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State Finals	March 27-29, 2026 U8-U10-U12 April 10-12, 2026 U14-U16-U18	The Cherry Bowl (Rockford, IL) Bel-Air Bowl (Belleville, IL)
State Finals Certification Number		Cert. #05037
Rules	See Below	



2025-26 ILLINOIS USBC YOUTH SCRATCH CHAMPIONSHIPS ZONE RULES and FORMAT

1. This tournament is certified by the USBC and shall be governed by the rules of the USBC Youth Division - Certification number is 05038.
2. **DIVISIONS**: Competition will be held in the following divisions. Boys and Girls will be in separate divisions for each age group. ALL competition will be on a scratch basis

U8 Division – Boys/Girls – Birth date is 8/1/2017 or later

U10 Division – Boys/Girls – Birth date is 8/1/2015 through 7/31/2017

U12 Division – Boys/Girls – Birth date is 8/1/2013 through 7/31/2015

U14 Division – Boys/Girls – Birth date is 8/1/2011 through 7/31/2013

U16 Division – Boys/Girls – Birth date is 8/1/2009 through 7/31/2011

U18 Division – Boys/Girls – Birth date is 8/1/2007 through 7/31/2009

3. **Participation** in the Zone competition is a one-time entry. Any individual who attempts to bowl twice in the Zone competition **will** be disqualified from both competitions.
 - Bowlers will attempt to qualify at League Level based strictly on age. A bowler may opt to bowl in a higher age division as long as he/she declares this prior to the first league session and a “YOUTH SCRATCH CHAMPIONSHIPS WAIVER FORM” is completed prior to bowling. Once league level qualifying has started a bowler must stay in the division he/she is in based on age or opted to move to a higher division. In the event a bowler qualifies in more than one league in the same division, the bowler must advance from the league in which the highest series was bowled. For identical qualifying scores, the bowler will advance from the league where the first score was bowled. An individual advancing from leagues in more than one division must use the division they specified in the league they are advancing from using the highest score bowled as the division they will advance in. In the event of a tie the FIRST score bowled will determine the division advance. Bowlers who are not eligible for USBC Youth Membership cannot bowl.
 - If a bowler advances out of league competition 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 competition in more than one state/zone will result in automatic disqualification from all competition.
 - Replacements for zone will be eligible only based on order of finish in league level of competition. League coordinators must contact bowlers in the order of finish and receive a statement from all bowlers that do not want to advance prior to going on to the next bowler. **Once a replacement has been made, the original bowler cannot be placed back into the tournament.**

4. **LEAGUE COMPETITION** for the State of Illinois will take place on the following dates:

OCTOBER 6 through OCTOBER 19, 2025

If needed, the STATE DIRECTOR may grant changes in the qualifying dates to individual bowling centers, if dates for zone tournament cannot be met. ALL bowlers advancing to the zone tournament MUST have bowled in REGULAR league during the qualifying window. No pre-bowling or post-bowling allowed! Dates may not be moved such that some bowlers cannot bowl due to IHSA bowling.

5. **ADVANCEMENT RATIO**: The advancement ratio from **league** competition to **Zone** competition is **one (1) for every two (2)** entries per division, per league, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties. The base number for each division in league level is the number of league members that would have participated in that division (those that have bowled at least once prior to and including the window). In all cases **at least ten bowlers per division** shall be allowed to advance. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all divisions.
6. **ZONE COMPETITION**: Zone competition will take place at a bowling center chosen by the Illinois USBC Youth Scratch Championships Committee, in the State of Illinois. ***The Zone Tournament Manager for your area will advise you as to the location, squad dates and times for your area. Zone tournaments will typically be run in the following timeframe, however, check with your zone Tournament Manager for your exact dates.***
 - U8, U10 and U12 DIVISIONS: Weekends in January or early February, 2026**
 - U14, U16 and U18 DIVISIONS Weekends in late February or early March, 2026**

7. Zone tournaments will be conducted on a non 'house shot' pattern as determined by the State YSC Director. The Zone tournament condition will not be disclosed until all zone tournaments are completed.
8. **ENTRY CLOSING DATES:** The entry closing dates for the Zone tournament are as follows:

