



# 2024 OFFICIAL ENTRY

## MASSACHUSETTS STATE USBC YOUTH COMMITTEE

Presents the

# Adult/Youth Doubles Challenge Tournament

Open to all certified ten pin bowlers in Massachusetts who have not reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday by August 1, 2023

**ENTRY FEE \$30.00 PER DOUBLE**

(Lineage \$15.00, Expenses \$1.50, Awards \$13.50)

### FIVE DIVISIONS BY AVERAGE

90 & UNDER, 91-120, 121-150, 151-180, and 181+

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024 at 4:00PM**

**Check In Time: 3:00 PM**

**Squad space limited sign up early**

**AMF Somerset  
231 Riverside Ave  
Somerset, MA 02725  
(508) 672-3131**



**ENTRIES CLOSE: DECEMBER 11, 2023**

**MAIL APPLICATION AND FEE TO:**

**MATT FILLIO  
TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR  
370 Chapel Street  
Lee, MA 01238  
(413) 822-3759  
[Mcfillio@yahoo.com](mailto:Mcfillio@yahoo.com)**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "MASS STATE USBC" – NO CASH ACCEPTED  
NO ENTRY FEES WILL BE RETURNED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE**

**MASSACHUSETTS USBC YOUTH COMMITTEE TOURNAMENT  
Adult/Youth Doubles Challenge Tournament—USBC Certified**

**TOURNAMENT RULES- TO BE RETAINED BY ENTRANTS**

1. All entrants must be current USBC Certified ten pin youth members from a State of Massachusetts league who have not reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday by August 1, 2023. Adults must have a valid current USBC card.
2. All rules and regulations of the USBC Youth will govern this tournament.
3. All Youth Bowlers must abide by USBC Youth Code. This means NO foul language or gestures. NO chewing tobacco, NO playing video games and NO electronic devices may be used during squad time and competition. The Tournament Director has the right to disqualify any bowler for failure to comply. Only USBC certified products that meet the youth guidelines can be used.
4. Dress Code: Bowlers must wear a center or league issued shirt, collared shirt, USBC youth jersey, mock collared shirt or USBC apparel, slacks, jeans with no holes worn at the waist. Shorts or skirts/skorts must be below the competitor's fingertips when they are standing and their arms are hanging loosely at their sides. There will be no headgear allowed (unless medically necessary with a doctor's note). All bowlers meet the requirements of USBC rule 301b youth. Any bowler found not abiding by the dress code, will be removed from the tournament.
5. Deliberate falsification of average will result in disqualification, forfeiture of all fees and possible suspension from USBC.
6. The Tournament Director will settle all disputes and complaints. All protests must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Director or USBC Headquarters within 72 hours of such protested event. The tournament director will consult with the MASS STATE USBC YOUTH COMMITTEE.
7. The entrants whose names appear hereon or their authorized replacement hereby agree that the MASS STATE USBC YOUTH COMMITTEE, its officers and agents, shall be liable only to the extent of returning entry fees 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, strikes, lockouts, labor difficulties or other causes beyond the control of the MASS STATE USBC YOUTH COMMITTEE.
8. The Tournament Director reserves the right to add or delete squads if necessary. Squad dates and times are assigned on a first come first serve basis. The Tournament Director will assign lanes.
9. No one other than the bowlers, scorekeepers or Tournament Officials will be permitted in the bowling area. Bowlers must stay in the bowling area during the match unless permission to leave is given by the scorekeeper or Lane Marshall. NO food or beverage will be allowed in the bowling area. **NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY OR ELECTRONICS ALLOWED.**
10. Automatic foul detectors will be used and observed in every event. If there are any questions as to a foul, the Official Scorekeeper and/or Lane Marshall may make a decision otherwise shall contact the Tournament Director who shall be sole judge in a case of a dispute.
11. If within 30 days after the completion of the tournament the winner is disqualified because of an error or any reason, the bowler with the next highest pin fall will be awarded the award.
12. Awards will be given based on a ratio of at least 1:10. All award fees shall be returned 100%.
13. All bowlers will receive a confirmation at least 5 days prior to the tournament. If you do not receive a confirmation 5 days prior, please call the tournament director.
14. Applications will only be accepted if completed in full and accompanied with the proper entry fee. **NO entry fees will be returned after the tournament closing date. All checks are payable to MASS STATE USBC. THERE WILL BE A THIRTY-FIVE DOLLAR (\$35.00) FEE CHARGED ON ALL RETURNED CHECKS.**
15. All matters not covered by these rules will be determined by the Tournament Committee.
16. There will be five minutes of practice on each of the starting pair of lanes. Competition begins when the 1<sup>st</sup> ball is thrown and therefore no surface alterations from that point on will be allowed.
17. A late bowler, or one who leaves during a game, will be given ZERO for each frame missed; tardy bowlers shall begin in the frame then being bowled (no make-up allowed). Entrants must bowl in the order shown on their form. A substitute must bowl in the position of the bowler being replaced. Substitutes must follow the same eligibility rules as the original entrant. No blind scores will be permitted. **NO PACERS WILL BE ALLOWED. THERE WILL BE NO ABSENTEE SCORES ALLOWED. If bringing a replacement, they must register at least 30 minutes prior to squad time** and must be signed by the Program Director, Coach or team representative. If there is no authorized person to make the change, it will be up to the Tournament Director/or his/ her designee to make the change in order to make sure each registered youth bowler that has showed up has the opportunity to bowl. Any award won by the

