



**AZ STATE USBC
YOUTH HANDICAP SINGLES
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
2024-2025
CERTIFICATION # 05442
SECTIONAL RULES & FORMAT**

ENCLOSED: Arizona Sectional and State Rules and Format. **Coaches:** Please make enough copies of these rules so that each bowler or parent wanting to participate has a copy.

ALL ATHLETES AND PARENTS must understand the rules, fees, requirements, deadlines, and conditions of the tournament.

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LEAGUE LEVEL COMPETITION is not necessary this year as all Youth Bowlers are eligible to go to the Sectional Level Competition. Enclosed is a Summary Sheet for listing all who want to enter.

SECTIONAL LEVEL OF COMPETITION

Entry Closing Date: October 26th, 2024,

Tournament Dates: November 2nd & 3rd, 2024

TWO SECTIONAL SITES:

Northern Site will be: Cerbat Lanes 3631 Stockton Hill Rd., Kingman, AZ 86409 (928) 692-1818
Southern Site will be: Inca Lanes 1250 W. 16th Street, Yuma, AZ (928) 782-4622

THIS IS THE FINAL LEVEL OF COMPETITION FOR THE 11 and Under Youth.

REFER TO SECTIONAL RULES FOR – Closing Date for Reports – Average Cut Off Date: 10/26/2024
Entry Fees to Sectional Competition – Tournament Format. Closing date for entries. 10/26/2024

STATE LEVEL OF COMPETITION IS FOR YOUTH BOWLERS 12 AND ABOVE

Entry Closing Date: March 1, 2025, Tournament Date: March 8, 2025
Location: Tucson Bowl 7020 E. 21st Street, Tucson, AZ 85710 (520) 747-1363
Check-in time is 12:30 p.m., Bowling starts at 1:30 p.m.

REFER TO STATE RULES FOR – Entry Closing Date 3/1/2025 (response back from advancers)
NOTE: League Youth Directors will be notified of who advanced so they can notify their League Youth.

FEES:

Sectional Fees: 11 and Under - \$25.00 12 and Above - \$30.00

State Fees: 12 and Above Advancers--\$35.00

Payment must be made by league check, money order or cashier's check made payable to:

AZ State USBC

Personal checks or cash will not be accepted.

Fee of \$30.00 for all returned checks

ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT FULL PAYMENT

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ARE YOUR YOUTH BOWLERS & PARENTS AWARE OF THE RULES???

- 1) This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress and shall be governed by USBC rules.
- 2) The competition is open to all 2024-2025 AZ State USBC Youth members. To compete, a bowler must be a regular member of a certified USBC Youth League in Arizona and not be under suspension at the time of qualifying. League substitutes are allowed to participate in this tournament if it is their only USBC Youth league, USBC Collegiate members are eligible if they are 2024-2025 Youth members, bowling in an AZ USBC Youth league and have not violated USBC Rule 400.
- 3) Participants must be aware of each competition level in the state/zone and all associated rules, fees and deadlines. These items are contained in the specific state/zone rules from the State/Zone Handicap Individual Tournament.
- 4) The competition will be conducted in four divisions based on the participant's age as of Aug. 1, 2024. Participation in the wrong age division will lead to automatic disqualification. Bowlers must stay in their given division in that league throughout the entire window:

DIVISIONS: 11 & Under Boys' Handicap
12 & Above Boys' Handicap

11 & Under Girls' Handicap
12 & Above Girls' Handicap

Athletes must see these rules and choose their own Division

- 5) The Competition will take place at 2 sectional sites on November 2nd & 3rd 2024.
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Southern Site will be: Inca Lanes 1250 W. 16th Street, Yuma, AZ (928) 782-4622
Entry closing date is: October 26th, 2024. Tournament forms containing qualifiers' name, address, and telephone number, date of birth and Bowler Certification number and required fees must be submitted by this date to the tournament director.
- 6) The tournament format shall be:
11 & Under Division will bowl 3 games on the same pair of lanes. Total pins plus applicable handicap will determine the winners of the 11 & Under Divisions from each sectional site.

THIS IS THE LAST LEVEL OF COMPETITION FOR AGES 11 & UNDER DIVISION.

12 & Over Division will bowl 4 games on the same pair of lanes. Total pins plus handicap, where applicable, will determine who will advance to the state level of competition.

Entry fee is:

Ages 11 & Under:
Lineage & Expense: \$ 15.75
Awards: \$ 9.25
TOTAL: \$ 25.00

Ages 12 & Above
Lineage & Expenses \$ 20.75
Awards/Scholarships \$ 9.25
TOTAL: \$ 30.00

Awards and Scholarship fees shall be returned 100% to the bowlers. *Scholarships will be held in SMART Program. Account #08583. Contact person: Denise Lish, 817-385-8292

(*USBC Rules 301 and 309 states that all scholarships must be deposited in the SMART Program.)



