

# Menopause/Manopause The Tournament Invitational 2025 Rules

## Sanctioning

1. Meno/Mano The Tournament is a USBC sanctioned invitational event. The tournament is a mixed handicap competition open to men and women by invitation only. The Tournament shall be divided into a men's division and a women's division.
2. All participants must be a member of USBC and be able to provide proof of membership (current sanction card or signed statement from league secretary verifying membership). If the participant is not a member of USBC, he or she must pay the current USBC sanction fees (currently \$25.00) and become concurrently subject to USBC rules and jurisdiction for the tournament.

## Event Participation

3. Bowlers are ***not*** required to be an IGBO member to bowl in this tournament.
4. The tournament events shall be handicap events and are as follows: Singles, Doubles, Team, All Events, Best of 3 games of 9 games (singles, doubles, and teams), and Seniors 55 and over. We will also offer an Optional Scratch event that does not include handicap. All side events will be women or men only.
5. Handicap Mega Brackets will be offered. This event will be cross over with women and men entering.
6. Each participant shall bowl three (3) games per event (Singles, Doubles and Team), and must enter all three events. Teams will consist of four (4) members comprising of all women or all men. Women will be considered one tournament and Men another. Doubles partners must come from the same team.
7. PBA members are permitted to enter Meno/Mano The Tournament. Only one (1) PBA member per team is allowed.

## Entering Averages

8. Any bowler entering Meno Mano the Tournament must establish a 10-pin average acceptable to USBC, excluding USBC Sport and PBA experience leagues, or any league that promotes itself as having more difficult lane conditions.
9. Entering averages to be determined in the order as follows:
  - 1) Combination of current IGBO TAD average of at least 18 games (5/1/24 – 5/1/25) and the bowlers 2023/2024 USBC high average of at least 21 games. (\*)
  - 2) If IGBO TAD average does not exist, then the 2023/2024 USBC high average will be used. (\*)
  - 3) Highest current winter league average of at least 21 games or more. (\*)
  - 4) Highest summer league average for 2024 of at least 21 games or more. (\*)
  - 5) If no verifiable average, bowler enters the tournament with a 225 average or the highest entering average above 225.

(\*) It is the bowler's responsibility to provide a copy or link to the league standing sheets containing their average and number of games if not reported to bowl.com. Failure to provide average may result in disqualification.
10. 10-pin rule is in effect for the USBC high average, not the combination of averages as stated in 9.1.
11. Bowlers are responsible for verifying their own average, whether submitted by themselves, the team captain, or any other person.
12. Averages will be verified by use of USBC yearbooks, BOWL.com, LEAGUESECRETARY.com, IGBO website or copies of league standing sheets.
13. Five pin, candlestick, or duck pin will not be used or considered.
14. Handicap for the tournament shall be based on 90% of the difference between the bowler's entering average and a scratch score of 225 (or the highest entering tournament average). Negative handicap will NOT apply.

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15. As of the beginning date of Menopause/Manopause The Tournament Invitational, any bowler who has won \$600 or more in any single tournament event during the period of 5/1/2024 – 5/1/2025 must report this information to the tournament director(s) by the time of check-in for POSSIBLE average adjustment. Failure to report this information will result in disqualification.
16. Average adjusting must be done before the bowler participates in their first event of the tournament, in compliance with USBC rules. Failure to use or correct the proper average prior to the start of the 1<sup>st</sup> event of this tournament will result in disqualification.
17. No refunds will be issued for disqualified bowler.

## Optional Scratch Division

18. Entry fee is \$30 in each division.
19. Optional Scratch Divisions will be offered to all participants using two (2) divisions as determined by entering average (see Rule 9).
20. The Optional Scratch Divisions shall be as follows:

Division A: Averages of 169 and below

Division B: Averages of 170 and above

21. Scores used for the Optional Scratch Divisions shall be those Scratch games (without handicap) as bowled in the Handicap Events of the tournament (Singles, Doubles and Team).
22. One-Hundred percent (100%) of the Optional Scratch Prize fund from each division shall be returned to that division.
23. The award ratio for the Optional Scratch shall be at a minimum 1:10 per division.
24. Awards in the Optional Scratch event shall be given for the best single game (best 1 of 9), best three (3) game series (singles, doubles, or teams), and the best nine (9) game total (all events).

