

# Maine State USBC Youth Tournament 2015 Rules

USBC Youth Certified

- Entries are open to all registered Youth members of MSUSBC – Maine State USBC.
- 100% of all award fees will be returned. Scholarship award ratio is 1:10 for team, doubles and singles, and 1:20 for all events.
- Participation will be allowed as follows:
  - Singles** – bowlers may only bowl singles once.
  - Doubles** – bowlers have **unlimited** participation but with different partners per entry.
  - Team** – bowlers have **unlimited** participation, provided no more than (2) two bowlers may compete on the same team more than once.
  - All Events** – bowlers participating multiple times in an event must count their first scores in that event towards their All-Events.
  - Re-Entries** – will be allowed up to (30) thirty minutes prior to shift start and bowlers must have been entered in the event prior to the entry deadline.
- Entries must be postmarked no later than Mar 28, 2015. A schedule will be forwarded to all Association Managers for distribution to bowling centers by April 6, 2015.
- Handicap will be based on 100% of 215.
- Averages – the highest average for a minimum of “12” sanctioned league games, as of the closing date. If no current season (14-15) average, entrants may use their highest average (12 games minimum) from the previous (13-14) season. If no current or previous averages, entrants must bowl scratch.
- Divisions: Handicap and Scratch. There will be Boy and Girl divisions for Scratch Singles and All-Events.

	<b>Team</b>	<b>Doubles</b>	<b>Singles</b>
<b>Div-1:</b>	560 and up	280 and up	140 and up
<b>Div-2:</b>	559 and below	279 and below	139 and below
- In accordance to USBC Rule 322b, no blind score will be allowed.
- Replacements must comply with USBC Rule 324a & 324b, which can be clarified by the Tournament Manager.
- All bowlers or their team captains (or) substitutes must sign-in at least (30) thirty minutes prior to shift starting times.
- In case of a protest, contact the Tournament Manager or a Tournament Official immediately.
- 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.
- Once an event has started, the bowlers must remain at their assigned lanes until the event is completed.
  - If an entrant must leave, they must check with the monitor before leaving the pit area.
  - Entrants will not be allowed to leave the pit area for food or drinks.
  - There will be no smoking by entrants during competition.
  - Collared shirts are required. T-shirts will be allowed only if they are a league or house shirt. Shirts must be past the belt line or be tucked in. Mid-thigh length shorts and skirts will be allowed.
  - Not Allowed: Hats, spandex, midriff shirts, or short shorts.
  - Not Allowed: Foul language or misconduct.
  - 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**

- Bowler averages will be verified, by the Tournament Manager, prior to the start of the tournament.
- The Bowler, who has the highest Scratch All-Events score, will be declared the MSUSBC Youth Champion.
- Champions will also be determined in each division and event by pin fall, including handicap, except for scratch. Entrants/Teams may only place once in any division in any event.
- All USBC Youth Rules will govern this tournament.
- If lanes are available, practice will be allowed on unassigned lanes.
- All returned checks will be charged a \$35.00 fee.

**Tournament Management:**

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**Entry Deadline: Postmarked by March 28, 2015**