U8, U10 and U12 Divisions -- **NOVEMBER 14, 2025**

U14, U16 and U18 Divisions -- **DECEMBER 12, 2025**

League coaches must have the completed signed entries, worksheets and money to their Zone Tournament Manager by **NOVEMBER 14, 2025 for the U8, U10 and U12 Divisions and DECEMBER 12, 2025 for the U14, U16 and U18 Divisions. Bowlers cannot bowl in the Zone Tournament without the entry and fees being remitted to the Zone Tournament Manager prior to the tournament date. Entries received after these dates will be accepted space permitting.**

9. **ZONE TOURNAMENT FORMAT:**

U8, U10 and U12 Divisions will bowl three (3) games on one pair of lanes. Total scratch pinfall for three (3) games will determine advancers in each division.

U14, U16 and U18 Divisions will bowl four (4) games, changing lanes after two (2) games. Total scratch pinfall for four (4) games will determine advancers in each division.

10. **ENTRY FEE:** Entry fee for all divisions is \$20.00, plus lineage for the zone games bowled. Any checks returned from the bank for any reason will be subject to a \$25 service charge in addition to repaying the amount of the check in guaranteed funds prior to the bowler participating if this is discovered prior to bowling. Any repayment not made promptly will be turned over to USBC for collection and possible USBC penalties.

ALL DIVISIONS	
Expenses	\$5.00
State Scholarships	6.00
Zone Scholarships	9.00
Total:	\$20.00 plus applicable bowling fees for that zone

The complete entry fee MUST be paid by all bowlers at the zone level – NO EXCEPTIONS. The zone and state scholarship fees will be returned 100% to the bowlers. Once the entry fee has been paid and bowlers scheduled no refunds will be given.

11. Any bowler arriving late shall begin play once player is ready to bowl and the score shall count beginning with the frame then bowled. Frames missed shall be credited with a zero. A bowler not present to bowl when it is his/her turn may be credited with a zero for that frame.
12. Competitors shall be allowed ten (10) minutes of practice on their starting pair PRIOR to the scheduled squad starting time. No practice will be allowed when moving lanes. Extreme exceptions shall be determined by the tournament manager such as in the case of a breakdown that lasts over 15 minutes in accordance with USBC Rules.
13. Tobacco products or consumption of alcoholic beverages shall not be allowed by guests or athletes in the concourse or the settee area where the youth are bowling. Athletes may not use any alcohol or tobacco products during the course of the competition
14. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area. Violations of this could result in the removal of the offending party from the bowling center for the duration of the tournament.
15. Bowling balls must meet all USBC specifications as defined in the latest edition of the Equipment Specifications and Certification Manual. It is the player's responsibility to ensure all equipment is eligible for competition. Only balls that are on the USBC approved list and are product registered are allowed in competition. Tournament Staff reserves the right to check equipment for compliance at any time. Bowlers must use the bowling balls in such a manner that they comply with the Equipment Specifications. No balance holes are permitted. All holes drilled must be used for gripping purposes on every delivery. No more than three (3) ounces of weight on any halves of the ball. Failure to use the equipment properly will be ball removal from competition for 1st violation, forfeiture of game for 2nd violation and disqualification for 3rd violation.
16. Altering the surface of a bowling ball by the use of abrasives, cleaners or polish is prohibited during competition (**defined as when the first ball is thrown for score in the whole squad**). In addition, no substance may be placed on the outer surface of the bowling ball. The outer surface of the bowling ball may only be cleaned with a dry towel once the bowler has begun competition. Penalty for any infraction of this rule or any USBC Rule 18 infraction will be the immediate removal of that bowling ball for the duration of competition. Repeat offenses may be cause for forfeiture of the game (i.e. zero for the game).

17. **DRESS CODE**: All bowlers must wear suitable attire in good repair (i.e. no holes). **Zone Tournament Managers will have the final say on Zone Tournament dress code enforcement.**

Male participants may wear slacks, jeans or "walking/golf style" shorts. Slacks must not contain drawstring waists or elastic bottoms. Jeans are permitted.

Female participants may wear slacks, jeans, skirts, culottes, skorts or walking shorts. All skirts, culottes, skorts, or walking shorts must extend past the fingertips when they are standing with their arms are loosely hanging at their side.

