

NEW YORK STATE USBC YOUTH SCRATCH CHAMPIONSHIPS STATE LEVEL RULES



1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (#04617) and shall be governed by USBC rules.
2. Region level qualifying dates are listed for individual regions. Advancement from league is a one-time entry. If an individual qualified cannot participate in the state competition, replacements will be eligible based on order of finish in previous competition.
3. Advancement ratio from regional competition to state competition is the Top 2 bowlers in each U12, U14, U16 and U18 division.
4. Advancers out of the league level must remain in the division they qualified in during all subsequent levels. If a bowler advances out of the league level in more than one state/zone, the bowler must declare one state/zone to continue competing in before the next competition level. Participation in any level of competition past the league level in more than one state/zone will result in automatic disqualification.
5. The New York State Finals for the U12, U14, U16, and U18 divisions will take place: Saturday, April 18, 2026 at King Pin Lanes, 7157 E. Dominick St., Rome, NY 13440, (315) 336-9999, www.kingpinlanes.com. Advancers to the State Finals will follow the schedule of events for their divisions.
6. Completed entry forms must be electronically submitted and/or postmarked no later than April 1, 2026. Tournament entry forms containing qualifier's name, membership number, address, telephone number, date of birth, and division must be submitted by this date to the state tournament director.
7. Divisions are based on the participant's birthdate as found in the table provided. Athletes must choose the division in which they will compete. Athletes must be Junior Gold members or be eligible and buy membership prior to advancement to the Junior Gold Championships. Competition shall be conducted in the following divisions: Boys Divisions: U12, U14, U16, and U18. Girls Divisions: U12, U14, U16, and U18.
8. The tournament format shall be: The U12 & U14 divisions will bowl 4 games. The U16 & U18 divisions will bowl 6 games. Total pin fall in each division will determine placement.
9. There is no fee to advance from the regional level to the state finals.

Awards and scholarship fees shall be returned 100% to the bowlers. Scholarships will be held in SMART: SMART Account Number: 8537 The New York State scholarship contact is
Beth O'Brien, 71 Clearvale Drive, Cheektowaga, NY 14225, (716) 863-4749, eobrie02@aol.com

10. All bowlers must wear suitable attire. Shirts and bowling equipment may not include any reference to alcoholic beverages, drugs, tobacco products, or foul language. Proper attire includes full-length slacks/trousers for both girls and boys. Examples of prohibited attire include, but are not limited to: hats, tank tops, halter tops, shorts, capris, t-shirts, skirts, skorts, or advertisements of alcohol/tobacco/inappropriate language/gestures/gambling. Bowlers will be required to change if attire is deemed inappropriate by tournament management or designee. Be proud of your appearance. No smoking by guests or athletes will be permitted during USBC Youth competition.

11. No substitutes will be permitted once athletes have started tournament play. However, replacements may be used for bowlers not present 5 minutes prior to the squad time as stated in Rule 2. Replacements must be from the same window, same league, and same center as the "no-show" bowler. They must follow the order of advancement within that window/league.

12. At the beginning of competition, bowlers shall be allowed 10 minutes of practice time on their starting pair of lanes.
 13. If no replacement has been made, bowlers arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. Missed frames shall be credited with a zero. Frames may not be made up. Bowlers not present to bowl when it's their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
 14. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
 15. Ties that would affect scholarships will be broken by a ninth and tenth frame roll-off.
 16. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the Tournament Director no later than the start of the next block or 30 minutes after the completion of competition. Questionable errors shall be decided upon by the Tournament Director. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the Tournament Director within 72 hours of the infraction. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
 17. Symbolic awards will be given as follows: awards to the Top 6 in each division.
 18. Scholarships will be awarded as follows: scholarships to the Top 6 in each division.
 19. The first-place winners (or highest finishing athlete who has not already advanced) of the U12, U14, U16 and U18 divisions for both boys and girls will advance to the 2026 Junior Gold Championships. They must be USBC Junior Gold members to advance to the Junior Gold Championships. Bowlers without a current Junior Gold membership must purchase a Junior Gold membership prior to May 15. USBC will waive the \$250 (U18/U16), \$200 (U14), and \$150 (U12) entry fee for these athletes. These athletes will compete for additional scholarships available to all athletes at the Junior Gold Championships, as well as other prizes and awards. All U.S. citizens are vying for a spot on USBC Junior Team USA 2027 to represent the United States in national and international competition. If the U12, U14, U16, or U18 Division Champion is unwilling or unable to become a Junior Gold member they will not advance to the Junior Gold Championships. However, the athlete will still retain the state/zone scholarship, but the berth to the Junior Gold Championships will be awarded to the next eligible athlete.
- Eligible advancers must agree to bowl in the Junior Gold Championships, or, failing to do so, agree to waive all rights. Replacements will be selected based on the order of finish in their division at the state/zone level. Replacements will incur all costs associated with changing the airline ticket, if applicable. If the eligible advancer decides not to attend the Junior Gold Championships, any stipends offered will be forfeited. However, any scholarships earned at the state level will be retained.
- In the event that a qualifier needs to be replaced and there is a tie to determine who will advance to the Junior Gold Championships, the high game from the qualifying scores will determine who will advance. If the high score for each is the same, next subsequent high score will be used until the tie is broken.
21. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the New York State USBC Youth Scratch Championships Tournament Committee. The National USBC Youth Scratch Championships Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.

New York State Director:

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