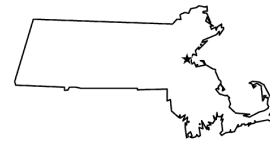




**2024 OFFICIAL ENTRY
MASSACHUSETTS STATE USBC
YOUTH COMMITTEE**



Presents the

SPRING SINGLES TOURNAMENT (HANDICAP)

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

ENTRY FEE \$30.00 – Divisions U12, U15, or U18

(Lineage \$7.50, Expenses \$10.25, Awards/Scholarship \$12.25)

ENTRY FEE \$15.00 – Divisions U8, U10

(Lineage \$7.50, Expenses \$3.25, Awards/Scholarship \$4.25)

TEN DIVISIONS BY BIRTHDATE AND GENDER

Girls U8, U10, U12, U15, or U18

Boys U8, U10, U12, U15, or U18

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024 at 10:00AM

Check In Time: 9:00 AM

**Bowlero Lowell
647 Pawtucket Blvd
Lowell, MA 01854
(978) 454-0476**

ENTRIES CLOSE MARCH 11, 2024

MAIL APPLICATION AND FEE TO:

**HEATHER GUZMAN
TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR
16 GRISWOLD CIR
GRANBY, MA 01033
413-244-4972**

**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
Spring Singles Tournament Application—USBC Certified

TOURNAMENT RULES- TO BE RETAINED BY ENTRANT

1. All entrants must be current USBC Certified ten pin youth members from a State of Massachusetts league who have not reached their 18th birthday by August 1, 2023.
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. Scholarships will be given based on a ratio of at least 1:10. All scholarships 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 1st 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, the replacement must fill the vacancy in the same division and center, 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 – MARCH 11, 2024**

19. **FORMAT:** Tournament will consist of one three game block across three pairs of lanes with the top eight bowlers in U12, U15 and U18 divisions moving on to the finals. U8 and U10 divisions will bowl 3 games on the same pair of lanes.

20. **DIVISIONS: Divisions are based on the participant's age as of August 1, 2023.** Athletes must choose the division in which they will compete. Competition will be conducted on a **HANDICAP** basis only:

There are a total of 10 divisions.

PLEASE USE CHART FOR AGE DIVISION. DIVISION WILL BE CORRECTED AS NEEDED.

U8 Boys or Girls are those bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2015 or later

U10 Boys or Girls are those bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2013 through 7/31/2015

U12 Boys or Girls are those bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2011 through 7/31/2013

U15 Boys or Girls are those bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2008 through 7/31/2011

U18 Boys or Girls are those bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2005 through 7/31/2008

21. **You must bowl in your age division, UNLESS you want to move UP to a higher division with form approval.**

22. **FINALS: Divisions U12, U15 and U18.** The top 8 from each of these divisions will bowl one three game block. The top three (total with handicap) will bowl a stepladder final (three bowls two; winner bowls one) in their division. In the event of a 1st and or 2nd place tie in any division a 9th & 10th frame will be bowled. If tie still exists, it will be repeated until tie breaks. In the handicap division, 10% of his or her handicap will be used in each additional frame. All Bowlers will have 2 practice balls per lane in the finals. #1 Seed will be allowed a lane for warm up after the 5th frame of match 2 vs 3 if requested.

23. **AVERAGE:** Averages used at the state level will be the **Higher** of the following:

a) Highest league average as of January 1, 2024, minimum of 12 games

b) If no such average exists, use higher of the current league average as of entry close date of at least 12 games

c) Challenge and Sport averages will be converted using the USBC conversion table.

d) All others must bowl scratch

24. **Handicap** will be based on 90% of the difference of the bowler's average and 220

25. In the event of a tie the scholarship for that position and the following position will be combined and split equally.

26. **Scholarships will be held in the SMART FUND program at the USBC Headquarters.**

**WRITTEN CONFIRMATION OF THE ENTRY WILL BE MAILED OR
E-MAILED ONCE AVERAGE HAS BEEN VERIFIED**

**Tournament Date:
Saturday, April 6, 2024 at 10:00AM
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**MAIL ENTRY FORM ALONG WITH THE ENTRY FEE
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**Check Here ONLY if you will be moving UP a division outside your age division
(Waiver form must be completed and signed by Bowler or Parent AND Coach)**

DIVISIONS - Based on age as of August 1, 2023 (MUST CHECK ONE)

U8 BOYS _____ U10 BOYS _____ U12 BOYS _____ U15 BOYS _____ U18 BOYS _____

U8 GIRLS _____ U10 GIRLS _____ U12 GIRLS _____ U15 GIRLS _____ U18 GIRLS _____

DIVISION MUST BE SELECTED PRIOR TO ENTRY. DIVISION CANNOT BE CHANGED.

NAME: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS _____ Year of HS Grad (Required) _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Gender: MALE _____ FEMALE _____ BOWLERS E-Mail Address _____

USBC# _____ CENTER : _____ LEAGUE: _____

AVERAGE AS OF 1/1/24 _____ Do you bowl in a Sport or Challenge League? Yes OR No (If so, circle one)

****BOWLER or PARENT Signature** _____

****Coach verification of average Signature** _____

****Your signatures acknowledge you have read and will abide by the rules. ***If there is no average as of 1/1/24, please attach average sheet with average of at least 12 games by entry close date *****

Entries Close: March 11, 2024

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WAIVER FORM

I, _____, *would like to move UP a division.*
(BOWLER NAME)

I understand once the application has been processed, I will remain in the NEW division and abide by all rules explained.

This form MUST be sent in at time of application. There will be no adjustments once application has been received and processed.

****Bowler or Parent Signature** _____ **(Required)**

****Coach Signature** _____ **(Required)**

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