PENNSYLVANIA STATE USBC

REGIONALS FROM
FEB 20 - MARCH 14, 2027
STATE FINALS
APRIL 24-25, 2027

26-27 Tournament Handbook

$35 ENTRY FEE PER BOWLER

PLEASE BE SURE TO REVIEW THE RULES FOR THIS TOURNAMENT
ENTRY FEE INCLUDES SCRATCH AND HANDICAP DIVISIONS

REGIONAL SCHEDULE

Also viewable on the website at: htpps://bowlpa.com/YouthScratch

		REGIONAL 1			
Director	Deborah Lucks	7081 Yankee Bush Rd	Warren	16365	814/489-3455
Center	Eastland Bowl	3729 McClelland Ave	Erie	16510	814/864-5311
Dates	February 27-28, 2027			**Entry Deadline:**	Feb 14, 2027
Squads	11:00 AM and 2:00 PM on both days				
		REGIONAL 2			
Director	Wanda Murray	1050 Robinson St	Freedom	15042	724/774-8618
Center	King Lanes	590 S Water St	Kittanning	16201	724/543-2716
Dates	March 7 and 14, 2027			**Entry Deadline:**	Feb 21, 2027
Squads	9:00 AM, 12:00 Noon and 3:00 PM (both days)				
		REGIONAL 3			
Director	Heather Craine	223 Amon St	Cranberry Twp	16066	724/996-1191
Center	Nesbit's Lanes	3501 Leechburg Rd	Pittsburgh	15239	412/793-5556
Dates	February 27 and 28, 2027			**Entry Deadline:**	Feb 14, 2027
Squads	Feb 27 - Noon and 3:00 PM; Feb 28 – 9:00 AM and Noon				
		REGIONAL 4			
Director	Mike Frey	34 Mark St	St. Marys	15857	814/335-0649
Center	DuBois Lanes	805 East DuBois Ave	DuBois	15801	814/371-0344
Dates	March 13 and 14, 2027			**Entry Deadline:**	Feb 21, 2027
Squads	10:00 AM on March 13, 1:00 PM on March 14				
		REGIONAL 5			
Director	Bill Keeney	281 East St	LeRaysville	18829	570/744-2981
Center	Starlite Lanes	495 Tomahawk Rd	Towanda	18848	570/265-2245
Dates	Feb. 27, 2027			**Entry Deadline:**	Feb 14, 2027
Squads	10:00 AM and 1:00 PM				
		REGIONAL 6			
Director	Jay Daryman	809 Nightlight Dr	York	17402	717/757-23860
Center	Best Bowl	2208 US-522	Selinsgrove	17870	570/374-2522
Dates	Feb 27 and 28, 2027			**Entry Deadline:**	Feb 14, 2027
Squads	Feb 27 at 1:00PM – Feb 28 at 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM				
		REGIONAL 7			
Director	Donna Gribble	127 N Ronks Rd	Ronks	17572	717/368-0895
Center	Suburban Bowlerama	1945 S Queen St	York	17403	717/848-1632
Dates	March 13 and 14, 2027			**Entry Deadline:**	Feb 21, 2017
Squads	9:00 AM and Noon (both days)				
		REGIONAL 8			
Director	Beverly Williams	1256 Loomis Ave.	Scranton	18504	570/604-5042
Center	Modern Lanes	1948 Wyoming Ave	Exeter	18643	570/693-0584
Dates	March 7 and 14, 2027			**Entry Deadline:**	Feb 21, 2027
Squads	9:00 AM and 12:00 Noon (both days)				
		REGIONAL 9			
Director	William Doncsecz	257 Danbury Dr	Nazareth	18064	610/570-0309
Center	Steel City Bowl	1770 Stefko Blvd	Bethlehem	18017	610/867-0586
Dates	Feb 27 & 28, 2027			**Entry Deadline:**	Feb 14, 2027
Squads	Sat Feb 27 - 12:30 PM and 3:30 PM; Sun Feb 28 – 9:00 AM, 12:30 PM and 3:30 PM				
		REGIONAL 10			
Director	Morgan McMullin	1535 N Pleasant Dr	Feasterville	19053	215/815-4486
Center	MacDade Bowl	2105 MacDade Blvd	Holmes	19043	610/532-9044
Dates	March 13 and 14, 2027			**Entry Deadline:**	Feb 21, 2027
Squads	March 13 – 9:00 AM, 12:30 PM and 3:30 PM; March 14 – 10:00 AM and 1:30 PM				

To: League Official/Youth Program Director

From: Heather Craine
Scratch YBC Tournament Director

Subject: 2026-2027 Pennsylvania Scratch Youth Championships
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TOURNAMENT OVERVIEW AND SCHEDULE

This season there will be no changes from last year's format. Here are some bullet points on the tournament, but please read the rules and understand them before entering your bowlers. Any questions please feel free to reach out to the State Tournament Director.

