



MSUSBC 2026-2027 Youth Open Tournament Rules

USBC Youth Certified

1. Entries are open to all registered Youth members of MSUSBC.
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.
5. Handicap will be based on 100% of 220.
6. Averages – the highest average for a minimum of twelve (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 verified by League Manager. If no current or previous season qualified average is available, bowlers must bowl scratch.
7. Tournament Set-Up: There will be two (2) classifications - Handicap and Scratch. Boys and Girls will be separated for Singles and All-Events only. Team Divisions will consist of Div III - 400 and below, Div II - 401 – 560 and Div I - 561 and above. Doubles divisions will consist of Div III - 200 and below, Div II - 201 – 280 and Div I - 281 and above. Singles division will consist of Div III - 100 and below, Div II - 101 – 140 and Div I - 141 and above.
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 substitutes must sign in at least (30) thirty minutes prior to shift starting times.
11. Dress code: At check-in all participants must wear the attire they plan to bowl in. Any changes to attire after check-in must be approved by the Tournament Management prior to the beginning of play. The dress code will be enforced by tournament staff members. Dress code questions or concerns at the time of check-in can be addressed to the Tournament Manager. If any bowler is not in compliance after check-in, the bowler may be disqualified in said event with no refund of tournament fees.

All clothing must be neat, clean and in good condition. Bowlers are required to wear: a collared or mock collared shirt, bowling apparel, or team t-shirts. Capri's, dress slacks, jeans (clean with no holes) shorts (dress, golf) or skorts (*hem line for shorts and skorts must sit at or below the bowler's fingertips with arms relaxed at the sides*). Headgear permitted if medically necessary.

Prohibited items are as follows, but not limited to; bare midriffs, halter tops, tank tops, basketball shorts, sweatpants, leggings and hats/bandanas. Scented products like: Aftershave, perfume, scented body care products. Please refrain from using these products due to the close confines when

bowling, people with respiratory problems, and allergies. Final determination will rest with the Tournament Manager.

12. In case of a protest, contact the Tournament Manager or a Tournament Official immediately.

13. 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.

14. 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 or vaping by entrants during the competition. d) Not Allowed: Foul language or misconduct such as mistreatment of bowling center equipment. 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**

15. Bowler averages will be verified, by the Tournament Manager, prior to the start of the tournament.

16. 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.

17. Champions will also be determined in each division and event by pinfall, including handicap. Entrants/Teams may only place once in any division in any event.

18. All USBC Youth Rules will govern this tournament.

19. Fees must be submitted with entry in the form of a check or Money Order made payable to MSUSBC. All returned checks will be charged a \$35.00 fee.

20)ENTRY CLOSING DATE: Midnight September, 21, 2026

21)TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT: Mail Entries to:

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Thank you for allowing us to serve you.

We look forward to seeing you at the Youth Open Championships