

ARIZONA STATE USBC YOUTH TOURNAMENT RULES

1. **Tournament open to** all boys and girls in good standing who have a 2023-2024 USBC Youth Division Membership and bowl in a Youth League that is certified within the State of Arizona.
2. **Tournament divisions** will be according to age as of August 1, 2023, Bantam: 8 years old and under, Prep: 9-11 years old, Junior: 12-14 years old and Major: 15-17 years old and this will be handicapped and scratch.
3. Participants may enter team event twice (but not on the same squad), with no more than two (2) people in the lineup being the same. The first score bowled will count towards entrant's All Events totals.
4. Participants may enter doubles and singles twice (but not on the same squad or with the same partner). Participants must enter both singles and doubles to bowl in either. Singles will be bowled first. The first score bowled will count towards entrant's All Events totals. **Doubles & Singles entries must be complete in pairs; NO half entries will be accepted.**
5. **Bowlers shall use 1 one of the following Averages:** A—Highest current certified league average, as of February 1, 2024 of 12 or more games bowled; B—if no average with the 12-game minimum as of February 1, 2024 then a bowler's history of a 12 game average bowled closest to the date of the competition; C—2022-2023 Highest Book Average of 15 games; or D—If a, b, or c does not apply then bowler will be given a 220 average for his/her handicap average.
6. **An alphabetical average report from each center**, listing all bowlers, first and last names, total pins, number of games and average as of February 1, 2024, is required to be sent to the AZ State USBC. Youth Director's please verify that your center has sent in the required report. This report can be sent via email, to the email address on the bottom of these rules.
7. **Handicap** will be based on ninety (90%) percent of the difference between the entrants' average and 220 for Singles and All Events; 440 for Doubles; 880 for Team.
8. **Substitutes** will be allowed **ONLY** in the same line-up position. Substitutes will report at least one (1) hour prior to scheduled time to bowl, with properly filled out substitute form to include bowler's name, age, average and certification number and association name and number. Once a substitution is completed in any event, the original entrant may not bowl in that spot at that time. **Substitutes are not eligible for all events unless** they bowled in all three (3) events for the same original entrant and the optional all events fees were paid. Each area is responsible for obtaining their substitutes.
9. **Entries will be scheduled on a first received, first serve basis. Those within a seventy-five (75) mile radius of the tournament site may be scheduled for two (2) weekends if needed.**
10. **Check in, for all events, may be done on an individual basis.** Check in time is one half (1/2) hour prior to squad time. **Certification cards are required at check in.** Anyone not checked in ten (10) minutes prior to squad time, may be replaced, if a replacement is available. **If a team is short one pre-paid bowler, an absentee score of ten pins under the average of the absent bowler, plus his/her handicap may be used (one absentee score per team, USBC Rule 322b). After checking in, Bowler must remain in Bowling Center.**
11. **Tardy bowlers**, who **have not** been replaced, will begin play for score beginning with the frame being bowled. They must arrive before the opposing bowlers complete the third frame for that game. Frames missed will be credited with a zero. Bowlers not present when it is his/her turn shall be credited with a zero for that frame.
12. **Awards and Scholarships:** Awards will be given in each division: Team, Doubles and Singles. Additional places will be presented awards if entries warrant. Singles will be divided into Boy and Girl divisions. Scholarships will be presented to finalist on a minimum 1 in 10 ratio for each of the divisions per Team, Doubles and Singles event. **OPTIONAL ALL EVENTS Scholarships: To be eligible for an All-Events Scholarship Award, entrant must have paid the Optional All Events Fee(s).** Awards & Scholarship fees are returned 100%. Scholarships to be administered by the USBC Smart Program. Account #08583. The tournament director is responsible for submitting the scholarships and recipients to the SMART Program, who will administer the scholarships.
13. **Appeals and protests** must be confirmed in writing to AZ STATE USBC YOUTH no later than seventy-two (72) hours after such action or the decision of the Tournament Director will stand.

14. **DRESS CODE:** Appropriate attire shall be worn and will be neat, clean, and proper fitting. Non-tattered blouses, shirts, or jerseys must have a **Butterfly Collar or a MOCK COLLAR**, it must have sleeves and be hip length if not tucked in. Nice Pants or Jeans with **NO FRAYED HEMLINES** or **SHORTS may be worn if they go past the fingertips 2 inches while standing with arms relaxed by their side. NO SPORT SHORTS, sweatpants, gym pants, or Leggings WILL BE ALLOWED).** Bowlers will not wear hats/caps (unless medically approved). Youth are to be in bowling attire when checking in and must stay in the approved attire until finished bowling. Youth participants will not wear apparel or use bowling equipment depicting alcohol, tobacco, gambling, an illegal substances, or inappropriate Language/gestures during competition (USBC Rule 301b).
15. Athletes may not smoke or consume alcoholic beverages. The settee and concourse areas will be smoke and alcohol free. This includes E-Cigs. Smoking and alcohol consumption by non-participants will be in designated areas only. Food and drink must be kept on the back counter or table area. Entrants taking food into the bowling/settee area are subject to disqualification.
16. **No electronic devices will be used by bowlers while bowling in the tournament.**
17. USBC Rule 18 applies. Altering the surface of a bowling ball by the use of abrasives while bowling in USBC competition is prohibited
18. Any rules not set forth in this entry form will be covered by USBC Playing Rules & Commonly Asked Questions

The AZ STATE USBC shall not be responsible for accidents that occur while traveling to or from the tournament site or during the tournament.

**ENTRIES CLOSE AT MIDNIGHT, February 1, 2024
*UNLESS THE SQUADS ARE FILLED SOONER***

ENTRY FEE: \$30.00 PER PERSON PER EVENT

OPTIONAL HANDICAP & SCRATCH ALL EVENTS FEES: \$5.00 each

FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE – RETURNED CHECK CHARGE IS \$30.00

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USBC JUNIOR GOLD EVENT

Arizona State USBC will run a Jr Gold Event as follows:

U12 Boy & Girl

U15 Boy & Girl

U18 Boy & Girl

- 1) **USBC Junior Gold Event** is an optional event for bowlers wishing to attempt to qualify for the Junior Gold Tournament held in Detroit, MI on July 12—20, 2024.
- 2) **Junior Gold Membership** will be available onsite for a fee of \$30.00 for Youth 12 & Above; and \$10.00 for Youth 11 & Under.
- 3) **Event Fees** will be collected prior to the start of the first event based upon the appropriate stated age group entry fees.
- 4) **Entries:** Multiple entries will not be permitted.
 - a) Entrants in the Junior Gold Event must bowl all three events. All nine games will be used to determine the Junior Gold Event winners.
 - b) Qualifying is based on scratch scores.
- 5) **Advancement:** The Ratio for advancement shall be 1 in 4, or major fraction thereof, into the Junior Gold National Tournament
 - a. If there are not 4 participants in each division, we will first combine boys and girls for the age group.
 - b. If a division still does not have enough then we will combine age divisions and separate the Boys/Girls.
 - c. If still not enough, see rule 5a. Everyone will bowl in the higher age group that signs up, in order to fill any division as needed.
 - d. There will be no refunds in Junior Gold Tournament.
 - e. Any leftover funds will be awarded to the Champion of the division in the form of a SMART Scholarship.