- Bowlers will now have to enter only once and will automatically be entered in both the Scratch Youth Championships and Handicap Singles
  - One entry fee, only need to bowl one time, entered in both events. Saves time and ends confusion for parents and bowlers over which event they are bowling.
- Six Divisions in scratch: U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18.
- Three division the Handicap: Avg 110 and Under, Avg 111 to 150, and Avg 151 and Above
- All bowlers will be required to submit an average and proof thereof for the handicap event.
- State finals are the last weekend in April, April 24-25, 2027.

CENTERS/LEAGUES may run a qualifier tournament using league scores to advance bowlers in this tournament, as long as those that don't qualify this way are given the opportunity to enter as well. If you use this method, we suggest paying all or part of the entry fee for those that qualify.

REFUNDS: Refunds will only be granted up to the closing date for advanced entries. All refunds are at the discretion of the state tournament director. NO REFUNDS for no shows at the event. The processing fee portion of the entry fee is not refundable under any circumstance. Refunds must be requested through the State Tournament director and must be in writing. All refunds will be refunded after all Regionals have concluded.

2026-2027 PENNSYLVANIA'S SEASON SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 1 2026	Online registration opens, paper entries also accepted, but online is preferred
VARIES	**Entry Deadline** – two weeks prior to the start of the Regional Tournament. Only walk-in entries are accepted after that date. Electronic registration closes, paper entries must be postmarked by that date.
FEB 15 – MAR 15, 2027	Regional Level of Qualifying Tournaments, see your Regional Tournament Director or ask the Pennsylvania State USBC State Youth Scratch Championships Director for Dates. You may also find the schedule on our website, bowlpa.com, under Youth Scratch Championships, Regional Level Schedule.
APRIL 24-25, 2027	Pennsylvania State USBC State Finals, bowled at Steel City Bowl and Brew in Bethlehem PA, 1770 Stefko Blvd, Bethlehem, PA 18017, 610/867-0586
STATE ENTRY DEADLINE	April 13, 2027, registration will open on March 18.
JULY 2027	Junior Gold Championships, Indianapolis IN, July 10-17, 2027

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PENNSYLVANIA YOUTH SCRATCH CHAMPIONSHIPS
REGIONAL LEVEL RULES

1. **Eligibility**
   a. The Pennsylvania Youth Scratch Championships is certified by the United States Bowling Congress and governed by USBC rules.
   b. **All youth members bowling in a certified youth league are eligible.** Must bowl in a center that is affiliated with an Association serviced by the PA State USBC.
   c. Advancement ratio from the league to the Regional competition is one (1) in one (1).
   d. Bowlers may enter only in one Regional and enter only once. Multiple participation is not permitted.
   e. Participation in any level of competition past the league level in more than one State/Regional will result in automatic disqualification.

2. **Events/Divisions**
   a. Regional competition will take place at a designated center, time, and place to be determined by the Regional Tournament Director. Squad availability will be seen on the online registration system. (Please see Regional Schedule)
   b. Competition will be conducted in 6 scratch divisions based on the participant's age and sex (boys and girls).

DIVISIONS and BIRTH DATE INFO

U8 - Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2018 or later.
U10 - Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2016 through 7/31/2018
U12 - Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2014 through 7/31/2016
U14 - Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2012 through 7/31/2014
U16 - Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2010 through 7/31/2012
U18 - Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2008 through 7/31/2010

c. **Handicap Divisions –** Bowlers will automatically be entered into a handicap division based on the participants average as of Jan 1, 2027. Three divisions for both boys and girls:
Class A – 151 and above Class B – 111 to 150 Class C – 110 and below

3. **Averages/Handicap**
   a. **Bowlers shall use their highest current certified league average (Standard Ten Pin Only) as of January 1, 2027,** minimum of nine (9) games. Proof of average must be provided. If a bowler does not have a minimum of 9 games as of Jan. 1, 2027, average at the time of bowling in the Regional Tournament shall be used, providing 9 games have been bowled, if not, the bowler will bowl scratch (no handicap) in the 151 and above division. Bowlers with Challenge/Sport League averages shall adjust their average as per Rule 202d of the USBC Rules Book
   b. The handicap shall be 100% of the difference between bowler's average and 230 for Division A, 150 for Division B and 110 for Division C.

