

Maine State USBC Youth Tournament 2025-26 Rules

USBC Youth Certified

1. Entries are open to all registered Youth members of MSUSBC – Maine State USBC.
 2. 100% of all award fees will be returned. Scholarship award ratio is at least 1:10 for teams, doubles, and singles, and 1:20 for all events.
 3. Participation will be allowed as follows:
 - a) **Singles** – bowlers may only bowl singles once.
 - b) **Doubles** – bowlers have **unlimited** participation but with different partners per entry.
 - c) **Four-Person Team** – bowlers have **unlimited** participation, provided no more than (2) two bowlers compete on the same team more than once.
 - d) **All Events** – bowlers participating multiple times in events must count their first scores in each event towards their All-Events.
 - e) **Walk in entries** – will be allowed up to (30) thirty minutes prior to shift start and bowlers must have been entered in the tournament prior to the entry deadline.
 4. Entries must be postmarked no later than the closing date of the tournament. A schedule will be forwarded to all Association Managers for distribution to bowling centers as soon as available.
 5. Handicap will be based on 100% of 220.
 6. Averages – the highest average for a minimum of “12” sanctioned league games from the prior season will be used to determine handicap. If no prior season average, bowlers may use the current season average as of tournament start date. If no current or previous season average, bowlers must bowl scratch.
 7. Divisions: Handicap 1, Handicap 2, Scratch 1, and Scratch 2. There will be Boy and Girl divisions for Scratch Singles and All-Events only.

	Team	Doubles	Singles
Div-1:	400 and up	200 and up	100 and up
Div-2:	399 and below	199 and below	99 and below
 8. In accordance to USBC Rule 322b, no blind score will be allowed.
 9. Replacements must comply with USBC Rule 324a & 324b, which can be clarified by the Tournament Manager.
 10. All bowlers or their team captains (or) substitutes must sign in at least (30) thirty minutes prior to shift starting times.
 11. In case of a protest, contact the Tournament Manager or a Tournament Official immediately.
 12. Only Bowlers, Monitors, and Tournament Officials with **RVP Badges** are allowed in the Pit Area at any time. Those wanting to help **must** check in with the Tournament Manager.
 13. Once an event has started, the bowlers **must** remain at their assigned lanes until the event is completed.
 - a) If an entrant must leave, they must check with the monitor before leaving the pit area.
 - b) Entrants will not be allowed to leave the pit area for food or drinks.
 - c) There will be no smoking by entrants during the competition.
 - d) Not Allowed: Hats, spandex, midriff shirts, shorter than mid-thigh length shorts/skirts/skorts, Clothing with alcohol and tobacco ads and offensive material, and ripped clothing.
 - e) Not Allowed: Foul language or misconduct.
 - f) These rules are in compliance with USBC Rule 17d.
- FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE RULES WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE TOURNAMENT AND FORFEITURE OF TOURNAMENT FEES**
14. Bowler averages will be verified, by the Tournament Manager, prior to the start of the tournament.
 15. The Boy and Girl with the highest combined scratch score in singles, doubles, and teams will be declared the MSUSBC Youth Champions provided he or she paid the optional All-Events fee.
 16. Champions will also be determined in each division and event by pinfall, including handicap, except for scratch. Entrants/Teams may only place once in any division in any event.
 17. All USBC Youth Rules will govern this tournament.
 18. If lanes are available, practice will be allowed on unassigned lanes.
 19. All returned checks will be charged a \$35.00 fee.
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Tournament Management:

Mail Entries to: MSUSBC Youth Open
c/o Ron Looman
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Oakland, ME 04963
Tel: 207-441-4591

Entry Deadline: September 27, 2025