

UTAH STATE USBC 56th YOUTH TOURNAMENT INFORMATION & RULES

This tournament shall be conducted in accordance with the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) rules and regulations and governing rules for Utah State USBC Tournaments in addition to rules adopted by the Utah State USBC (USUSBC).

RULES

- Eligibility:** All Youth Bowlers who have not yet turned 18 years of age as of August 1, 2023 and a current youth member of USBC, USUSBC, and a local association located in Utah in good standing. Non-members may purchase a Youth membership on site from the tournament director.
- Average Requirements:** Entrants shall use their highest composite average of all USBC youth leagues for the 2021-2022 season as reported on bowl.com. If no previous average, the entrant will use their highest current certified youth league average of 12 games or more as of April 14, 2023. If an entrant does not have a current verifiable youth average from the 21/22 season, then the highest verifiable composite youth average as posted on bowl.com from past 3 seasons may be used. Sport & Challenge youth league averages (current or past seasons) of 21 or more games will be adjusted based on the USBC conversion table. If the converted average is 10 pins higher than the highest reported composite average it will be used as the entering average. If no verifiable average is submitted or available the participant will be assigned and compete with an entering average of 230. The participant must provide a current average verification from their league secretary at the time of check-in. It is the **PARTICIPANT'S RESPONSIBILITY** to verify the accuracy of their entering average. All averages including Winners' averages if submitted lower will be adjusted and the participant's score will be disqualified. All averages including Winners' averages will be verified and those submitted higher will remain as submitted. **USBC Rule 201c, 319a(2) & 319c will apply.**
- Handicap:** 100% of 230
- Entry Fee:** See Below - **No refunds (USBC rule 314)**

Event	Entry Fee	Lineage Due	Scholarship	Awards/Plaques & Expenses
Team	\$ 100.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 36.00
Doubles	\$ 50.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 18.00
Singles	\$ 25.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 9.00
All Events Handicap Optional	\$ 5.00	None	\$ 4.00	\$ 1.00
All Events Scratch Optional	\$ 5.00	None	\$ 4.00	\$ 1.00

Entry fees must accompany entry for Team, Doubles, and Singles events. Optional Handicap and Scratch All Events Must be paid prior to the start of the first event bowled and can be paid at check-in. **No refunds (USBC rule 314) A \$35.00 fee will be assessed for all returned items.**

- Participation:** This is a Certified USBC competition and will consist of Team, Double, and Single events. **Multiple Team Events** may be bowled with at least (2) members different on each team as schedule permits. Bowlers may receive scholarship money more than once with multiple teams. **Multiple Doubles** will be allowed with different partners as schedule permits. Singles event may only be bowled once. All Events may be entered once and scores will consist of (9) games using the participants First Team, Doubles & Singles event scores bowled in the tournament.
- Division Structure:**

Team Divisions	Doubles Divisions	Singles/All Events Divisions Boys	Singles/All Events Divisions Girls
600 & Over	300 & Over	170 & Over	140 & Over
599 – 450	299 – 225	169 – 130	139 – 105
449 & Under	224 & Under	129 & Under	104 & Under