4. **Entry Deadline -** The entry deadline for all entries is two weeks prior to Regional Start Date (see Regional Schedule for Details). Electronic registration closes and all paper entries must be postmarked by that date. Walk-in entries will be accepted after this date only. Walk-ins must complete entry form and submit payment at least ½ hour before the start of each squad. Walk-in entries accepted based on lane availability.

5. **ENTRY FEES PER BOWLER:** (Online or submitted on paper)
   Total Fees - $35.00
   Expenses & Bowling Fees - $21.25 Processing Fee - $1.75 Scholarships - $12.00

REFUNDS: Refunds will only be granted up to the closing date for advanced entries. All refunds are at the discretion of the state tournament director. NO REFUNDS for no shows at the event. The processing fee portion of the entry fee is not refundable under any circumstance. Refunds must be requested through the State Tournament director and must be in writing. Overpayments greater than $5.00 and refunds will be refunded after all Regionals have concluded.

6. **Awards and Scholarships/Advancement**
   a. Scholarship fees shall be returned 100% to the bowlers. The scholarship portion will be split 50/50 between the SCRATCH (scratch) and Handicap Event
   b. All ties for last place will receive a scholarship equal to the amount designated for that position.
   c. Advancement ratio to State level and scholarships awards shall be at least one (1) for every six (6) entries or major fraction thereof in each division. All ties for advancement shall advance.
   d. Bowlers will advance to the Youth Scratch Championships State Finals and/or the Handicap Singles State Finals. If a bowler qualified in both divisions you will have to bowl two different times at the state finals, once for Scratch and once for the Handicap.
   e. Scholarship amounts to be awarded will be determined by entries. All scholarships offered are managed by the USBC SMART fund, Account #11455.

7. **Other**
   a. All divisions shall bowl three (3) games on the same pair of lanes. Results will be determined by the total pin fall in each division, plus handicap where applicable. No substitutes will be permitted once athletes have started tournament play.
   b. Competitors shall be allowed up to 10 minutes of practice on their starting lanes. The Regional director will set limits and be consistent throughout the event.
   c. Bowlers arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. Frames missed shall be credited with a zero (0).
   d. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
   e. Claims regarding errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the Tournament Director no later than the start of the next block or 30 minutes after the completion of competition. Questionable errors shall be decided upon by the Tournament Director. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the Tournament Director within 72 hours of the infraction. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
   f. The State competition will take place at Steel City Bowl and Brew in Bethlehem PA, 1770 Stefko Blvd, Bethlehem, PA 18017, 610/867-0586.
   g. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Pennsylvania State SCRATCH USBC Youth Championship Tournament Director. This SCRATCH USBC Youth Championship Director reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.

8. **DRESS CODE -** All clothing may not have any holes or tears. All clothing shall cover all undergarments appropriately, no midriffs, low cut or revealing clothing is allowed. All T-shirts and collared shirts must have sleeves. Full length pants, capris, skirts, skorts and shorts are permissible. All skirts, skorts, and shorts must be no more than three inches above the knee. Tournament management will have the final say in determining if a competitor's 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.

ENTRY FORM FOR REGIONAL LEVEL IS ON THE LAST PAGE OF THIS HANDBOOK

PENNSYLVANIA YOUTH SCRATCH CHAMPIONSHIPS
STATE LEVEL RULES

1. **Eligibility**
   a. The Pennsylvania Youth Scratch Championships is certified by the United States Bowling Congress and governed by USBC rules.
   b. Advancement ratio from the previous competition (Regional) to State competition shall be at least one (1) for every six (6) entries or major fraction thereof. All ties for advancement shall advance.
   c. Participation in any level of competition past the league level in more than one state/Regional will result in automatic disqualification.

