

NEW YORK STATE USBC YOUTH SCRATCH CHAMPIONSHIPS REGION LEVEL RULES



1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (#04617) and shall be governed by USBC rules.
2. League level qualifying dates are Dec. 1-15, 2025 and Dec. 16-31, 2025. Advancement from league is a one-time entry. If an individual qualified cannot participate in this competition, replacements will be eligible based on order of finish in previous competition. Replacement must advance from the same league and window based on order of finish.
3. Advancement ratio from league competition to regional competition is at least one for every three entries per division, per league, or major fraction thereof, including last-place ties. The base number for each division is the number of league members that would have participated in that division. In all cases at least one person per division shall advance. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all eligible divisions.
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. Bowlers must declare at the time of their first qualifying window within EACH league if they choose to “opt up” to a higher age division. All bowlers that choose to “opt up” MUST COMPLETE an “OPT UP” Form PRIOR to competition.
5. Competition will take place at ten different regions throughout New York based on geographic regions. Contact your regional tournament manager for dates and times in your area.
6. Entry closing date is January 25, 2026. Tournament fees and completed entry forms containing qualifiers' name, membership number, telephone number, date of birth, and division must be submitted by this date to the regional tournament manager.
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: U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18. Girls Divisions: U8, U10, U12, U14, U16, and U18.
8. The tournament format shall be: All divisions will bowl three games. Total pinfall will determine winners in each division.

9. Entry fee for all divisions:

Lineage \$ varies by region
Expenses \$ 3.50
Awards \$.50
Scholarships \$ 10.00
TOTAL \$ lineage plus \$14

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 142025, (716) 863-4749, cobrie02@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 30 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. Competitors shall be allowed 10 minutes of practice time on their starting pair.

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 in the U12, U14, U16, and U18 divisions that would affect advancement will be broken by a three game roll-off. Should a tie still exist, it will be broken by an additional ninth and 10th frame roll-off. (Refer to Rule 326a). Ties in the U8 and U10 divisions will not be broken. Where necessary, additional awards and/or scholarships will be presented and distributed.

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: Top 2 finishers in all divisions will receive awards. All other places, using a ratio of 1:10, are eligible for a certificate.

18. Scholarships will be awarded as follows: Top 2 finishers in the U8 and U10 divisions will receive scholarships. The top 6 finishers in the U12, U14, U16 and U18 divisions at the state finals will receive scholarships.

19. Advancement to the state finals will be the Top 2 finishers in the U12, U14, U16, and U18 divisions.

20. 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.

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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