replacement is the property of the replacement. **A replacement is official at squad time. The Mass State Youth Committee is not responsible for finding subs.**

18. **ENTRIES CLOSE** – December 11, 2023
19. **FORMAT** – 2 games each - **Event 1 - Scotch Doubles.** (Youth bowls first ball of frame, adult bowls second ball in first game, order is reversed in 2<sup>nd</sup> game) **Event 2 – Baker Format** (Youth bowls odd frames, adult bowls even frames, order is reversed for 2<sup>nd</sup> game)
20. **Average: Adults** will use their highest verifiable USBC 2022-23 league average. Average of 12 games as of entry close date will be used for new adult bowlers. (New bowlers please bring your league sheets to verify your average)  
**Youth** will use their previous seasons highest USBC sanctioned average of at least 12 games.  
**Challenge and Sport averages will be converted** using the USBC conversion table.
21. **Handicap** for the series will be based on 100% of the difference of the team average and 480.
22. There will be FIVE divisions based on the **youth's average.**  
90 & under, 91-120, 121-150, 151-180, and 181+  
**Any division not having a minimum of 10 entries in the division will be combined with the closest division.**
23. **Youth will win a gift card (amount to be determined by the number of entries in the division based on at least 1:10 ratio)**  
**An award will be given to the youth that bowls the most pins over average in each division. In the event of a tie, the award will be divided equally.**
24. Total pin fall for four (4) games will determine the winners.

**CONFIRMATIONS WILL BE EMAILED ONLY, AFTER THE CLOSING DATE  
(please provide valid, legible email address)**

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**\*\*\*\*All sections must be completed or application will be returned\*\*\*\***

**YOUTH**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current USBC# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Avg. \_\_\_\_\_ **Do you bowl in a Sport or Challenge League? Yes or No (If so, circle which one)**

Bowling Center \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*BOWLER OR PARENT Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADULT**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current USBC# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Avg. \_\_\_\_\_ **Do you bowl in a Sport or Challenge League? Yes or No (If so, circle which one)**

Bowling Center \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*ADULT Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* Your signatures acknowledge you have read and will abide by the rules.**

**\*\*\*E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_  
( **\*\*\*PLEASE print legibly; confirmations will be emailed ONLY, after closing date** )

**Please check appropriate division:**

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