2. **Events and Divisions**
   a. The state competition will take place on April 24-25, 2027, bowled at Steel City Bowl and Brew in Bethlehem PA, 1770 Stefko Blvd, Bethlehem, PA 18017, 610/867-0586
   b. The entry closing date is April 19, 2027. All bowlers will select their squad time and pay entry fees, if applicable, via on-line electronic registration via the State Associations Web Site. State finalists will receive instructions and information from the state tournament director by mail.
   c. The competition will be conducted in 12 divisions based on the participant's age as listed below. **DIVISIONS and BIRTH DATE INFO**

U8 - Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2018 or later.
U10 - Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2016 through 7/31/2018
U12 - Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2014 through 7/31/2016
U14 - Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2012 through 7/31/2014
U16 - Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2010 through 7/31/2012
U18 - Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2008 through 7/31/2010

3. **Handicap -** This is a scratch tournament, no handicap.

4. **Entry Fee and Entry – NONE**

5. **Awards and Scholarships/Advancement**
   a. Scholarships: Scholarships will be awarded for at least one (1) in every five (5) entries of major fraction thereof per division. Total scholarship dollars offered based on participation. All scholarships offered are managed by the USBC SMART Account #11455.
   b. Awards: Symbolic awards will be presented to the top three bowlers in each division.
   c. Ties for scholarship positions, the scholarship monies for affected positions will be combined and divided equally.
   d. The first-place winners (or highest finishing athlete who has not already advanced) of the U12, U14, U16 and U18 divisions for both Girls and Boys will advance to the 2027 Junior Gold Championships. They must be USBC Junior Gold members to advance to the Junior Gold Championships. Bowlers without a current Junior Gold membership must purchase a Junior Gold membership prior to June 8. IBC Youth will waive the $250 (U18) and (U16), $200 (U14), and $150 (U12) entry fee for these athletes. These athletes will compete for additional scholarships available to all athletes at the Junior Gold Championships, as well as other prizes and awards. All U.S. citizens are vying for a spot on USBC Junior Team USA 2027 to represent the United States in national and international competition. If the U12, U14, U16 or U18 Division Champion is unwilling to become a Junior Gold member, they will not advance to the Junior Gold Championships. However, the athlete will still retain the state/zone scholarship, but the berth to the Junior Gold Championships will be awarded to the next eligible athlete.

In the event that a qualifier needs to be replaced and there is a tie to determine who will advance to the Junior Gold Championships, the high game from the qualifying scores will determine who will advance. If the high score for each is the same, the next subsequent high score will be used until the tie is broken.

Eligible advancers must agree to bowl in the Junior Gold Championships, or, failing to do so, agree to waive all rights. Replacements will be selected based on the order of finish in their division at the state/zone level. Replacements will incur all costs associated with changing the airline ticket, if applicable. If the eligible advancer decides not to attend the Junior Gold Championships, any stipends offered will be forfeited. However, any scholarship earned at the state/zone level will be retained.

6. **Other**
   a. All divisions shall bowl three (3) games. Results will be determined by the total pin fall in each division.
   b. No substitutions are permitted; however, replacements may be used for bowlers not present 15 minutes prior to their scheduled squad time. **Replacements must be in order of finish from the prior level of competition, Regionals.**
   c. Ties in the Divisions affecting Junior Gold finalists only will be broken using the high game from the qualifying scores will determine who will advance. If the high score for each is the same, the next subsequent high score will be used until the tie is broken.
   d. If no replacement has been made, bowlers arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. Frames missed shall be credited with a zero (0). Bowlers not present to bowl when it is his/her turn shall be credited with a zero for that frame.
   e. Competitors shall be allowed up to 10 minutes of practice on their starting lanes.
   f. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
   g. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the Tournament Director no later than the start of the next block or 30 minutes after the completion of the competition. Questionable errors shall be decided upon by the Tournament Director. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the Tournament Director within 72 hours of the infraction. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
   h. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Pennsylvania State SCRATCH USBC Youth Championship Tournament Director. The State SCRATCH USBC Youth Championship Tournament Director reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.

7. **DRESS CODE**
   a. All clothing may not have any holes or tears. All clothing shall cover all undergarments appropriately, no midriffs, low cut or revealing clothing is allowed. All t-shirts and 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 competitor's 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.

YOUTH HDCP SCHOLARSHIP SINGLES STATE LEVEL RULES

1. **Eligibility**
   a. The Pennsylvania Handicap Scholarship Singles Tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress and governed by USBC rules.
   b. Advancement ratio from the previous competition (Regional) to State competition shall be at least one (1) for every six (6) entries or major fraction thereof. All ties for advancement shall advance.
   c. Participating in more than one Regional in an attempt to qualify for States will result in automatic disqualification. Multiple participation is not permitted at any level.