What NOT to Wear or Use !!

- Clothing depicting sex, tobacco products, gambling or alcoholic beverages
- Hats/caps/headgear
- Fleece, parachute material, or spandex
- Warm-up suits or clothes with drawstrings at the waist or elastic/Velcro at the ankles
- Gym Shorts, Athletic Shorts, Bicycle Shorts and other shorts that would not fit into a category that would be classified as 'walking' or 'golf' style.
- No electronics of any sort will be allowed in the bowling area

Coaches are asked to review the dress code with bowlers who advance to the Zone Finals

18. **SUBSTITUTIONS**: No substitutes will be permitted once athletes have started tournament play. Replacements may be used for bowlers not present 30 minutes prior to squad time. Replacements must be from the same league and division as the "no show" bowler and must follow the order of advancement within that league. Bowlers unable to bowl in the Zone must notify the Zone Tournament Manager and your league coordinator at least 48 hours in advance so a replacement can be called. All schedule changes are made at the discretion of the Zone Tournament Manager. **Once a replacement has been made, the original bowler cannot be placed back into the tournament.**
19. Symbolic awards will be given as follows: First, Second and Third place medallions in each division. Lapel pins will be given to all Zone participants.
20. Zone Scholarships will be given as follows: One (1) out of five (5) bowlers (or greater fraction) with a minimum of two (2) in each division will be awarded scholarships based on the number of entrants in each division in each zone. Scholarships in each division at the zone level will be directly proportional to the division's participation total relative to the total zone entries in that zone. Funds for zone scholarships may come from entry fees and other fund raising ventures at the zone level. Any moneys collected in a given zone from fund raising and that specified as zone scholarship portion of the entry fee will stay in that zone and be added to that zone's scholarship fund.
21. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the Tournament Manager as soon as noticed. Standings will stand as posted on the website if no needed corrections are indicated within 72 hours of posting. The Tournament Manager and State Director shall decide upon questionable situations. All other protests must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Manager within 72 hours of the conclusion of bowling. Each protest under this rule must be specific in itself.
22. Advancement ratio from Zone competition to the State Finals is **at least one (1) for every five (5) entries** per division, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties. **In all cases at least 6 persons per division shall advance to State Finals.** The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all divisions.
23. The next level of competition (State Finals) will take place as follows:
- **U8, U10 and U12 Divisions Lakeside Rec Center, Mundelein March 27-29, 2026**
 - **U14, U16 and U18 Divisions – Bel-Air Bowl, Belleville April 10-12, 2026**
24. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Illinois USBC Youth Scratch Championships Tournament Committee. The IL USBC Youth Scratch Championships Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.

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2025-26 ILLINOIS USBC YOUTH SCRATCH CHAMPIONSHIPS STATE RULES and FORMAT

1. This tournament is certified by the USBC and shall be governed by the rules of the USBC. Tournament Certification number is 05037.

2. DIVISIONS: Competition will be held in the following divisions. ALL competition will be on a scratch basis. Bowlers **MUST compete at the state tournament in the same division they qualified through at the league and zone level.**

U8 Division – Boys/Girls – Birth date is 8/1/2017 or later

U10 Division – Boys/Girls – Birth date is 8/1/2015 through 7/31/2017

U12 Division – Boys/Girls – Birth date is 8/1/2013 through 7/31/2015

U14 Division – Boys/Girls – Birth date is 8/1/2011 through 7/31/2013

U16 Division – Boys/Girls – Birth date is 8/1/2009 through 7/31/2011

U18 Division – Boys/Girls – Birth date is 8/1/2007 through 7/31/2009

3. Participation in the State Finals is a one-time entry. If an individual qualified and cannot participate in the State competition, replacements will be eligible based on order of finish in the previous Zone competition.

Advancers out of the league level must remain in the division they qualified 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 from both tournaments.

4. ADVANCEMENT RATIO: The advancement ratio from **Zone** competition to **State** competition is **one (1) for every five (5) entries** per division, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties. In all cases, **at least six persons per division shall advance** to the State Finals from each division in each zone tournament. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all divisions.

