

# 2018 PENNSYLVANIA STATE USBC YOUTH OPEN RULES

1. All entries and competition in this tournament must be in accordance with the rules and regulations of the United States Bowling Congress and the PA STATE YOUTH ASSOCIATION.
2. Each entrant in the Annual tournament must be a member of the USBC within the area served by the state association.
3. **USBC youth membership cards shall be presented at check in by bowler.** Bowlers not in possession of a USBC membership card must file an affidavit of membership or purchase an affiliate membership.
4. **Multiple Entry is permitted.** In order to place more than once in the award standings, Team Event—two players must be different. Doubles Event—at least one player must be different. Singles/All Events—may not place more than once.
5. **Tournament Divisions Based on Combined Bowlers Averages except for Scratch Divisions:**

<u>TEAM EVENT</u>	<u>CLASS 'A'</u>	<u>CLASS 'B'</u>	<u>CLASS 'C'</u>
4 on a team	611 & above	501 - 610	500 & below
SCRATCH DIVISION – YOU MUST CHECK BOX ON ENTRY FORM TO ENTER THIS DIVISION			
<u>DOUBLES</u>	<u>CLASS 'A'</u>	<u>CLASS 'B'</u>	<u>CLASS 'C'</u>
Any 2 bowlers	321 & above	261 - 320	260 & below
SCRATCH DIVISION – YOU MUST CHECK BOX ON ENTRY FORM TO ENTER THIS DIVISION			
<u>SINGLES &amp; ALL EVENTS</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>	<u>BOYS</u>	
CLASS 'A'	151 & above	171 & above	
CLASS 'B'	126 – 150	136 – 170	
CLASS 'C'	125 & below	135 & below	
SCRATCH DIVISION – YOU MUST CHECK BOX ON ENTRY FORM TO ENTER THIS DIVISION			

**Bowlers do not have to enter both the singles and doubles events.**

**You may enter just doubles or just singles.**
6. **HANDICAPS** for each event shall be based on 100% of the difference between entering average and top of class. For the top average divisions, handicap will be based on the following: Team Event: 880, Doubles Event: 440, Singles and All Events: 220. Handicap will be computed on three games series.
7. **AVERAGES:** Entrants shall use their highest USBC certified average, 15 games or more as of **January 1, 2018**. If no January 1 league average, entrant may use highest current league average as of the time of bowling, 15 games or more. **Proof of average must accompany each entry form.** (A standing sheet showing USBC Youth Average or a signed verification by a responsible league official or association manager at the bottom of the Entry Form will be proof of average.) If no proof of average is given, bowler will bowl scratch, a 220 average will be assigned. Bowlers with Sport League averages shall adjust their average as per Rule 202d of the USBC Rules Book, indicate on entry form average is Sport League Adjusted Average.
8. It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average in this tournament, whether originally submitted by the bowler, team captain or others. Failure to use the proper average shall disqualify score if submitted average is lower than correct average, thereby resulting in a lower classification or more handicap. Awards listings shall be based on the submitted average if it is higher than the correct average. However, corrections in average may be permitted up to the completion of the first game in a series.
9. **SUBSTITUTES** may be used when necessary as long as such substitute meets all rules of eligibility. No substitute will be accepted for the ALL EVENTS, unless he/she is replacing the original bowler in all three events and the all-events fee has been paid. Substitute must bowl in same position as original bowler. A Substitute may change the division in which you bowl, see tournament rule 4.
10. **The following changes will not be permitted after 6PM the Thursday Prior to your tournament Weekend: NO lineup changes** in Team & Doubles Events, only direct substitutions permitted. Four person teams and double teams shall bowl in order as submitted on original entry application. **NO division changes** unless created by a direct substitution, cannot change from Handicap to Scratch or Scratch to Handicap in any event. See rule 9 on substitutions for replacing bowlers.
11. **AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIP FEES** shall be returned 100% in the way of awards/scholarships. Only those entrants, who pay the \$5.00 entry fee, qualify for participation in the All Events scholarship fund. Must pay all-events fee prior to first event bowled.
12. **All-Events – is the combined first bowled scores in the Team, Doubles and Singles Events. Bowler must bowl each event at least once to enter All-Events. (Note: If you also substitute and have paid all-events, if they are the first scores bowled, they will count toward all events.)**
13. In the event of a tie for first place in any event co-champions shall be declared.
14. **SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RATIO** shall be one scholarship award for each eight entries in each of the events/divisions. Symbolic awards will be presented to top three places only and if it meets the one in eight award ratio.
15. No practice on any scheduled tournament lanes for that day.
16. WALK-INS/RE-ENTRIES ACCEPTED, ½ HOUR PRIOR TO EACH SQUAD PROVIDED LANES ARE AVAILABLE.
17. Improper conduct during the course of your competition shall be cause for disqualification of score in that event.
18. **DRESS CODE: Visit [http://bowlpa.org/tournament\\_dress\\_code.html](http://bowlpa.org/tournament_dress_code.html) to download full dress code policy. The Policy can also be found under any of the tournament menu headings. Dress code is strictly enforced.**
19. Failure to comply with the above rules shall result in disqualification of all scores bowled.