

RULES

1. Tournament is open to USBC Youth members who are members of certified programs in bowling centers within the state of Michigan.
2. USBC rules and regulations will govern this tournament.
3. **AVERAGES:**
 - a) Bowlers will use their highest 2018-19 average (Yearbook/Final Average sheet of 21 or more games) –
 - b) **Bowlers with averages 10 or more pins higher as of 12/31/19 or as of 21 games (whichever comes LAST) than previous Yearbook/Final Average, will use that average. Note: if a bowler does not have 21 or more games as of 12/31/19, an Individual Record Sheet for each league the bowler participates in must be submitted as soon as 21 games have been attained but **PRIOR** to tournament participation.**
IF NO YEARBOOK/FINAL AVERAGE – THEN . . .
 - c) Bowlers will use their highest league average based on a minimum of 21 games as of December 31, 2019
IF NO DECEMBER 31 AVERAGE of 21 games THEN . . .
 - d) If a bowler does not have the required number of games by December 31, 2019 an **Individual Record** sheet for **EACH** league the bowler participates in **MUST** be submitted as soon as 21 games have been attained but **PRIOR** to tournament participation.
 - e) If no winter, then summer
 - f) All other handicap division bowlers will bowl with zero handicap.
 - g) **SPORT/CHALLENGE BOWLING** – Rule #201c. If a bowler only has a sport/challenge average, average adjustment will be made per the Average Adjustment Scale on bowl.com.
 - h) Any falsification of averages will result in disqualification of bowlers.
4. League average sheets or Individual Record Sheets (for every league your bowlers bowl in) as of December 31, 2019, **MUST** accompany the entry. In order to assist the tournament office, the **FIRST & LAST** names of those bowling in this tournament should be highlighted on the average sheet. (The average sheet submitted would be the final December average, which will include all games, bowled up to and including those bowled on December 31st). This is normally the first league sheet in January. **PLEASE DO NOT STAPLE TO THE ENTRIES.**
Average sheets are required for each league in which you bowl including Travel Leagues.
Note: (Only one sheet per league needs to be submitted to cover multiple entries – but please highlight all entrants on the one sheet!
5. Handicap will be 90% from 210.
6. Bowlers will compete in average divisions in every event. Any bowler may elect to bowl in a scratch (no handicap) division – **however they cannot bowl in BOTH scratch and handicap in the same event.** If scratch is not indicated, bowler will be placed in the appropriate handicap division. A bowler may bowl in two Doubles (1 all male/female and 1 mixed), but only one singles. They shall also be allowed to bowl on two teams in each of the team events: Twice on an all male/female team and twice on a mixed team (changing 2 players on each). Entrants in the first Doubles event **MUST** also enter the Singles and vice-versa. **Bowlers will only be allowed to bowl their singles at the time of their first doubles – Please schedule accordingly.**
ALL EVENTS (\$1.00 additional fee). Any age may enter. Scores from Team, Doubles, and Singles will determine ALL EVENTS winners. All Events Division will be determined based on Singles class. All Events score for team/doubles event will be determined from **first appearance**; therefore, bowlers bowling multiple team/doubles events should indicate preference of scheduling.
7. Bowlers having substitute changes should report change to tournament director any time up to but not less than one hour prior to squad time.
8. Teams/Doubles partners will check in with the tournament office when ALL/BOTH members of the team are in the bowling center. Bowlers should report not less than 1 hour before squad time.
9. Tardy Players: Bowling shall begin in accordance with a previously arranged schedule, unless the tournament manager authorizes a delay. Any player or team arriving late shall begin play with the score count beginning with the frame and game then being bowled. No absentees or vacancy scores shall be permitted. **BOWLERS WHO DO NOT SHOW UP FOR THEIR SCHEDULED SQUAD TIME WILL RECEIVE A SCORE OF ZERO FOR THE TOURNAMENT.**
10. Smoking, use of tobacco products, drinking of alcoholic beverages or unsportsmanlike conduct by participants will not be permitted. Bowlers will not be permitted the use of pinball machines, pool tables or other amusement games during his/her assigned times. Outside food or drinks are **NOT** allowed to be brought into the center.
11. Awards will be given on a 1 in 10 ratio or greater portion thereof. CHAMPIONS will be the guests of the Michigan State USBC Youth at the Michigan State USBC Youth Annual Championship Awards Banquet (date to be determined). All award fees to be returned 100%.
12. All balls used in this tournament play must meet USBC specifications. Altering the surface of a bowling ball by the use of abrasives or chemical solvents while bowling in certified competition is prohibited. If a particular ball is challenged and found to be illegal, the bowler's score for that event will be disallowed. **Altering the surface may NOT be done between doubles and singles – USBC Rule 18/2.**
13. A fee of \$52 per team, \$26 per doubles, \$13.00 per singles and an optional \$1.00 per person for All Events must accompany the entry. **No refunds will be issued – USBC rule 314.** Overpayments of \$10.00 or less will not be refunded. Checks returned for insufficient funds will be assessed a \$30 fee.
14. Every effort will be made to accommodate requested dates and times; however, scheduling will be done on a first-come-first-serve basis, with times being assigned where possible according to distance traveled. Reserved entries are due January 8 (No Exceptions), or your dates are subject to release and entries being scheduled with all others on the first-come-first-serve basis. **To make reservations, you must EMAIL, FAX OR SEND A WRITTEN REQUEST BEFORE DECEMBER 30, 2019.** (no phone calls).
15. Errors in scoring must be reported to the Tournament Director within 24 hours. Errors in Posted Position Standings must be reported within 1 week of Final Posting or scores will stand as posted on the website.
16. Local area bowlers may be scheduled to bowl the doubles/singles event on Saturday, April 11 if entries warrant (Easter Saturday).
17. **Proper bowling attire should be worn – no hats or offensive clothing.** The dress code will be enforced and the tournament director(s) have the authority to ask bowler(s) to change or be disqualified.
18. Bowlers may be required to show their USBC membership cards when checking in. A copy of membership cards from bowl.com will also be accepted. Please bring balls and shoes if possible!
19. The use of electronics is prohibited while participating in the tournament.
20. Any requests for changes in dates/times must be done in writing by Email, Fax or Letter (no phone calls) by the league official only.
21. Any disputes during the tournament or exceptions to the above rules will be resolved at the discretion of the tournament manager and/or the tournament committee.

