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<b>League Level Qualifying</b>	<b>October 1, 2025-February 28, 2026</b>	<b>NA</b>
<b>Sectional Level Qualifying</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>
<b>State Finals</b>	<b>March 22, 2026 March 29, 2026</b>	<b>AMF Bowlero Silver Lanes (East Hartford, CT) AMF Bowlero Circle Lanes (East Haven, CT)</b>
<b>State Finals Certification Number</b>		<b>TBD</b>
<b>Rules</b>	<b>See Below</b>	



## **Connecticut State USBC Association** **2025-2026 Youth Scratch Championships**

All center and state level competitions will be conducted in accordance with all information, instructions, and conditions stated in the YSC League Kit. The following rules, regulations, and conditions apply:

1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress and shall be governed by the 2025-2026 USBC Rulebook.
2. The competition will be conducted in twelve (12) divisions. These divisions are based on the participant's date of birth. No division changes are allowed from league level qualifying.
3. Divisions for both Boys and Girls: NOTE NEW Division U14 U16.  
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
4. All athletes must be a member of the Connecticut USBC association to participate. If an individual qualifies and cannot participate in the state competition, replacement will be eligible based on the order of qualifying in league competition. Bowlers may participate in only **one** state competition, even though there may be participation in other states leagues.
5. Advancement ratio from league to state is at least 1 in 3 entries per division or any fraction thereof. You should always take the extra bowler, including last place ties. In all cases, at least one person per division shall advance. Ratio shall be based on individuals present at least one week during the qualifying window (OCT. 1, 2025-FEB. 28, 2026) in each division. If an individual was absent for the entire qualifying window, this individual would not be counted in the base figure. Advancers from the league level must remain in the division they qualified in during all subsequent levels. If a bowler advances from the league level in more than one state, the bowler must declare one state to continue competing before the next competition level. Participation in any level of competition past the league level in more than one state will result in automatic disqualification.



6. Entry closing dates for the two rounds of competition are as follows:
  - a. The first league qualifying window of two league sessions is to be postmarked no later than January 5th, 2026, **Send no money for this round.**
  - b. The second qualifying window of two league sessions is to be postmarked no later than March 7, 2026. **Send all fees** for both the first and second round of qualifying.  
**Do not send cash.**
7. **Name, address, *Sanction Number, E-Mail* and telephone number of qualifiers must be submitted to the CT State YSC Director by the closing dates of the rounds, as shown in Rule 5.**
  - a. Send to: Dave Malaro, 568 Strong Street, East Haven, CT 06512
  - b. Make checks payable to "CT State USBC/YSC."
  - c. **Please send all checks with the second round only.**
8. State competition for the U8 (3 games) and U10 (3 games) qualifiers will take place on Sunday, **March 29, 2026. at AMF Bowlero Circle Lanes in East Haven CT.** Start time will be 9:00 AM. All bowlers should report to the center by 8:30 AM.
9. State Competition for the U12 (two 3-game blocks), U14,U16, U18 (two 5-game blocks) will take place at **two** different centers:
  - A. The First round will be held on March 22, 2026, at **AMF Silver Lanes in East Hartford, CT.** Start time will be at 12:00 PM. All bowlers should report to the center by 11:30 AM.
  - B. The Second round will be held on March 29, 2026, **AMF Circle Lanes in East Haven CT.** Start time will be at 12:00 PM. All bowlers should report to the center by 11:30 AM.
  - C. We will be putting out 2 Different oil patterns, different at each house at the Tournament Directors discretion.
10. Tournament Manager(s) will assign all squad times. Lane assignments will be based on entries and assigned at the bowling centers as bowlers check in.
11. Bowlers in the U8 and U10 Divisions will bowl three (3) games on one (1) pair of lanes. Total scratch pin fall from the three games shall determine the winners in each division.
12. Bowlers in the U12 Divisions will bowl two three (3) game sets, changing lanes after each game of competition in 2 different centers. Total scratch pin fall shall determine the winners of each division.
13. Bowlers in the U14, U16, U18 Divisions will bowl two five (5) game sets, changing lanes after each game of competition. **Top 4 in each division will bowl 1 game roll off: 1st vs 4th and 2nd vs 3rd. Winners of each match will advance to championship game.** Winners in the U12,U14, U16, and U18 Divisions will advance to the 2026 Junior Gold Championships.
14. Entry Fees are as follows:



