

2024 PENNSYLVANIA STATE USBC YOUTH OPEN RULES

1. ELIGIBILITY

- a All entries and competition in this tournament must be in accordance with the rules and regulations of the United States Bowling Congress and the PA STATE USBC.
- b Each entrant in the Annual tournament must be a member of the USBC within the area served by the state association.
- c **USBC youth membership cards shall be presented at check in by bowler.** Bowlers not in possession of a USBC membership card must file an affidavit of membership or purchase an affiliate membership.

2. EVENTS

- a **Tournament Divisions Based on Combined Bowlers Averages except for Scratch Divisions:**

<u>TEAM EVENT</u>	<u>CLASS 'A'</u>	<u>CLASS 'B'</u>	<u>CLASS 'C'</u>
4 on a team	611 & above	501 - 610	500 & below

SCRATCH DIVISION – YOU MUST CHECK BOX ON ENTRY FORM TO ENTER THIS DIVISION

<u>DOUBLES</u>	<u>CLASS 'A'</u>	<u>CLASS 'B'</u>	<u>CLASS 'C'</u>
Any 2 Bowlers	321 & above	261 - 320	260 & below

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<u>SINGLES & ALLEVENTS</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>	<u>BOYS</u>
CLASS 'A'	151 & above	171 & above
CLASS 'B'	126 – 150	136 – 170
CLASS 'C'	125 & below	135 & below

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Bowlers do not have to enter both the singles and doubles events. You may enter just doubles or just singles.

3. HANDICAP

- a **HANDICAPS** for each event shall be based on 100% of the difference between entering average and top of class. For the top average divisions, handicap will be based on the following: Team Event: 880, Doubles Event: 440, Singles and All Events: 220. Handicap will be computed on three games series.

4. AVERAGES

- a **AVERAGES:** Entrants shall use their highest USBC certified average, 15 games or more as of **January 1, 2024**. If no January 1 league average, entrant may use highest current league average as of the time of bowling, 15 games or more. **Proof of average must accompany each entry form.** (A standing sheet showing USBC Youth Average or a signed verification by a responsible league official or association manager at the bottom of the Entry Form will be proof of average.) If no proof of average is given, bowler will bowl scratch, a 220 average will be assigned. Bowlers with Challenge/Sport League averages shall adjust their average as per Rule 202d of the USBC Rules Book, indicate on entry form average is Sport League Adjusted Average
- b It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average in this tournament, whether originally submitted by the bowler, team captain or others. Failure to use the proper average shall disqualify score if submitted average is lower than correct average, thereby resulting in a lower classification or more handicap. Awards listings shall be based on the submitted average if it is higher than the correct average. However, corrections in average may be permitted up to the completion of the first game in a series.

5. ENTRY FEES AND ENTRY

- a Entry Fee is \$25/bowler/event. All-Events entry fee is \$5.00/bowler.
- b Walk-ins/re-entries accepted, ½ hour prior to each squad provided lanes are available.

6. MULTIPLE ENTRY

- a In order to place more than once in the award standings, Team Event—two players must be different. Doubles Event—at least one player must be different. Singles/All Events—may not place more than once.

7. SUBSTITUTES AND LINEUP CHANGES

- a **SUBSTITUTES** may be used, when necessary, as long as such substitute meets all rules of eligibility. No substitute will be accepted for the ALL EVENTS, unless he/she is replacing the original bowler in all three events and the all-events fee has been paid. Sub must bowl in same position as original bowler. A Sub may change the division in which you bowl, see tournament rule 4.
- b **The following changes will not be permitted after 6PM the Thursday Prior to your tournament Weekend: NO lineup changes** in Team & Doubles Events, only direct substitutions permitted. Four-person teams and double teams shall bowl in order as submitted on original entry application. **No Division Changes after you have started competition.**

8. AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIP FEES

- a Awards fees shall be returned 100% in the way of awards/scholarships. Only those entrants, who pay the \$5.00 entry fee, qualify for participation in the All-Events scholarship fund. Must pay all-events fee prior to first event bowled.
- b **SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RATIO** shall be one scholarship award for each eight entries or major fraction thereof in each of the events/divisions. Symbolic awards will be presented to top three places only and if it meets the one in eight awards ratio.
- c In the event of a tie for first place in any event co-champions shall be declared.

9. CONDUCT & DRESS CODE

- a Improper conduct during your competition shall be cause for disqualification of score in that event.
- b **DRESS CODE:** All clothing must have no holes or tears. All clothing shall cover all undergarments appropriately, no midriffs, low cut or revealing clothing is allowed. All t-shirts, collared shirts must have sleeves. Full length pants, capris, skirts, skorts and shorts are permissible. All skirts, skorts, or shorts must be no more than three inches above the knee. Tournament management will have the final say in determining if a competitors clothing is acceptable for the tournament or not. No electronic devices may be worn during competition. **Penalty:** First offense will result in a verbal warning and apparel change or removal of equipment. Failure to comply will cause the bowler's scores to be disqualified and the bowler to be removed from the competition.

10. OTHER

- a **All-Events – is the combined first bowled scores in the Team, Doubles and Singles Events. Bowler must bowl each event at least once to enter All-Events. (Note: If you also substitute and have paid all-events, if they are the first scores bowled, they will count toward all events.)**
- b No practice on any scheduled tournament lanes for that day.
- c Failure to comply with the above rules shall result in disqualification of all scores bowled.