

# 2026 Missouri State USBC Youth Championships Tournament Rules

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** This tournament is certified by the USBC, and only members bowling in certified youth leagues are eligible to bowl.
2. **ENTRY:** Entry fees must accompany completed entries and be post-marked by closing date. No refunds after closing date. No partial fees accepted. If short a bowler, vacant spot must be paid.
3. **LATE ENTRY:** Allowed subject to availability of lanes for next squad or later. Money order or cash only accepted for fees. Late fee of \$5 per bowler will be assessed on entries submitted or postmarked later than March 11, 2026.
4. **EVENTS:** Four member team event, doubles and singles events are open to all bowlers under Rule 1. If you enter doubles, you must enter singles. Bowlers may direct enter each event TWICE. However, a bowler may participate multiple times as a sub in team or doubles should the need arise. **\*\*Please note: The first time you bowl will count towards your All-Events total.**
5. **OPTIONAL ALL-EVENTS:** All-Events will be offered for bowlers who participate in all the events (Team, Doubles, and Singles). Your Singles division will determine your All-Events division. The cost for All-Events Optional Entry is \$1.00.
6. **RESERVATIONS:** Will be accepted at any time but payment must be postmarked by March 11, 2026 or your spot may be released. Tournament Director has the right to refuse any reservation. We reserve the right to move entries if a squad cannot be filled.
7. **AVERAGES:** Entering average will be based on the following, in this order:
  - a. Last year's (2024-2025) highest youth certified average (standard or adjusted Sport/Challenge) with a minimum of 21 games in one league;
  - b. If no average last year, use highest average as of April 11, 2026 (start of tournament) in one league (12 games or more);
  - c. All others will bowl scratch (220).
  - d. Rule **319(a)** will apply, except that it will be a 20-pin rule. If a bowler is currently averaging 20 pins or more higher than last year's book average (at the time of competition), that average must be reported and used. **THIS IS IMPORTANT.** If this is uncovered after the tournament ends, the bowler will be disqualified, re-rated, and the re-rate will be reported to HQ.
  - d. Travel League averages must be included if enough games have been bowled to apply.
  - e. Sport/Challenge league averages will be adjusted up according to USBC chart.
8. **HANDICAP:** Team aggregate method of handicapping shall be used, with 100% difference between the average and a scratch figure of 880 (Team), 440 (Doubles), and 220 (Singles and All-Events).
9. **SCHEDULING:** Entries shall be scheduled as near as possible to coach's or parents' request. Date and squad times are final after confirmations are accepted by the organizer. Additional squads may be added if entries warrant.
9. **AWARDS:** Honor scores will be done on-site. Coaches are responsible for submission of regular awards to local associations.
10. **CHECK-IN:** All entrants must check in 1 hour before squad time.
11. **SUBS & ABSENTEE AVERAGES:** Tournament director must be notified as soon as possible that a sub will be needed. If a sub is available, they will be used. There will be a limit of two subs per team, and one sub per doubles. However, if no sub is available, the absentee bowler's average less 10 pins and handicap shall be used. **IN THE TEAM EVENT ONLY—limit one absentee score per team.** If the absentee bowler's average is greater than 225, then an absentee score of 215 and handicap of 0 shall be used.
12. **GAMBLING:** No gambling is allowed while bowling. This includes, but not limited to playing cards, lotto, jackpots, pull tabs, scratch offs, KENO, and betting on pin counts (spares & strikes).
13. **RULES & PROTEST:** USBC Youth Rules govern this tournament and these tournament rules shall apply. All protests shall be handled by the tournament director. Decisions of the tournament director are final unless an appeal is filed within 72 hours in accordance with USBC Rule 329.
14. **AWARDS:** All award fees will be returned 100% in the form of symbolic awards or scholarships. Ratio of the awards shall be at least 1 for every 10 entries, or major fraction thereof in each division and event, **WITH A MAXIMUM OF 10 PLACES IN ANY EVENT.** If there is a tie for any place, duplicate awards will be given.
15. **All awards will be mailed to the bowling centers to be awarded in fall leagues.**
16. **SCHOLARSHIPS:** Scholarships won in optional events shall be at least 1 for every 10 entries, or major fraction thereof in each division. Scholarships shall be awarded through SMART Account #09723.
17. **PARENTS NOTE—DRESS CODE: REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY INTO THIS TOURNAMENT—**Nice jeans, slacks, fingertip skirts or shorts are acceptable. **NO** frayed jeans, **NO** jeans with holes, **NO** sleeveless shirts or tank tops. Any clothing depicting foul language or gestures, tobacco products or alcoholic beverages will not be allowed. Headgear (caps, hats, etc.) is not allowed. Use of electronic devices (phones, iPads, tablets) is not allowed. **COACHES—**Communicate this information to the parents and bowlers. Tournament director shall make final decisions. Any exceptions must be pre-approved by the tournament director.

**Bowlers will be placed in divisions automatically according to averages submitted, unless they choose to move up.**

DIV	TEAM	DOUBLES	SINGLES & ALL-EVENTS
1	0-399	0-198	0-99
2	400-576	199-288	100-144
3	577-699	289-348	145-174
4	700 & Up	349 & Up	175 & UP