

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 1:10 for team, 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) **Team** – bowlers have **unlimited** participation, provided no more than (2) two bowlers may compete on the same team more than once.
 - d) **All Events** – bowlers participating multiple times in an event must count their first scores in that event towards their All-Events.
 - e) **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.
4. Entries must be postmarked no later than Mar. 19, 2016. A schedule will be forwarded to all Association Managers for distribution to bowling centers by Mar. 26, 2016.

5. Handicap will be based on 100% of 215.

6. Averages – the highest average for a minimum of “12” sanctioned league games, as of January 1, 2016. If no January 1, 2016 average, their average as of the tournament entry closing date may be used. If no current season (15-16) average, entrants may use their highest average from the previous (14-15) season. If no current or previous average, bowlers must bowl scratch.

7. Divisions: Handicap 1, Handicap 2 and Scratch. There will be Boy and Girl divisions for Scratch Singles and All-Events.

	Team	Doubles	Singles
Div-1:	560 and up	280 and up	140 and up
Div-2:	559 and below	279 and below	139 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 competition.
 - d) 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.
 - e) Not Allowed: Hats, spandex, midriff shirts, or short shorts.
 - f) Not Allowed: Foul language or misconduct.
 - g) 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 Bowler, who has the highest Scratch All-Events score, will be declared the MSUSBC Youth Champion.
16. 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.
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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Entry Deadline: March 19, 2016