5. STATE COMPETITION will take place at

- **U8, U10 and U12 Divisions – March 27-29, 2026 at The Cherry Bowl, Rockford, IL**
- **U14, U16 and U18 Divisions – April 10-12, 2026 at Bel-Air Bowl, Belleville, IL**
- Squad times at the State Tournament will be assigned by the State Director.
- Competition shall be conducted in twelve (12) divisions as listed in Rule 2.

6. ENTRY FEE for all divisions is:

U8 and U10 Divisions	U12 Division	U14, U16 and U18 Divisions
Expense \$25.00	Expense \$35.00	Expense \$45.00
TOTAL: \$25.00	TOTAL - \$35.00	TOTAL: \$45.00

7. ENTRY CLOSING DATE: **MARCH 5, 2026** for U8, U10 and U12 divisions and **March 19, 2026** for U14, U16 and U18 Divisions.

8. Paperwork will be emailed to each bowler who, in turn, then must do the following:

- Verify and/or supply all personal information requested on the personal information form
- Return verification form and entry fees to the State Director by the deadlines indicated in Rule 7.

9. **TOURNAMENT FORMAT**

U8 and U10 Divisions will bowl either March 27, 28 or 29, 2026 at Lakeside Rec Center in Mundelein. All bowlers will bowl three (3) games, staying on the same pair of lanes. Position in standings will be determined by total scratch pinfall. Scholarships for tied positions will be added and divided equally.

U12 Division

- Qualifying rounds will bowl March 27 or 28, 2026. All bowling will be at Lakeside Rec Center in Mundelein.
- Qualifying round will consist of four games, moving after two (2) games.
- The field will be cut and advancers will bowl at 8:30 AM on Sunday based on qualifying round scores. The exact number of advancers in each division will be based on participation in each division with a minimum 1:4 ratio. All ties for the final spot(s) will advance.
- Semi Final round will consist of four (4) games on March 29, 2026 at 8:30 AM. Position in standings will be determined by total scratch pins. **QUALIFYING PINFALL WILL BE CARRIED FORWARD TO SEMI FINALS.**
- Upon the completion of four semi final games, total score (8 games) will determine the top 4 bowlers in each division that will qualify for the match play final bracket round. **PIN COUNT WILL NOT CARRY FORWARD FOR THE MATCH PLAY BRACKET FINALS.** In case of a tie for 4th place, those tied will bowl a 9th & 10th frame roll-off. The roll-off will take place on a pair of lanes decided by the tournament director. Should a tie still exist, a one ball roll-off will be bowled on the same pair of lanes to break the tie. The bowler with the highest game in the tournament shall determine starting lane and order for the roll-off. Both competitors will begin the roll-off on the same lane. The competitors will alternate lanes in the same bowling order until the tie is broken.
- The top 4 bowlers in each division will then bowl a single-elimination bracket format. In case of a tie for any position, seeding for position in the match play bracket will be determined by the highest game bowled for the tournament. If there is a tie for a high game, each subsequent high game will be used until the tie is broken. Each match will consist of two games, with total pinfall determining the winner. The higher seed will have starting lane choice for the first game. The player starting on the left lane will start the match. If a tie exists at the conclusion of a two-game match, a one ball roll-off will be bowled on the same pair of lanes to break the tie. The higher seed will determine lane and order. Both bowlers will bowl on the same lane and if still tied, will alternate lanes until tie is broken.

