

TOURNAMENT RULES - PLEASE READ

1. USBC rules and regulations will govern this tournament. The term USBC "Youth Bowling Code" will apply to bowler's circle and concourse.
2. All bowlers must be a registered USBC member of a USBC certified league in Mississippi for the current season (2024-2025).
3. Age classification as of August 1, 2024- BANTAM (8 & UNDER), PREP (9-11), JUNIOR (12-14), MAJOR (15-17) will be used. Bowlers from different divisions may bowl together, but they will be classified in the higher division. Bowlers may compete in any division above their age bracket but not below.
4. This tournament will consist of **DOUBLES EVENT AND SINGLES EVENT ONLY**.
5. The format to be played shall be the game of American tenpins. Three (3) consecutive games shall be bowled in each event and total pins and handicap shall decide the winner. The sum of nine (6) games bowled shall determine the all events handicap and the all events scratch winner. **May enter a 2nd doubles event provided 1 member is changed; May enter a 2nd singles event but only allowed to place once. FIRST DOUBLES, AND SINGLES BOWLED WILL COUNT TOWARD ALL EVENTS (NOTE: Substitute scores bowled prior to paid entry will count toward All Events)**. Tournament Manager reserves the right in an emergency to permit an individual who has already bowled to substitute in any event.
6. AVERAGE-The bowlers will use current highest sanctioned USBC Youth league (2024-25) average (winter/summer/travel) as of March 1, 2025 with a minimum of 12 games. **League Standing Sheet must accompany all entries**. If bowler does not have either of the above averages, then the bowler will use their highest youth league average on Bowl.com with 12 games or more (2023-24). **IF AVERAGE IS NOT ON BOWL.COM--YOU MUST PRESENT LEAGUE STANDING SHEET OR VERIFICATION IS REQUIRED FROM LOCAL ASSOCIATION MANAGER.** All others must bowl scratch
7. Falsification of an average or any information will result in disqualification. Coaches are responsible for verification of age, averages, and USBC membership and MUST sign entry form.
8. Handicap will be 100% of 200.
9. Each age category will consist of one division. Singles and All Events will be divided into Boys and Girls.
10. Entry fee will be \$20.00 per person/per event (\$10.00 lineage, \$7.00 awards and \$3.00 expenses). Optional All Events: \$5.00 Handicap or \$5.00 Scratch.
11. AWARDS: All winners will receive awards. Awards will be given a one (1) to eight (8) ratio in each handicap division. First place will be awarded in each scratch division for high game and high series. A \$100 scholarship will be awarded to the SMART account for a 300 game (one per person/during the tournament).
12. All entries must be postmarked no later than midnight March 10, 2025. Entries will NOT be accepted without proper entry fees and league standing sheet. Entry fees will NOT be returned once accepted and posted. All tournament entrants MUST be accompanied by an adult chaperone or will not be allowed to bowl. Tournament manager reserves the right to consolidate and add squads as necessary (no squad will be added after the final published squad time).
13. All bowlers MUST show their MS STATE USBC membership card. Coaches/Chaperones must check all entrants in thirty (30) minutes before scheduled bowling time. Substitutions MUST be made one (1) hour before bowling with proper age and average verification presented by the coach.
14. **DRESS CODE: Bowlers are required to wear suitable attire when participating in the Mississippi State USBC Youth Championship Tournament.** No indecent attire, short shirts, short shorts, halter tops, T-shirts or bowling equipment with tobacco or alcohol advertising. Pants must be worn at waist level. No use of electronic equipment or vaping while participating in tournament. The tournament is USBC certified. Rules not covered will be decided on by Tournament Manager.
15. Only bowlers, tournament officials, and scorekeepers will be allowed in the bowling area and "RVP" badges MUST be displayed. This will be enforced.
16. All entries should be complete with proper fees and league standing sheet. Will accept check, money order, cashier's check). If substitute is needed, proper fees should accompany the entry form.
17. MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: **MISSISSIPPI STATE USBC ***** Returned check fee - \$30**