



2025-2026 Karen Newell Annual Princess Tournament

Sunday October 5, 2025 10:00am
(Check in begins at 9:00am)



This is a handicap tournament for those whose Average is 170 and below.



\$500.00
for 1st place

guaranteed with minimum 25 entries

The Princess will receive the top prize, crown.

Entry fee \$75.00

(\$45.00 prize fee, \$30.00 lineage and tournament expenses)

Entries close Monday September 29, 2025 No walk-ins will be allowed

USBC Certified Tournament, all participants must be USBC certified

In the unforeseen circumstance of governmental shutdown, refunds will be granted if not rescheduled

Full tournament rules and information on back



Karen Newell
Hall of Famer

Contact the tournament committee with any questions

Heather Marlett (269) 598-9584 or

Donna Marcus (616) 889-6275 or Tournaments@gkbabowling.com

Payment can be made by:
check/money order payable to the GKBA

Paypal: @GKBA2017

Square credit card payments
(Paypal and Square payments add 5% service fee)



Princess Winner

**To: Submit \$75.00 entry fee and this portion of the entry form to:
Princess Tournament C/O GKBA 1151 W. Milham #1352, Portage, MI 49081**

Entrant Name: _____ **USBC ID:** _____

Address: _____ **2024-2025 Composite Avg.** _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

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Tournament Rules

1. All bowlers must be USBC Certified.
2. USBC current rules will be observed. Any tournament rules not covered in this form shall be covered by USBC tournament rules. Tournament Director will make the final decision.
3. The Karen Newell Princess tournament is open to any female bowler with an average 170 and below, as determined by USBC 2024-25 certified information, provided they are in good standing with USBC and the Greater Kalamazoo Bowling Association.
4. This is a handicap tournament. Handicap will be 90% from 200 used in qualifying or finals.
5. The tournament is limited to the first 72 bowlers.
6. Entry fee is \$75.00. No WALKINS will be allowed. Prize fund is returned 100%. Rule 319d is waived.
7. Tournament qualifying begins at 10:00am. Check-in will begin at 9:00am. Tardy players will be scored 0 for each frame missed.
8. Starting lanes will be determined by the Tournament Director.
9. Foul language or obscene gestures are not allowed.
10. One lane courtesy will be observed.
11. Scoring errors must be reported immediately. If a score must be corrected, stop bowling and contact a tournament official.
12. **In keeping with the prestige of the tournament, the dress code will be enforced. No tank tops, jeans, or short skirts. Recommended attire would include shirts with a collar or bowling jerseys, and dress slacks. Headgear will be allowed in the settee area but not on the lanes.**
13. **Format:**
 - 4 games of qualifying, moving one pair to the right. Pins will carry over.
 - With 48 bowlers at least 12 will advance to Round Robin Match Play (in case of a tie for the last match play spot there will be a 9th and 10th frame roll-off. If there is a tie for a seed, High Qualifying game will determine seed.)
 - 4 games of Round Robin Match Play. 30 Bonus Pins for a win, 15 for a Tie and 0 for a Loss
 - Top 4 total pins with bonus will advance to the Semi-Finals (if there is a tie for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th a 9th and 10th frame roll off will determine who finishes with the higher seed.)
 - #1 seed vs #4, #2 vs. #3 will bowl 1 game match
 - The 2 winners will bowl 1 game for the championship (if there is a tie in the round of 4 or the title match a 1 ball roll-off will determine a winner.)
14. There will be a 10-minute warm-up session prior to the start of the tournament.
15. All bowling balls must be USBC approved, and no bowling balls may be used prior to release date to the general public. This will result in disqualification.
16. In accordance with USBC tournament rules, the surface of the bowling ball(s) can only be altered before competition begins. Once competition begins, any ball can only be wiped and/or cleaned with a dry towel or shammy.
17. If a ball is returned with a foreign substance on it (i.e., grease or belt marks etc.), the Tournament director must approve any requests to clean the ball with ANY kind of cleaner. No foreign substance of any kind is permitted on bowlers' shoes. This includes but is not limited to powder, ashes and EZ slide.
18. Unmarried grade and high school students under the age of 18 must have a written consent of a parent or guardian before participating in any USBC certified tournament where cash or merchandise prizes are offered. Such consent must be on file with the tournament director at least one week before participation unless a parent or guardian accompanies the student. In that case, the consent form may be filled out prior to the start of bowling. Should a USBC Youth Bowler participate and qualify for prize money, her winnings must be awarded in the form of a scholarship with the funds being sent to the SMART program. She must also have signed the USBC Singles Waiver and by signing acknowledges that her competition could jeopardize her MHSAA eligibility.