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<b>League Level Qualifying</b>	<b>November 1-16, 2025</b>	<b>January 3-19, 2026</b>
<b>Sectional Level Qualifying</b>	<b>February 7, 2026 February 14, 2026 February 15, 2026 February 21, 2026 February 28, 2026</b>	<b>Bowl Madison (Harvest, AL) Bowlero Mobile (Mobile, AL) Oak Mountain Lanes (McCalla, AL) Bowlero Auburn (Auburn, AL) Patricia Lanes (Dothan, AL)</b>
<b>State Finals</b>	<b>April 11-12, 2026</b>	<b>Shindig FEC (Tuscaloosa, AL)</b>
<b>State Finals Certification Number</b>	<b>Cert. #04936</b>	
<b>Rules</b>	<b>See Below</b>	



**2025 – 2026 ALABAMA USBC YOUTH SCRATCH  
CHAMPIONSHIPS  
SECTIONAL RULES & FORMAT FOR THE STATE OF  
ALABAMA**

1. This tournament is certified (Cert. # 04936) by the United States Bowling Congress and shall be governed by USBC Youth rules. Only USBC Youth members may participate. All members must be certified through Alabama State USBC.
2. League level qualifying dates are November 1 - 16, 2025 and January 3 – 19, 2026. Advancement from league is a one-time entry. If an individual who qualified cannot participate in this competition, replacements will be eligible based on order of finish in previous competition.
3. Advancement ratio from league competition to sectional competition is at least one (1) for every two (2) entries per division, per league, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all eligible divisions.
4. Advancers out of the league level must **remain** in the division they qualified in during all subsequent levels. If a bowler advances out of league level in more than one state zone the bowler must declare one state zone to continue competing before the next competition level. Participation in any level of competition past the league level in more than one state zone will result in automatic disqualification.
5. Competition will take place at the Bowling Centers in the cities listed below on the dates and times indicated. A sport oil pattern will be used by all sectional centers during competition and will be determined by committee prior to competition. Sport oil pattern will be one of the recommended patterns by Junior Gold. A copy of the Sport oil pattern will be posted at each center for visual confirmation.

**AUBURN / MONTGOMERY / PRATTVILLE / VALLEY**

**Bowlero Auburn**  
719 Opelika Rd.  
Auburn, AL 36830  
334-887-65733

**Jim Spitzley**  
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**U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 & U18 – Feb. 21, 2026 @ 2:00 pm**

**COVINGTON COUNTY / DALE COUNTY / DOTHAN/FORT  
RUCKER / ENTERPRISE**

**Patricia Lanes**  
2208 Ross Clark Circle  
Dothan, AL 36301  
334-794-6636  
February 28, 2026 @ 1:00 pm

**Toni Kramer**  
[tonikramer@comcast.net](mailto:tonikramer@comcast.net)  
204 Fox Hollow Way  
Dothan, AL 36305  
(334) 793-6458

**GREATER BIRMINGHAM / TUSCALOOSA / ETOWAH CO. /  
ANNISTON / JASPER / LAMAR CO.**

**Oak Mountain Lanes**  
300 Bowling Lane  
Pelham, AL 35124  
205-403-7466  
U8, U10 & U12 - Feb. 14, 2026 @ 9:00 am  
U14, U16, U18 - Feb. 15, 2026 @ 9:00 am

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**MOBILE / BALDWIN COUNTY**

**Bowlero Mobile**  
125 North Schillinger Rd.  
Mobile, AL 36608  
251-639-1221  
February 7, 2026 1:00 pm

**Alvin Hanke**  
[cjh304@bellsouth.net](mailto:cjh304@bellsouth.net)  
304 Sioux Ave  
Satsuma, Al. 36572  
(251) 463-4614

**MUSCLE SHOALS / ATHENS / CULLMAN / DECATUR/  
HUNTSVILLE / MADISON / NORTHEAST AL/DEKALB CO.**

**Bowl Madison**  
8661 US-72 W  
Madison, AL 35758  
256-722-0015  
February 7, 2026 10:00 am

**Rhonda Swaim**  
[nannyswaim@yahoo.com](mailto:nannyswaim@yahoo.com)  
505 Smith Vasser Rd.  
Harvest, AL 35749  
(256) 990-6578

6. Entry closing date is Sunday, January 31, 2025. Qualifiers' name, address, telephone number, email address, **date of birth** and all entrants' tournament entry fees and forms must be submitted by this date to sectional tournament director.
7. Competition shall be conducted in the following divisions. These divisions are based on the participant's date of birth.