ALL EVENTS/SINGLES classes to be as follows:

Male: Scratch (no handicap)	Female: Scratch (no handicap)
Class A – 165 & Up	Class A – 145 & Up
Class B – 136-164	Class B - 120-144
Class C – 105-135	Class C – 95-119
Class D – 104 & Under	Class D – 94 & Under

7. Bowlers will bowl in the order listed on the entry form. Substitutes will be permitted in the same lineup position. Once a substitute has been put into play, the regular bowler cannot enter the lineup, unless an emergency arises at which time the tournament management will rule. If the name of the sub is not on the average sheet, he/she must present proof of average. Wherever possible, each team should furnish their own substitutes. **Bowlers will not be allowed to move to another team or doubles at the tournament site, unless their team or partner are not present at time of competition.** Only registered team/doubles bowlers are allowed in the immediate bowling area. Seating is for bowlers first!

TEAM EVENT DIVISIONS

MALE	FEMALE	MIXED
Scratch	Scratch	Scratch
A: 640 & Up	A: 560 & Up	A: 640 & Up
B: 544-639	B: 480-559	B: 511-639
C: 440-543	C: 400-479	C: 400-510
D: 439 & Under	D: 399 & Under	D: 399 & Under

DOUBLES DIVISIONS (Singles – see rule #6)

MALE	FEMALE	MIXED
Scratch	Scratch	Scratch
A: 325 & Up	A: 285 & Up	A: 325 & Up
B: 272-324	B: 240-284	B: 272-324
C: 220-271	C: 191-239	C: 200-271
D: 219 & Under	D: 199 & Under	D: 199 & Under

No Division Changes from Scratch to Handicap or Handicap to Scratch after the start of the Tournament – Review Confirmations IMMEDIATELY

**PLEASE CHECK IN 1 HOUR BEFORE YOUR ASSIGNED SQUAD TIME – TARDY BOWLERS WILL START IN FRAME IN PROGRESS
BOWLING WILL BEGIN AT LISTED SQUAD TIMES UNLESS DELAYED FOR OILING**