- Check-In:** Preregistered entrants are required to check in Forty-five (45) minutes prior to assigned squad time.
- Substitutes:** Substitutes are allowed when necessary and must be reported to the tournament manager or official at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the event. In case of disability after a game has started a substitute shall be allowed if one is available. If no substitute is available only the actual score of frames bowled shall count. Substitutes shall take the place in the lineup of the original entrant. A substitute will not be required or expected to reimburse the original entrant with the entry fee paid and is not expected nor required to give the original entrant any prize money or award the substitute may win. If a bowler is missing from a doubles event the doubles partner can request to be rescheduled; **only if a substitute cannot be found at least five (5) minutes before the squad starting time and only if there is room to move to another tournament time and/or day.** Any participant missing for their scheduled singles squad can request a reschedule with the tournament manager or official. **Singles will only be rescheduled if there is room to be moved to another tournament time and/or day.**
- Late or Tardy:** Bowlers arriving after the start of any of their scheduled events will receive zeros for frames missed. The option of requesting a reschedule may or may not be granted based on tournament schedule and lane availability.
- Schedule: Out of area entries, based on distance from bowling center, and date received will have preference but not guarantee of squad choice.** Otherwise, entries will be processed in the order received and entered as requested based on the order received and availability. The schedule will not be changed except for an emergency. Lane assignments and times will be completed by the tournament manager(s). Any Team, Doubles or Singles event participants wishing to be scheduled at the same time and bowl on adjacent/same lanes will need to submit their entries in the same envelope or online at the same time, with a written request. If no request is received lanes assignments will be at the discretion of the tournament manager(s).
- Line-Up:** The line-up will be set as submitted on the entry form for each event.
- Lane Conditioning:** Lanes will be conditioned before all squads.
- Awards:** 100% of all scholarship monies will be returned. Scholarships will be submitted to SMART within Thirty (30) days after the close of the tournament. The final scholarship award listing will be posted online at www.utahbowling.org within thirty (30) days of close of the tournament.
- Prize Ratio:** To be determined based on entries received, the minimum payout will be 1 in 10. In the event of first place ties, co-champions will be declared and prize money will be divided. In the event of last place ties, extra money will be added.
- Protest:** Any protest affecting eligibility or general playing rules must be confirmed **in writing** to the tournament manager within 72 hours of tournament close. Errors in scoring must be reported at the time the error is entered. Unexpected situations will be handled by the tournament management.
- Dress Code:** USBC National dress code will be **strictly** followed. Entrants are expected to wear suitable attire. Use good judgment when selecting the appropriate attire. Examples of acceptable attire – Collared Shirts and Mock-Turtle Necks, USBC Youth Jersey, Dress slacks, Skirts and Jeans in good condition. Shorts, skirts, and skorts with finished bottoms (NO FRAYED HEMLINES) that extend to the knee when worn at the waist 3-3½ inches above the knee. Examples of prohibited attire include but are not limited to – Head gear – (for medical reasons only), T-shirts, tank tops, halter tops, bare midriffs, spaghetti straps tops, etc., workout attire, bib overalls, jeans that are not neat, clean or in good condition (NO TORN JEANS). Attire depicting alcohol, tobacco or gambling, an illegal substance or inappropriate language/gestures may not be worn in accordance with Rule 301B. Bowlers will be required to change if attire is deemed inappropriate by tournament management or designee. Tournament management or designee decisions will be final. **There are no exceptions.** For questions on appropriate attire, contact the Utah State USBC Youth Open Tournament on site office or email to utahstateusbc@utahbowling.org or visit our website at www.utahbowling.org.
- Conduct:** Bowlers are responsible for their conduct. Tournament officials have the right to disqualify any bowler whose conduct is derogatory or detrimental to the best interests of the tournament. No unreasonable delay in the progress of any game is permitted. **(USBC rule 11)**
- Settee Area:** Only participants and tournament officials are allowed/permitted in the bowling settee area during the competition. **No exceptions.**
- Electronic Devices:** No electronic devices shall be allowed for use in the settee area during tournament competition (except for medical reasons). This includes all cell phones, ipods, ipads, any type tablets, any type listening device (except for medical reasons), headphones and/or earbuds. **No exceptions.**
- Liability:** The entrants whose names appear thereon or their authorized replacements hereby agree that the Utah State USBC (USUSBC), its officers or agents shall be liable only to the extent of returning entry fee, if and when these entrants shall be prevented from bowling any event in the tournament through delay, unexpected yet necessary schedule change or premature termination of the tournament, which may be brought about by war, national emergency or emergencies of cause relating thereto or resulting therefrom, fire, strikes, lockouts, labor difficulties or other causes beyond its control.
- Entry Submission Dates:** Entries received by Midnight April 9, 2023, will have squad availability. Entries received after this date will be assigned based on space availability and squad size. **Walk-ins must arrive at least (1½) hours before squad start time.**