Division Birthdate Range: U8 Born 8/1/2017 or later  
 U10 Born 8/1/2015 – 7/31/2017  
 U12 Born 8/1/2013 – 7/31/2015  
 U14 Born 8/1/2011 – 7/31/2013  
 U16 Born 8/1/2009 – 7/31/2011  
 U18 Born 8/1/2007 – 7/31/2009

8. The tournament format shall be:  
 All Divisions will bowl 3 games on the same pair of lanes.

9. Entry Fee:

	<b>U8 &amp; U10</b>		<b>U12, U14, U16 &amp; U18</b>
Lineage:	\$12.00	Lineage:	\$23.00
Expense:	\$ 6.00	Expense:	\$ 6.00
Schships:	<u>\$17.00</u>	Schships:	<u>\$26.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$55.00</b>

10. **DRESS CODE**

Dress code will state as follows:

**Shirts:**

Competitors shall provide their own: A bowling shirt with a butterfly collar or mock collar. Mock collar must be a minimum of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of 1 inch. All shirts must have finished sleeves for all competitions. Females may wear sleeveless shirt with a butterfly collar only if the sleeves are finished.

**Pants:**

**Male participants** are required to wear slacks. Slacks must not contain drawstring waists or elastic bottoms. Slacks must have a zipper and button to be eligible. Jeans are not permitted.

**Female participants** are required to wear slacks, skirts, culottes, skorts or walking shorts. All of the above must be no shorter than one-half the distance from the inseam to the top of the knee in length and/or no shorter than the fingertips when the arms are at their sides while standing. Jeans and yoga pants are not permitted.

NO SMOKING PERMITTED BY USBC YOUTH PARTICIPANTS. PARENTS AND TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS NEEDING TO SMOKE, MUST DO SO IN DESIGNATED AREAS ONLY.

11. Bowling balls cannot be cleaned with liquid substances or cleaning agents or have any foreign materials on the ball including but not limited to powder, rosin, marker or paint. The surface of the ball cannot be altered by the use of any abrasive during competition. All bowling balls so altered or cleaned during competition must be removed from competition. **Commonly Asked Questions: refer to USBC rulebook, rule #18.**
12. No substitutes will be permitted; however, a replacement qualifier may be used for bowlers 15 minutes prior to the squad time as stated in Rule #2. Replacements must be from same league, window, and division as the replaced/absent bowler based on standings.
13. Competitors shall be allowed 10 minutes of practice.
14. **Headgear:** No covering or sunglasses can be worn while practicing or competing (hats, caps or bandanas, etc.). Male participants cannot wear any headgear while practicing or competing, unless a request is made in writing and approved prior to the event for medical or religious reasons only. No ear buds are allowed during competition.
15. If no replacements have been made, bowlers arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. Missed frames shall be credited with a zero. Bowlers not present to bowl when it is their turn shall be credited with a zero for each frame missed.
16. Bowlers must have a minimum of 12 games as of January 26, 2026 **OR** as of tournament date in order to participate in the Sectional and/or State Competition.
17. Only bowlers and tournament officials will be permitted in the settee area.
18. Claims of errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the tournament director no later than the start of the next block or 30 minutes after the completion of competition. Questionable errors shall be decided upon by the tournament director. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the tournament director within 72 hours or before the awards are presented. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
19. Advancement ratio from Sectional level to the next competition level (State) is at least one (1) for every two (2) entries per division, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties for U12, U15 & U18 boys & girls. **U8 & U10 will not advance to the State Level.** In all cases at least one (1) individual per division shall advance. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all eligible divisions.

21. The next level of competition for the **U12 & U14 boys and girls** will take place on **Saturday, April 11, 2026 at 1:00 pm** at

**Shindig FEC (205-650-7777)**  
**5800 McFarland Blvd. E**  
**Tuscaloosa, AL 35405**

The next level of competition for the **U16 & U18 boys and girls** will take place on **Saturday, April 12, 2026 at 9:00 am** at

**Shindig FEC (205-650-7777)**  
**5800 McFarland Blvd. E**  
**Tuscaloosa, AL 35405**

22. **U8 & U10** will receive awards as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Scholarship & Certificate

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Certificate

Scholarships may be issued to 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place finishers based on number of entries in the Divisions.

23. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Alabama State USBC Youth Committee and the National USBC Youth Championships Committee. The National USBC Youth Championships Committee reserves the right to accept and reject any participant.

