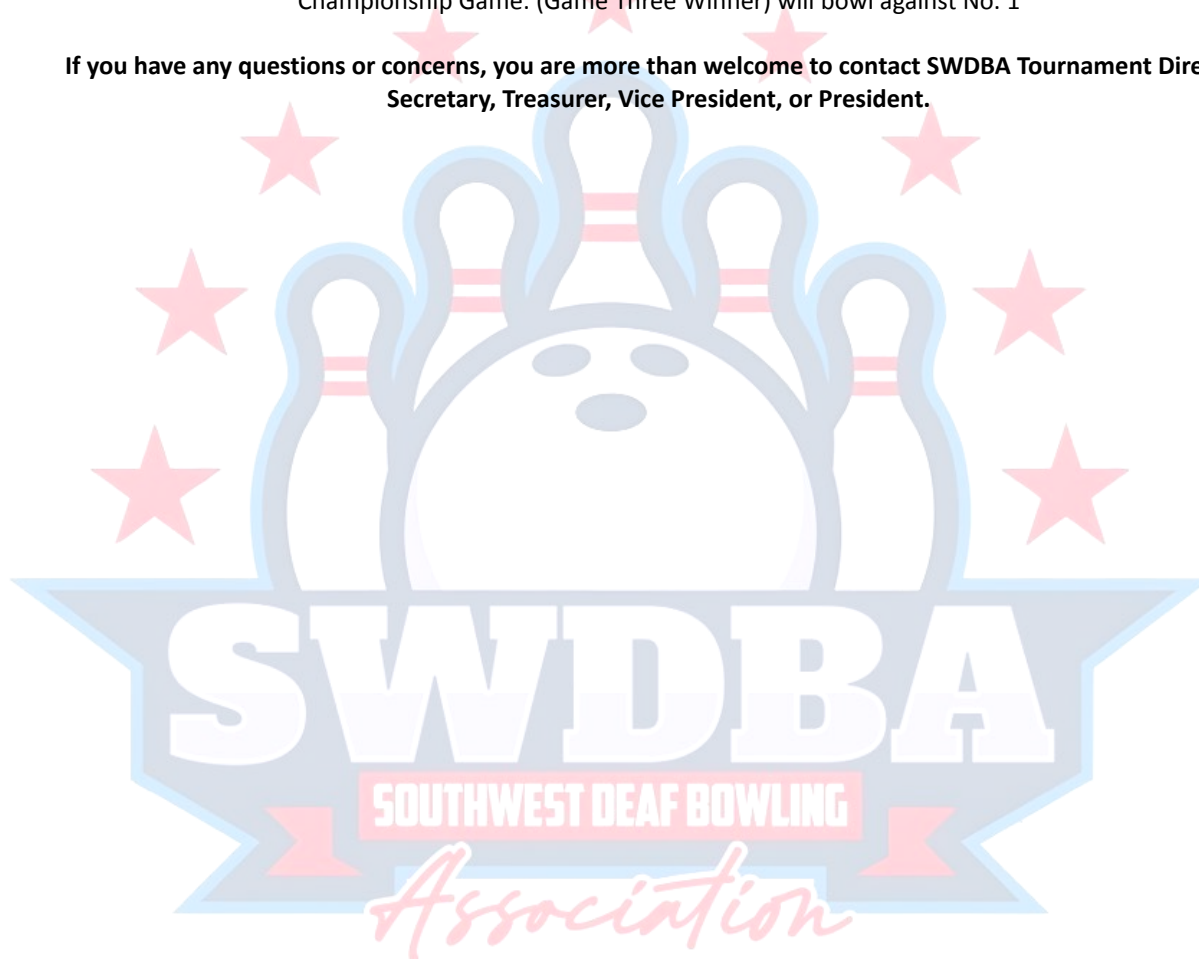
Game One: No. 8 will bowl against No. 7 and No. 6

Game Two: (Game One Winner) will bowl against No. 5 and No. 4

Game Three: (Game Two Winner) will bowl against No. 3 and No. 2

Championship Game: (Game Three Winner) will bowl against No. 1

If you have any questions or concerns, you are more than welcome to contact SWDBA Tournament Director, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, or President.



Proposal Slip

By-Laws (Circle One): Existing New

Event: _____ Year: _____

Proposal: _____

Explanation: _____

Proposed by: _____ Seconded by: _____
(Bowler's Name) (Bowler's Name)

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