## Awards and Prizes

25. All cash awards shall be based on the total pins PLUS assigned handicap for each event (with the exception of Optional Scratch).
26. Awards will be given in the Handicap Division for the best Singles, Doubles, Teams and All Events (Individual All Events is defined as the nine-game total plus handicap of an individual bowler).
27. Prizes (excluding brackets (mini and Mega) will be distributed via check payable in US Currency within thirty (30) days of the completion of the tournament, barring any protests, and after an audit is done.
28. A tie in any position will result in the sum of the prizes being aggregated for the tied positions affected and divided equally amongst all bowlers that share the tied position.
29. Prize fund will be based on 100% participation.

## Attendance and Substitutes

30. It is solely and entirely the bowler's responsibility to be present at the assigned lanes at the time of bowling. Each bowler shall have the total responsibility to arrive in time to bowl. Mechanical failures, transportation irregularities, improper directions and related reasons DO NOT alter the application of Rules 31 and 32 below (USBC rules will apply).

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31. Complete Doubles and Team entrants must be present for bowling each event. If a team member is not present, the team may use an authorized substitute (Rule 33). If no substitute is available, a zero score will be used for the missing bowler.
32. Late bowlers will begin bowling in the frame in which they are ready, with prior frames being scored as zero. No practice balls will be allowed to late bowlers.
33. Substitutes may bowl at the discretion of the tournament Director(s). Their entering averages must comply with Rule 9.
34. Bowlers will be allowed 10 minutes of practice per event. However, there will be no practice between singles and doubles since there will be no lane change and the lanes will not be readdressed.

## Entry Requirements

35. Registration is not guaranteed until payment is received, payments may be made online using the associated links from our tournament website [www.MenoManoTheTournament.com](http://www.MenoManoTheTournament.com) or the link in the tournament emails.
  - 1) Registration is Online only, your payment must be made by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025
  - 2) Failure to pay tournament entry by May 1, 2025 will incur a late fee of \$25.
  - 3) Optional events MUST be paid no later than the end of the start of the first event of the tournament being bowled (Meno or Mano).
36. Entries shall be limited to a maximum of 96 bowlers per tournament. Once this maximum has been reached, no more entries will be accepted. Meno/Mano 2025 will sell out at 24 teams per tournament (24 All Women teams and 24 All Men teams). If on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 we do not have 24 teams for each tournament, we will start to take more teams from the wait list. For example; if we only have 16 all Women teams, then we will start accepting 8 more all men teams. Entries will be accepted on a first come basis. If we reach the 48 teams, registrants that have paid will receive first priority. **Once an entry has been accepted, NO refunds will be issued.**
37. Partial team entries will be accepted. The registration committee will make every effort to fill vacancies.
38. Entry fee for Meno/Mano will be \$130 US (\$38 Prize Fund, \$45 Lineage, \$45 Banquet, \$2 IGBO Donation).
39. Non-Bowler (Guest) Banquet fee will be \$50.
40. Any person attending the tournament requiring special accommodations must notify the tournament director(s) in writing within 1-week of submitting their entry application.
41. The team captain, by submitting their application, acknowledges he/she has read and understands these tournament rules.

## Protests and Conduct

42. Any claims of errors or disputes must be submitted in writing to the tournament Director(s) or their appointed representative(s) within 24 hours after completion of the last event. The tournament Director(s) shall settle the dispute according to Meno/Mano 2025 and USBC tournament rules. For more information concerning disputes, please refer to the USBC policy and procedures section concerning the USBC Rules Committee.
43. Prizes for the event affected by a protest will not distributed until the protest or appeal has been resolved.
44. Unsportsmanlike conduct may result in immediate disqualification of a bowler, their removal from the bowling center and forfeiture of any winnings they may have earned. Unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as actions which others may find abusive, including language, hand gestures or damage to the bowling center's equipment (ball returns, computer consoles, displays, walls, floors etc.). This is at the sole discretion of the tournament directors.