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## **2025 – 2026 ALABAMA USBC YOUTH SCRATCH CHAMPIONSHIPS RULES AND FORMAT FOR ALABAMA STATE LEVEL**

1. This tournament is certified (Cert. # 04936) by the United States Bowling Congress and shall be governed by the USBC Youth rules.
2. State level competition date is April 11-12, 2026. Advancement from Sectional Level to State Level is a one-time entry. If an individual who qualified cannot participate in the State competition, replacement will be eligible based on order of finish in previous Sectional competition.
3. Advancement ratio from Sectional competition to the State competition is at least one (1) for every two (2) entries per division, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties in the U12, U14, U16 & U18 divisions. In all cases at least one (1) person per division shall advance.
4. Entry closing date is Monday, March 13, 2026. Qualifier's name, address, telephone number, and **date of birth** must be submitted to the state tournament director by Sectional coordinators by this date.
5. Competition shall be conducted in the following divisions, based on their date of birth:
  - U8 Born 8/1/2017 or later
  - U10 Born 8/1/2015 – 7/31/2017
  - U12 Born 8/1/2013 – 7/31/2015
  - U14 Born 8/1/2011 – 7/31/2013
  - U16 Born 8/1/2009 – 7/31/2011
  - U18 Born 8/1/2007 – 7/31/2009

The tournament format shall be:

U16 & U18 Boys & Girls / April 11, 2026 @ 9:00 am

**Shindig FEC (205-650-7777)**  
**5800 McFarland Blvd. E**  
**Tuscaloosa, AL 35405**

Will bowl 4 games across 4 pair of lanes on a designated sport shot. Total pin fall will determine the top 6 that will return on Sunday. Total pin fall will carry over to Sunday's match play for top 6 bowlers in each division.

U12 & U14 Boys & Girls / April 11, 2026 @ 1:00 pm

**Shindig FEC (205-650-7777)**  
**5800 McFarland Blvd. E**  
**Tuscaloosa, AL 35405**

Will bowl 4 games across 4 pair of lanes on a designated sport shot. Total pin fall will determine the top 6 that will return on Sunday. Total pin fall will carry over to Sunday's match play for top 6 bowlers in each division.

**On Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am the top 6 in the U12 & U14 divisions will come back and bowl 6 games using a 6-team league schedule with a position round for game 6. Pinfall from previous games on Saturday will be used toward overall pin total. 30 bonus points (pins) will be awarded to each match play winner through all 6 games (in case of a tie, 15 points will be awarded to each bowler). Total pin fall will determine the champions.**

**On Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm (noon) the top 6 in the U16 & U18 divisions will come back and bowl 6 games using a 6-team league schedule with a position round for game 6. Pin fall from previous games on Saturday will be used toward overall pin total. 30 bonus points (pins) will be awarded to each match play winner through all 6 games (in case of a tie, 15 points will be awarded to each bowler). Total pin fall will determine the champions.**

6. Entry fee was included in the Sectional fees. All Scholarships held in Smart Program (SMART Acct. # 8508) Contact SMART 1-800-513-2695 ext. 8292).

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8. No substitutes will be permitted, however; replacements may be used for bowlers not present 15 minutes prior to squad time as stated in Rule 2.
9. Competitors shall be allowed 10 minutes practice on their starting lanes.
10. If no replacement has been made, bowlers arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. Missed frames shall be credited with a zero for that frame.
11. Bowlers must have a minimum of 12 games as of January 26, 2026 **OR** as of date of their Sectional Competition.
12. Only bowlers and tournament officials will be allowed in the settee area.
13. **Headgear:** No covering or sunglasses can be worn while practicing or competing (hats, caps or bandanas, etc.). Male participants cannot wear any headgear while practicing or competing, unless a request is made in writing and approved prior to the event for medical or religious reasons only. No ear buds are allowed during competition. **No playing of handheld or any type of video games, and no listening of portable cassette/disc players or radios during the tournament. No Cell Phones.**
14. Ties will be broken by a 1 game roll-off. Should a tie still exist, it will be broken by a 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll-off. (Rule 326A).

15. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the tournament director no later than the start of the next block or 30 minutes after the completion of competition. The tournament director shall decide upon questionable errors. All other protest must be confirmed in writing to the tournament director within 72 hours before the awards are presented. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.

16. Symbolic Awards will be given as follows:

Top 6 in all Divisions      Certificate

Scholarships will be awarded as follows in each division:

1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$ 350.00      2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$ 250.00      3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$ 150.00.

17. The first place winners will receive a berth from USBC into the 2026 USBC Junior Gold Championships to be held on July 11-18, 2026 in Minneapolis, Minn. They must be a USBC Junior Gold member to advance or purchase a USBC Junior Gold membership prior to the Championship Tournament. USBC will waive the \$250 (U18/U16), \$200 (U14) and \$150 (U12) entry fee for the advancers. These athletes will compete for additional scholarships available to all athletes at the championships, as well as other prizes and awards.

18. 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.

19. Advancers must agree to bowl in the Championship Tournament, or failing to do so, agree to Waive all rights. Replacements will be selected based on the order of placement in their division at the State level.

20. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Alabama USBC Youth Scratch Championships Committee and the National USBC Youth Championships Committee. The National USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.

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