



2026 OFFICIAL ENTRY

MASSACHUSETTS STATE USBC



YOUTH COMMITTEE

Presents the

YOUTH SCRATCH CHAMPIONSHIPS presented by SMART!

**Open to all certified bowlers in Massachusetts who have not reached
their 18th birthday by August 1, 2025**

ENTRY FEE \$45.00 – Divisions U12, U14, U16 or U18

(Lineage \$12.00, Expenses \$15.00, Awards/Scholarship \$18.00)

ENTRY FEE \$25.00 – Divisions U8, U10

(Lineage \$12.00, Expenses \$8.00, Awards/Scholarship \$5.00)

TWELVE DIVISIONS BY BIRTHDATE AND GENDER

Girls U8, U10, U12, U14, U16, or U18

Boys U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 or U18

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026 at 10:00AM

Check In Time: 9:00 AM

**Bowlero Chicopee
291 Burnett Rd
Chicopee, MA 01020
(413) 592-9161**

MAIL IN ENTRIES CLOSE: MARCH 3, 2026

**WALK INS ACCEPTED up to and INCLUDING DAY OF EVENT (\$55.00 ENTRY FEE per bowler –
U12, U14, U16 & U18 divisions; \$35.00 ENTRY FEE per bowler - U8 & U10 divisions)**

CASH ONLY, SUBJECT to LANE AVAILABILITY and MUST REGISTER between 8:30-9:00AM

**MAIL APPLICATION AND FEE TO:
RICHARD HUBERT
TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR
289 N. WASHINGTON ST
NO. ATTLEBORO, MA 02760
774-254-1024**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO “MASS STATE USBC” – NO CASH ACCEPTED (except day of event)
NO ENTRY FEES WILL BE RETURNED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE**

****TOURNAMENT WILL BE BOWLED ON A SPORT SHOT OIL PATTERN****

**MASSACHUSETTS USBC YOUTH COMMITTEE TOURNAMENT
YOUTH SCRATCH CHAMPIONSHIPS presented by SMART! —USBC Certified**

TOURNAMENT RULES- TO BE RETAINED BY ENTRANT

1. All entrants must be current USBC Certified youth members from a State of Massachusetts league who have not reached their 18th birthday by August 1, 2025.
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. **MAIL IN ENTRIES CLOSE – MARCH 3, 2026.** WALK INS ACCEPTED DAY OF EVENT (\$55.00 ENTRY FEE per bowler U12, U14, U16, & U18 divisions; \$35.00 ENTRY FEE per bowler U8 & U10 divisions) - CASH ONLY, subject to lane availability and MUST REGISTER between 8:30-9:00AM. NO CHECKS accepted after mail in entry close date.
19. **FORMAT:** Tournament will consist of one three game block across three pairs of lanes with the top eight bowlers in U12, U14, U16 and U18 divisions moving on to the finals. U8 and U10 divisions will bowl 3 games on the same pair of lanes. ****Tournament will be bowled on a sport shot oil pattern****

20. DIVISIONS: Divisions are based on the participant's age as of August 1, 2025. Athletes must choose the division in which they will compete. Competition will be conducted on a **SCRATCH** basis only:

There are a total of 12 divisions.

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

U8 Boys or Girls are those bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2017 or later

U10 Boys or Girls are those bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2015 through 7/31/2017

U12 Boys or Girls are those bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2013 through 7/31/2015

U14 Boys or Girls are those bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2011 through 7/31/2013

U16 Boys or Girls are those bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2009 through 7/31/2011

U18 Boys or Girls are those bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2007 through 7/31/2009

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, U14, U16 and U18. The top 8 from each of these divisions will bowl one three game block. In the event a bowler from the top 8 is unable to participate prior to the start of the block, the next available bowler will be allowed to participate in that block. Combined total pinfall from rounds 1 and 2 will determine placement for stepladder. The top three 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. Bowlers will have 5 minutes practice on the pair in the semifinals. #1 Seed will be allowed a lane for warm up after the 5th frame of match 2 vs. 3 if requested.

23. 1ST PLACE WINNERS: Divisions U12, U14, U16 and U18 divisions for both girls and boys will advance to the 2026 Junior Gold Championships on JULY 11-18, 2026 in Minneapolis, MN, provided they have not already qualified for the 2026 USBC Junior Gold Championships through another tournament. If this is the case the highest finishing bowler in that division who has not already earned a spot in the 2026 Junior Gold Championships will be awarded the spot. In the event that a qualifier needs to be replaced and there is a tie, to determine who will advance to the Junior Gold Championships, the high game from the qualifying scores will determine who will advance. If the high score for each is the same, the next subsequent high score will be used until the tie is broken. You must be USBC Junior Gold members to advance to the Junior Gold Championships. Bowlers without a current Junior Gold membership must purchase one prior to 6/1/26. USBC will waive the \$250 (U18) and \$250 (U16) and \$200 (U14) and \$150 (U12) entry fee for these athletes. These athletes will compete for additional scholarships at the championships, as well as other prizes and awards. All US citizens are vying for a spot on the USBC Junior Team USA 2027 to represent the United States in national and international competitions. If the U12, U14, U16 and U18 division champion is unwilling or unable to become a Junior Gold member, they will not advance to the Junior Gold Championships. They will however, still retain the state scholarship, but the berth to the Junior Gold Championships will be awarded to the next eligible athlete. Travel and accommodation expenses will be the responsibility of the bowler.

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

- a) Highest league average as of January 1, 2026, 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

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 account number 10735 program at the USBC Headquarters.

WRITTEN CONFIRMATION OF THE ENTRY WILL BE MAILED OR
EMAILED ONCE AVERAGE HAS BEEN VERIFIED

Tournament Date:
Sunday, March 29, 2026 at 10:00AM

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**MAIL ENTRY FORM ALONG WITH THE ENTRY FEE
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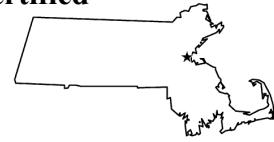
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**Check Here ONLY if you will be moving UP a division outside your age division
(Waiver form must be completed and signed by Bowler or Parent)**

DIVISIONS - Based on age as of August 1, 2025 (MUST CHECK ONE)

U8 BOYS U10 BOYS U12 BOYS U14 BOYS U16 BOYS U18 BOYS

U8 GIRLS U10 GIRLS U12 GIRLS U14 GIRLS U16 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 Email REQUIRED** _____
(Please print legibly)

USBC# _____ CENTER : _____ LEAGUE: _____

AVERAGE AS OF 1/1/26 _____ Do you bowl in a Sport or Challenge League? Yes OR No (If so, circle one)
Are you a current Junior Gold (JG) Member: Yes OR No

Have you won a JG spot in another tournament? Yes OR No

CENTER : _____ LEAGUE : _____

****BOWLER OR PARENT Signature** _____

****Your signatures acknowledge you have read and will abide by the rules. ***If there is no average as of 1/1/26, please attach average sheet with average of at least 12 games by entry close date *****

Entries Close: March 3, 2026

Mail to:

Richard Hubert

Tournament Director

289 N. Washington St

N. Attleboro, MA 02760

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Total	\$45.00	\$25.00

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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)***

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