

Kentucky

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League Level Qualifying	NA	NA
Sectional Level Qualifying	February 28 & March 1, 2026	Ken Bowl (Louisville, KY)
State Finals	March 21-22, 2026	Kingpin Lanes (Jeffersontown, KY)
State Finals Certification Number		Cert. #04133
Rules	See Below	



Kentucky 2025-2026 USBC Youth Scratch Championships presented by SMART.

Sectional Level Rules and Format

Walk Ins Welcome

1. This tournament certified by the United States Bowling Congress (certification #04133) and governed by USBC rules.
2. One time entry. If a qualified individual is unable to take part in this competition, replacements will be selected according to their ranking in the earlier round. Bowlers can bowl any squad they would like on Saturday or Sunday.
3. Advancement ratio from league competition to sectional competition is a one (1) to one (1) ratio.
4. Advancing participants must stay in their division for all later stages. 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. All sectional competitions will take place on February 28, 2026, and March 1, 2026. Bowlers will be at Ken Bowl Lanes 7021 Southside Drive Louisville, Ky. 40214 (502) 367-1732. Qualifiers will assign a shift time for Saturday 2:00 pm Sunday 1:30pm. State finals will be held in Louisville, Kentucky on March 21-22, 2026, at Kingpin Lanes 9525 Taylorsville Road (502) 719-5474 Jeffersontown, Ky. 40299. March 21, 2026, U8, U10, U12 will bowl at 10:00am Eastern Time March 22, 2026, U 14, U16 & U18 will bowl at 9:00am Eastern Time.
6. Entry closing date is March 1, 2026. Submit the qualifier's name, address, phone number, birth date, average and entry fees to the tournament director by the deadline.
7. These are the divisions for Youth Scratch Championships Presented BY SMART competition:

U8 = Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2007 or later

U10 = Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2015 through 7/31/2017

U12 = Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2013 through 7/31/2015

U14 = Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2011 through 7/31/2013

U16 = Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2009 through 7/31/2011

U18 = Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2007 through 7/31/2009

Divisions U8 and U10 will bowl three games on one pair of lanes. Advancers are selected based on their total scratch pinfall. The top thirty bowlers per division per division will advance to the state finals.

Divisions U12, U14, U16 and U18 will bowl four games on one pair of lanes. The aggregate pinfall will serve as the basis for selecting the top thirty qualifiers within each division in every section, with all ties duly accounted for.

8. The state level will have thirty athletes in each division. The number of bowlers who progress to the state finals is based on the size of each section. The seeds into the state will be given to the top bowlers from each sectional competition in each division.

EXAMPLE: Sectional one has seventy-nine boy bowlers; Sectional 2 has 240 boy bowlers.

= 7 bowlers advance

= 23 bowlers' advance

= 30 bowlers total advancing to state finals

9. Entry fee is:

<u>U8 and U10 Divisions</u>		<u>U12, U14, U16 and U18 Divisions</u>	
Lineage	\$11.00	Lineage	\$16.00
Expenses	6.00	Expenses	6.00
Scholarships	<u>13.00</u>	Scholarships	<u>13.00</u>
Total	\$30.00	Total	\$35.00

Awards and Scholarships fees shall be returned 100% to the bowlers.

All scholarship money will be deposited in the USBC Smart Program. Contact Smart on 1-800-514-2695 (Ext. 8292). Kentucky USBC Youth Scratch Championships Account Number is 08977.

10. All bowlers must wear suitable attire. Fringes, fishnets, midriffs halters, tank tops or head attire may not be worn. Obscene figures or derogatory writing on clothing or patches are not acceptable. Anything not mentioned above will be left to the discretion of the tournament director. This code will be enforced, and any break of these standards will result in the removal of bowling privileges. The USBC Jersey shirt is okay to wear in the Youth Scratch Championships Presented BY SMART Tournament.
11. Youth participants will not wear apparel or use bowling equipment depicting alcohol, tobacco, gambling, an illegal substance, or inappropriate language/gestures during competition.
12. Substitutions are not allowed.
13. Competitors will be allowed (10) minutes of practice on their starting lanes only.
14. 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 do not present to bowl when it is their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
15. Access to the settee area is restricted to bowlers and tournament officials only.
16. If a tie exists for the last advancing place, all ties for those positions will advance to the state finals.
17. 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 completion. The tournament director shall decide upon questionable errors. 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.
18. Scholarships will be awarded at least 1 to 10 ratio.
19. Scholarships (deposited in Smart) will be given at state level for the top five winners in each division, based on 290 entries U8 and U10, 350 entries for U12, U14, U16 and U18.
20. The SMART USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee will resolve any issues not addressed by these rules. The National Youth Scratch Championships Presented BY SMART USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participation.
21. Rule 301B Youth will be enforced.
22. Tournament Directors will be Bill Carter.