U14, U16 and U18 Divisions

- Qualifying rounds will bowl April 10 or 11, 2026. All bowling will be at Bel-Air Bowl in Belleville.
- Qualifying round will consist of six games, moving after every game.
- The field will be cut and advancers will bowl at 8:30 AM on Sunday based on qualifying round scores. The exact number of advancers in each division will be based on participation in each division with a minimum 1:4 ratio. All ties for the final spot(s) will advance.
- Semi Final round will consist of five (5) games, moving after every game, on April 12, 2026 at 8:30 AM. Position in standings will be determined by total scratch pins. **QUALIFYING PINFALL WILL BE CARRIED FORWARD TO SEMI FINALS.**
- Upon the completion of five semi final games, total score (11 games) will determine the top 8 bowlers in each division that will qualify for the match play final bracket round. **PIN COUNT WILL NOT CARRY FORWARD FOR THE MATCH PLAY BRACKET FINALS.** In case of a tie for 8th place, those tied will bowl a 9th & 10th frame roll-off. The roll-off will take place on a pair of lanes decided by the tournament director. Should a tie still exist, a one ball roll-off will be bowled on the same pair of lanes to break the tie. The bowler with the highest game in the tournament shall determine starting lane and order for the roll-off. Both competitors will begin the roll-off on the same lane. The competitors will alternate lanes in the same bowling order until the tie is broken.
- The top 8 bowlers in each division will then bowl a single-elimination bracket format. In case of a tie for any position, seeding for position in the match play bracket will be determined by the highest game bowled for the tournament. If there is a tie for a high game, each subsequent high game will be used until the tie is broken. Each match will consist of two games, with total pinfall determining the winner. The higher seed will have starting lane choice for the first game. The player starting on the left lane

will start the match. If a tie exists at the conclusion of a two-game match, a one ball roll-off will be bowled on the same pair of lanes to break the tie. The higher seed will determine lane and order. Both bowlers will bowl on the same lane and if still tied, will alternate lanes until tie is broken.

10. No substitutes will be permitted once the athletes have started tournament play; however, replacements may be used for bowlers not present 30 minutes prior to squad time. Replacements may only be used in the order of finish from the zone reports for 2025-26. Replacements in order must be called and decline before continuing down the list. Replacements must be from the same Zone as the "no-show" bowler. **Once a replacement has been made, the original bowler cannot be placed back into the tournament.**
11. The State Tournaments will be contested on a non 'house shot' condition as determined by the State YSC Director. The conditions will not be disclosed until after the tournament is completed.
12. No tobacco products or consumption of alcoholic beverages by guests or athletes shall be allowed on the concourse or in the settee area. No alcohol or tobacco products may be used by competitors while competition is in progress. No smoking will be allowed within the bowling center (Illinois State Law) or within 15 feet of any entrances.
13. **DRESS CODE:** Bowlers are required to wear suitable attire in good repair (i.e. no holes) while bowling in IL Youth Scratch Championship Tournaments. Bowling shoes must be worn. Participants in the IL Youth Scratch Championship Tournaments must be neat in both clothing and personal grooming and meet the following dress code rules:

What You CAN Wear

- All competitors must wear a shirt with a "butterfly" collar or mock collar. Mock collar must be a minimum of $\frac{3}{4}$ of one inch. All shirts must have finished sleeves for all competition. Females may wear a sleeveless shirt with a butterfly collar only if the sleeves are finished.
- T-shirts will be allowed provided they are those that have the bowling center logo, a USBC provided jersey or one purchased at our sales table (in zone or at the state tournament). T-Shirts as described earlier in this rule may be worn ONLY during qualifying rounds for the U12, U14, U16 and U18 Divisions.
- During the Sunday Semi Finals and Finals bowlers in the U12, U14, U16 and U18 Divisions **must** wear a shirt with a "butterfly" or mock or collar or a USBC Youth Jersey as stated above or bowling 'jersey'.
- Boys may wear slacks, jeans or "walking/golf style shorts. Slacks/shorts must not contain drawstring waists or elastic bottoms.
- Female participants may wear slacks, jeans, skirts, capris, skorts or walking shorts. All skirts, capris, skorts, or walking shorts must be below the competitor's fingertips when they are standing and their arms are hanging loosely at their side.

What You CANNOT Wear or Use

- Clothing depicting sex, gambling, tobacco products or alcoholic beverages. Bowling Manufacturers official shirts are acceptable.
- Hats/caps/headgear.
- Spandex, Yoga Pants, sweatpants, pants with draw strings, pants with holes in them and those made out of parachute-like or fleece material.
- Chains on clothing.
- Leather clothing including jackets while bowling.
- No electronic devices of any sort will be allowed in the bowling area.
- Gym Shorts, Athletic Shorts, Bicycle Shorts and other shorts that would not fit into a category that would be classified as 'walking' or 'golf' style. Any shorts/skorts/skirts/cullottes shorter than the fingertips when the arms are hanging naturally at the sides while standing.

