



2024 OFFICIAL ENTRY

MASSACHUSETTS STATE USBC YOUTH COMMITTEE

Presents the

41st ANNUAL SINGLES TOURNAMENT

Open to all certified bowlers in Massachusetts who have not reached
their 18th birthday by August 1, 2024

ENTRY FEE \$30.00

(Lineage \$12.00, Expenses \$8.50, Scholarship \$9.50)

SIX DIVISIONS BY AVERAGES

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024 at 11:00AM

Check In Time: 10:00 AM

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



ENTRIES CLOSE OCTOBER 10, 2024

MAIL APPLICATION AND FEE TO:

**DEBORAH MCGRATH
TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR
PO BOX 91
BONDSVILLE MA 01009
508-560-4991**

MASTATEYOUTHBOWLING@HOTMAIL.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
State Singles Tournament Application—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, 2024.
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--OCTOBER 10, 2024.

19. FORMAT: Total pin fall of 3 games will determine the 6 qualifiers of each division. Bowlers will bowl three games. These qualifiers will bowl an additional 3 game roll-off. Total pin fall of the roll-off will determine the scholarship winner. In case of a tie for the last position in the first qualifying round, the tied bowlers will advance to the final round. 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.

20. Handicap for each event will be computed at 90% of the difference between the bowler's average and 220 for all entrants based on a 3 games series.

21. Entering average will be one of the following:

- a) Entrants will use their previous season's highest USBC sanctioned average (min. 12 Games).
- b) If entrant doesn't have a previous season's average, then their highest sanctioned current average for a minimum of 12 games as of entry close date may be used (must be verified from the coach prior to the start of the tournament)
- c) Challenge and Sport averages will be converted using the USBC conversion table.
- d) All others shall bowl scratch.

22. COACHES AND BOWLERS (OR PARENTS) ARE TO SIGN FORM VERIFYING AVERAGES, AGES, USBC MEMBERSHIP AND GRADUATION YEARS.

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

24. There will be six divisions by average: 90 & under, 91-120, 121-150, 151-180, 181+ and Scratch. There must be at least 10 entries for any division to run. If there are fewer than 10 entries in the division, the MASS STATE USBC YOUTH COMMITTEE may combine the divisions. If divisions are combined the bowler may decide to bowl in the combined division or receive a refund.

**WRITTEN CONFIRMATION OF THE ENTRY WILL BE EITHER EMAILED or
MAILED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE.**

**Tournament Date:
Sunday, November 17, 2024 11:00 AM
Bowlero Somerset
231 Riverside Ave
Somerset, MA 02725
(508) 672-3131**

**MAIL ENTRY FORM ALONG WITH THE ENTRY FEE
(Checks Payable to Mass State USBC)**

Deborah McGrath
Tournament Director
P O Box 91
Bondsville, MA 01009
(508)560-4991

mastateyouthbowling@hotmail.com

MASSACHUSETTS STATE USBC YOUTH COMMITTEE TOURNAMENT

State Singles Tournament Application – USBC Certified

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

NAME _____ MALE _____ FEMALE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____

****E-Mail (REQUIRED)** _____

(**Please PRINT LEGIBLY as confirmations will most likely be emailed **)

REQUIRED INFORMATION

CURRENT GRADE _____ BIRTHDATE _____

ANTICIPATED HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION YEAR _____

Current USBC Number _____ USBC Association _____

Please check appropriate division: 90 & Under _____ 91-120 _____ 121-150 _____

151-180 _____ 181 + _____ SCRATCH _____

2023-2024 Final Average: List all Leagues

<u>Name of League</u>	<u>Bowling Center</u>	<u>Final Average</u>	<u>Number of Games</u>
-----------------------	-----------------------	----------------------	------------------------

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Do you bowl in a Sport League? Yes or No (circle one)

CURRENTLY BOWLING OUT OF _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO “MASS STATE USBC”

No Entry Fees Will Be Returned After the Closing Date

There will be a \$35.00 charge for returned checks.

Entries Close: **October 10, 2024**

Mail to:

Deborah McGrath

Tournament Director

PO Box 91

Bondsville, MA 01009

508-560-4991

Cost per Bowler \$ 30.00

Includes:

Lineage: \$ 12.00

Expenses: \$ 8.50

Scholarship: \$ 9.50

Total \$30.00

****COACH verification of Average Signature** _____

****BOWLER or PARENT Signature** _____

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