Mail Entries To:

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State Level Rules and Format

1. This tournament is certified by USBC (Certification #04133) and shall be governed by USBC rules.
2. One time entry. If a qualified person is unable to compete, replacements will be chosen according to prior competition rankings.
3. Advancement from sectional level to the state level. The seeds into the state will be given from each sectional competition in each division on a percentage of the overall actual participants in each division at the sectional level.
4. Those advancing from the league level must stay in their qualified division for all following stages. 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 league level in more than one state/zone will result in automatic disqualification.
5. The state finals competition will take place at Kingpin Lanes, 9525 Taylorsville Road Jeffersontown, Ky. 40299. (502)719-5474 March 21-22, 2026.
6. Entry closing date is "March 1, 2026".
7. The competition will be conducted in ten (10) divisions, U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 & U18. All divisions will be scratched. Participation in the wrong age division will lead to automatic disqualification.
8. Divisions U8 and U10 will bowl three (3) games. In each division, the five winners are those with the highest pin fall totals. Divisions U12, U14, U16 and U18 will bowl six (6) games. Lane rotation will be left lane will move left right lane will move right after each game. The top five in each division, based on total pinfall, advance to the step ladder finals.
9. There is no entry fee at state level.
10. All bowlers must wear suitable attire. Fringes, fishnets, midriiffs, halters, tank tops or head attire may not be worn. Obscene figures or derogatory writing on clothing or patches are not acceptable. Anything not mentioned above will be left to the discretion of the tournament director. This code will be enforced, and any breaking of these standards will result in the removal of bowling privileges. The USBC Jersey shirt is okay to wear in the Youth Scratch Championships Presented BY SMART Tournament.
11. Youth participants will not wear apparel or use bowling equipment depicting alcohol, tobacco, gambling, an illegal substance, or inappropriate language/gestures during competition.
12. Substitutions are prohibited, but Rule 2 allows an eligible replacement if a bowler is absent 15 minutes before the scheduled start time.
13. Competitors will be allowed ten (10) minutes of practice on their starting lanes only.

14. Bowlers arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame where they are bowling. Missed frames shall be credited with a zero. Bowlers do not present to bowl when it is their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
15. Access to the settee area is restricted to bowlers and tournament officials only.
16. A one game rolls off break ties for the top five (5) spots. If there is a tie, an extra roll off will be held in frames nine and ten.
17. 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 protests must be confirmed by writing to the tournament directors within 72 hours or before the awards are presented. Under this rule, each protest must be specific.
18. Scholarships will be awarded to the top five (5) in each division in the conclusion of the state finals.
19. Scholarships will be given at the state level for the top five (5) winners in each division, based on 290 entries for U8, U10, 350 entries for U12, U14, U16 and U18.
20. The first-place winners in the U12, U14, U16 and U18 boys' and girls' divisions will advance to the Junior Gold Championships to be held in July 2026. Advancers must be USBC Junior Gold members or obtain membership before the Junior Gold Championships. USBC will waive \$250 (U18) & (U16) \$200 (U14) and \$150 (U12) entry fee for these division champions. These athletes will compete for extra scholarships, prizes, and awards at the Junior Gold Championships. U.S. citizens are vying for spots on USBC Junior Team USA 2026 to be the country at national and international competitions. If the division champion is unwilling or unable to become a USBC Junior Gold member they will not advance to the Junior Gold Championships. The athlete keeps their state or zone scholarship, but the championship spot goes to the next eligible athlete. No travel expenses are provided by USBC.
21. Advancers must either bowl in the Junior Gold Championships or waive all rights if they choose not to participate. Replacement will be selected based on the order of finish in their division at the state level. Replacement will incur all expenses associated with changing the airline's ticket, if applicable. If a qualifier needs to be replaced and there is a tie to decide who will advance to the Junior Gold Championships, the high game from the qualifying score will decide who will advance. If scores are tied, compare each next highest score until the tie breaks.
22. Any issues not addressed by these rules and regulations will be decided by the Kentucky State Youth Scratch Championships Presented BY SMART USBC Youth Championships tournament committee. The National Youth Scratch Championships Presented BY SMART USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.
23. Rule 301B Youth will be enforced 2025-2026 season.
24. Bill Carter will be running the State Finals in Louisville Kentucky.

Tournament Director:

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Entry Form

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____ M / F

Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Birth Date ____/____/____ USBC _____

E-Mail: _____

Center From: _____ Contact Person _____

Sat. February 28, 2026, Squad Time 2:00 pm All Divisions _____

Sun. March 1, 2026, Squad Time 1:30 pm All Divisions _____

Cost U8 & U10 \$30.00 U12, U14, U16 & U18 \$35.00

Age Divisions:

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Bowlers can only bowl one time in Tournament.