	<u>U8 &amp; U10</u>	<u>U12</u>	<u>U14,U16, U18</u>
Lineage:	\$12.00	\$24.00	\$40.00
Scholarship:	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$7.00
Expenses:	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Awards:	<u>\$2.00</u>	<u>\$2.00</u>	<u>\$2.00</u>
Total:	\$22.00	\$34.00	\$50.00

15. All bowlers must wear proper attire. See the dress code attached at the end of the rules.
16. No substitutes will be allowed; however, alternate bowlers may be used. The alternate must be the next highest qualifier available from the same division as the bowler being replaced per the league level worksheet sent in earlier. To substitute an alternate, the league level coordinator (one per bowling center) only must advise the Tournament Director by telephone or email of any changes on or before 9:00 PM, March 15, 2026.
  - a. No walk-in replacements will be allowed as alternates.
  - b. No refunds will be issued after the cut-off date.
17. Bowlers will be allowed 10 minutes of practice on their starting lanes.
18. A bowler arriving late shall receive a zero for all frames missed and shall begin play at the frame being bowled.
19. Failure to abide by the rules and regulations may lead to disqualification from the event.
20. There will be no handicap. All bowlers will bowl scratch.
21. Only bowlers and tournament officials are permitted in the settee area.
22. Ties for advancers and alternates to the Junior Gold Championships will be broken by a 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll-off.
23. 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 thirty (30) minutes after the completion of the tournament. The Tournament Director shall decide upon questionable errors. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the Tournament Director within seventy-two (72) hours. Each protest under this rule or before awards are given out.
24. Scholarships will be given for each division based on entries. All funds will be placed in the SMART fund (account 8514) with USBC.
25. Awards will be given at a ratio of at least one (1) in every ten (10) entries in each division.
26. U12, U14,U16. U18 division winners will receive a berth into the 2026 Junior Gold Championships. These athletes will have their entry fee paid for by USBC. The advancers must be Junior Gold Program Members or be eligible and purchase a membership prior to the



championships. If the division champion is unable or unwilling to become a USBC Junior Gold Program Member and will not advance to the Championships, the athlete will still retain the State scholarship. The next eligible athlete will then be awarded the berth to the Championships. 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.

- a. A parent, guardian, or coach must accompany all athletes.
- b. **2026 Junior Gold Championships**

c. **DRESS CODE GUIDELINE**

ALLOWED:

- USBC Jersey
- Collared Shirts (Mock Collars Allowed)
- Blouses
- T-Shirts promoting either a bowling league, bowling center, or bowling equipment brand.
- Slacks
- Leggings
- Capri Pants
- Jeans (No holes, patches, or frayed ends)
- Skirts, Skorts, or Shorts which will be worn at the waist (see below for allowed length)

NOT ALLOWED:

- Hats
- Jeans which are ripped, torn, stained, with holes, or otherwise in disrepair
- T-Shirts not meeting the guidelines above
- Skirts, Skorts, or Shorts shorter than mid-thigh
- Tank Tops, Halter Tops, Tube Tops
- "Gym Attire" including basketball shorts, warm-up pants, sweats, Tights, Yoga Pants, etc.
- Any apparel with offensive language, images, etc.

Tournament Director shall make all determinations where stated dress code guidelines are not specific enough.

Any athlete found out of compliance with stated guidelines will be asked to change into appropriate attire. Failure/refusal to comply may result in disqualification.