Dress Code at the State Finals will be strictly enforced. Any exceptions to the above must be approved by the tournament management prior to check-in. Coaches/Parents are asked to review the dress code for State Finals with bowlers.

14. Competitors shall be allowed ten (10) minutes of practice on their starting pair. Practice will begin 10 minutes prior to the scheduled squad starting time. No practice will be allowed when moving lanes. Extreme

exceptions shall be determined by the tournament manager if a breakdown lasts more than 15 minutes in accordance with USBC Rules.

15. Bowlers arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame being bowled once player is ready to bowl. Frames missed shall be credited with a zero. Frames may not be made-up. A bowler not present to bowl when it is his/her turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
16. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
17. Bowling balls must meet all USBC specifications as defined in the latest edition of the Equipment Specifications and Certification Manual. It is the player's responsibility to ensure all equipment is eligible for competition. Only balls that are on the USBC approved list and are product registered are allowed in competition. Tournament Staff reserves the right to check equipment for compliance at any time. Bowlers must use the bowling balls in such a manner that they comply with the Equipment Specifications. No balance holes are permitted. All holes drilled must be used for gripping purposes on every delivery. No more than three (3) ounces of weight on any halves of the ball. Failure to properly use the equipment will be ball removal from competition for 1st violation, forfeiture of game for 2nd violation and disqualification for 3rd violation.
18. Altering the surface of a bowling ball by the use of abrasives, cleaners or polish is prohibited during competition (**defined as when the first ball is thrown for score in the whole squad**). In addition, no substance may be placed on the outer surface of the bowling ball. The outer surface of the bowling ball may only be cleaned with a dry towel once the bowler has begun competition. Penalty for any infraction of this rule or any USBC Rule 18 infraction will be the immediate removal of that bowling ball for the duration of competition. Repeat offenses may be cause for forfeiture of the game (i.e. zero for the game).
19. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the tournament manager no later than the start of the next block. Questionable errors shall be decided upon by the tournament manager and any committee members present. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the tournament manager within 72 hours. Each protest under this rule must be specific in itself.
20. Symbolic awards will be given as follows: Lapel pins will be given to all State participants. Pennants will be presented to the winner of each division.
21. There is NO guaranteed first prize. Prizes will be based on a percentage basis in a ratio of one scholarship for every five paid entrants or major fraction thereof. At a minimum, in the divisions that bring bowlers back on Sunday, we will award a scholarship to every bowler that comes back on Sunday. Total prize funds for each division will be proportional to the number of participants in each division including any excess over expenses collected for the state tournament in that division. Any SMART unassigned funds used to supplement the prize fund will also be based on the proportional number of entries in each division. ALL prizes will be deposited into the USBC SMART fund in accordance with their rules.
22. The first-place winners of the U12, U14, U16 and U18 divisions for both Girls and Boys will advance to the 2026 Junior Gold Championships on July 11-18 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.
They must be USBC Junior Gold members to advance to the Junior Gold Championships. Bowlers without a current Junior Gold membership must purchase one. IBC Youth will waive the \$250 (U16 & U18), \$200 (U14), and \$150 (U12) entry fee for these athletes. These athletes will compete for additional scholarships available to all athletes at the Junior Gold Championships, as well as other prizes and awards. All U.S. citizens are vying for a spot on USBC Junior Team USA 2027 to represent the United States in national and international competition. If the U12, U14, U16 or U18 Division Champion is unwilling to become a Junior Gold member, they will not advance to the Junior Gold Championships. However, the athlete will still retain the state/zone scholarship, but the berth to the Junior Gold Championships will be awarded to the next eligible athlete.

The Illinois Youth Scratch Championships will also provide up to \$500.00 toward travel expenses for the 2026 USBC Junior Gold Championships to the first place finisher in each division. To receive this stipend the bowler/parents must submit receipts totaling at least \$500 in expenses incurred for the tournament trip for the bowler. If this bowler does not attend the 2026 Junior Gold Championships the stipend will be awarded to the highest finisher that does attend.

23. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Illinois Youth Scratch Championships Tournament Committee. Failure to abide by any rules and regulations may lead to

disqualification from this event.

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All Results will be posted on the IL USBC Youth website: www.ilusbcyouth.org