2. **Events/Divisions**
   a. The competition will be bowled at Steel City Bowl and Brew in Bethlehem PA, 1770 Stefko Blvd, Bethlehem, PA 18017, 610/867-0586. The entry closing date is April 19, 2027. All bowlers will select their squad time and pay applicable entry fees, if any, via on-line electronic registration via the State Associations Web Site. State finalists will receive instructions and information from the state tournament director by mail.
   b. The competition will be conducted in 6 divisions, three for both boys and girls, based on the participant's age as listed below.

DIVISION	Average Information
Division A	151 and above as of Jan 1 2027
Division B	111 to 150 as of Jan 1, 2027
Division C	110 and under as of Jan 1, 2027

3. **Handicap/Average**
   a. **Bowlers all use their highest current certified league average (Standard Ten Pin Only) as of January 1, 2027,** minimum of nine (9) games. Averages must be verified by a league standing sheet. If a bowler does not have a minimum of 9 games as of Jan. 1, 2027, average at the time of bowling in the Regional Tournament, shall be used, providing 9 games have been bowled, if not, the bowler will bowl scratch (no handicap). Bowlers with Sport League averages shall adjust their average as per Rule 202d of the USBC Rules Book.
   b. The handicap shall be 100% of the difference between bowler's average and 230 for Division A, 150 for Division B and 110 for Division C.

4. **ENTRY FEES: NONE**

5. **Awards/Scholarships**
   a. Scholarships: Scholarships will be awarded for at least one (1) in every five (5) entries of major fraction thereof per division. Total scholarship dollars offered based on participation. All scholarships offered are managed by the USBC SMART fund, Account #11455. Ties for scholarship positions, the scholarship monies for affected positions will be combined and divided equally.
   b. Awards: Symbolic awards will be presented to the top three bowlers in each division.

6. **Other**
   a. All divisions shall bowl three (3) games. Results will be determined by the total pin fall in each division.
   b. No substitutions will be permitted once athletes have started tournament play, however replacements may be used for bowlers not present 15 minutes prior to their scheduled squad time. **Replacements must be in order of finish from the prior level of competition, Regionals.**

c. If no replacement has been made, bowlers arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. Frames missed shall be credited with a zero (0). Bowlers not present to bowl when it is his/her turn shall be credited with a zero for that frame.
d. Competitors shall be allowed up to 10 minutes of practice on their starting lanes.
e. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
f. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the Tournament Director no later than the start of the next block or 30 minutes after the completion of the competition. Questionable errors shall be decided upon by the Tournament Director. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the Tournament Director within 72 hours of the infraction. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
g. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Pennsylvania State USBC Youth HDCP Scholarship Singles Tournament Director. The Tournament Director reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.

7. **DRESS CODE:** All clothing may not have any holes or tears. All clothing shall cover all undergarments appropriately, no midriffs, low cut or revealing clothing is allowed. All T-shirts and 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 competitor's 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.

Entry Form

ALL FIELDS MUST BE FILLED IN TO BE ACCEPTED

Must be Postmarked by Regional Deadline Date

See Regional Schedule for Dates

Pennsylvania State USBC
SCRATCH YOUTH BOWLING CHAMPIONSHSIPS
Mail to: Heather Craine, Tournament Director
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ENTRY NUMBER	
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Entry Contact Information	
Enter Regional Number Here:	Center:
Name:	MEM ID:
Address:	Evening Phone:
City, State, Zip:	Daytime Phone:
	E-Mail:

Bowler Information		
1	Name:	Mem ID:
	Address:	Birthday:
	City/State/Zip:	Sex (M/F):
		Avg as of Jan 1, 2027:
1st Squad Choice:		2nd Squad Choice:

Make checks payable to Pennsylvania State USBC
Entry Fee is $35.00
Expenses & Bowling Fees - $21.25 Processing Fee - $1.75 Scholarships - $12.00

The scholarship portion will be split 50/50 between the SCRATCH and the Handicap Divisions.

You are automatically entered into both the Scratch and Handicap portions of the tournament and will only bowl three games that apply to each event.

Average must be verifiable by an average sheet submitted to the state tournament director or Regional tournament director prior to bowling.

You may enter only once in this tournament; you may not enter multiple Regionals or States. Doing so will result is Disqualification.