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- 7) No substitutes will be permitted **once athletes have started tournament play**. However, replacements may be used for bowlers who are not present 15 minutes prior to the squad time. **Once a replacement has been made, the original bowler cannot be placed back in the tournament.** Competitors shall be allowed 10 minutes of practice time on their starting pair.
- 8) 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 who are not present to bowl when it's their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
- 9) AVERAGES: Bowlers shall use one of the following methods:
 - a. their **highest current certified league average, as of October 26, 2024, of 15 games or more.**
 - b. If no average with the 15-game minimum as of **October 26, 2024**, then a bowler's history of a 15-game average bowled closest to the date of competition may be used. **If a bowler has ONLY a sport league average, then USBC Rule 202D will be used. The average adjustment chart in the USBC Rulebook will determine the "correct" average to be used.**
 - c. The highest book average from 2023-2024 bowling season
 - d. If a, b, or c does not apply, Bowler will be given a 220 average for handicap average.Handicap shall be 90% of the difference between the bowler's average and 220. **Each league must provide an alphabetical list of their bowler's averages as of October 26, 2024, to include ONLY bowlers name, total pins, games bowled, and average.**
- 10) Only bowlers, tournament officials and center staff shall be permitted in the settee area. If needed the Tournament Director may authorize additional people in the settee area on a case-by-case basis but if only determined necessary by the Tournament Director.
- 11) 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 finish bowling. Youth participants will not wear apparel or use bowling equipment depicting alcohol, tobacco, gambling, illegal substances, or inappropriate Language/gestures during competition (USBC Rule 301b). 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. **No electronic devices will be used by bowlers while bowling in the tournament.**
- 12) All Ties for 5th place will all advance to state finals.
- 13) 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.
- 14) Symbolic awards will be given on a ratio of 1 in 10.
- 15) Scholarships will be awarded to the first place in each of the 11 & Under Divisions from each sectional site. Additional places will be given awards if entries warrant.
- 16) Advancement from each of the sectional sites to the state level of competition will be the first 5 places in each Boys & Girls 12 & Above Divisions. In all cases at least one individual per division shall advance.
- 17) All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the State/Zone Handicap AZ USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee. Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.



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- 1) This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress and shall be governed by USBC rules.
- 2) Advancement from league is a one-time entry. If an individual who qualified cannot participate in the state/zone competition, replacements will be eligible based on order of finish in previous competition. Replacements must be from the sectional site of the individual unable to compete.
- 3) Advancement from the sectional sites will be the first 5 places from the Northern site and the first 5 places from the Southern site from each of the 12 & Above Division Boys and 12 & Above Division Girls; this includes all ties for 5th Place. In all cases at least one person per division shall advance.
- 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 league level in more than one state/zone, the bowler must declare one state/zone to continue competing 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) **Entry closing date is March 1, 2025.** Tournament entry form containing qualifiers name, address, telephone number and Bowler Certification number must be submitted to the tournament director per Sectional Rule 6.
- 6) Divisions are based on the participant's age as of August 1, 2024. Competition shall be conducted in the following divisions: 12 & Above Boys Handicap, 12 & Above Girls Handicap.
- 7) **Tournament Format:** The top 20 bowler's advancement is based on the Sectional sites as stated in rule 3. All previous scores will be dropped. Bowlers will bowl 6 games across 6 lanes, moving 1 pair to the right after every 2 games their handicap will be applied to these scores. The bowler's 6 game scores with handicap will determine their final standing in this tournament.
- 8) **Entry fee is \$35.00.** Payable at tournament site by league check, money order, cashier's check, personal checks, or cash will be accepted. If using a check or money order it must be made payable to:

AZ State USBC

A fee of \$30.00 will be assessed for all returned checks
- 9) No substitutes will be permitted **once athletes have started tournament play**, however, replacements may be used for bowlers who are not present 15 minutes prior to the squad time. **Replacements in the State Finals must be from the order of finish from the Sectional level of competition.**
- 10) If no replacement has been made, a bowler 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 missed may not be made-up.** A bowler not present when it is their turn to bowl will be credited zero for that frame.
- 11) **AVERAGES:** Bowlers shall use one of the following methods:
 - a. **Highest current certified league average, as of February 1, 2025, of 15 games or more.**
 - b. If no average with the 15-game minimum as of February 1, 2025, then a bowler's history of a 15-game average bowled closest to the date of competition may be used. **If a bowler has ONLY a sport league average, then USBC Rule 202D will be used. The average adjustment chart in the USBC Rulebook will determine the "correct" average to be used.**
 - c. The highest book average from 2023-2024 bowling season
 - d. If a, b, or c does not apply, Bowler will be given a 220 average for handicap average.

Each league must provide an alphabetical list of their bowler's averages as of February 1, 2025, to include **ONLY** total pins, games and average. Handicap shall be 90% of the difference between the bowler's average and 220.
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- 14) Ties will be broken by a one game roll-off. Should a tie still exist, it will be broken by an additional 9th and 10th frame roll-off, plus one-tenth of handicap per frame where applicable. (Refer to rule 326a).
- 15) Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the tournament director no later than 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.
- 16) Symbolic Awards will be given out to the top bowlers on a ratio of 1 in 10.
- 17) Scholarships will be presented to finalists on a ratio of 1 in 10 of the Sectional Entries in each of the 12 & above divisions. The tournament director is responsible for submitting the scholarships and recipients to the SMART Program, who will administer the scholarships. Scholarships will be held in SMART Account #08583. Contact person: Denise Lish 817-385-8292
- 18) **The First Place Winners and Runner up of the 12 & Above Boys and Girls HDGP will receive paid entries into the 2025 Bowling.com Youth Open Championship in Green Bay, WI on July 11—19, 2025, with entry fees paid by AZ State USBC Youth for Scratch and Handicap Team, Doubles, Singles, & All Events. The Arizona State USBC will provide a \$200.00 stipend to the first-place winners and runner ups to offset travel cost for the National Youth Open Tournament. Advancers will be required to be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or coach. The national finals do not provide chaperones. The stipend will be issued after participating in Tournament and upon the presentation of supporting receipts of actual expenses to the Tournament Director.**
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March 8, 2025 Squad Times: 1:30pm

Please Circle One Division:
12 and Above

Bowling Center: [

Phone#: _____

Gender_

Youth Coordinator: _____

Phone#: _____

Squad Date: _____

Squad Date: _____

Squad Time:

Youth Coordinator Email Address_

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