

Louisiana

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League Level Qualifying	October 5-19, 2025	January 11-25, 2026
Sectional Level Qualifying	NA	NA
State Finals	April 11-12, 2026	Four Seasons (Alexandria, LA)
State Finals Certification Number		TBD
Rules	See Below	



2026 LOUISIANA YOUTH SCRATCH CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. This tournament is certified by the USBC and shall be governed by the rules of the USBC.
2. **League level qualifying will consist of two (2) two-week qualifying windows. The first window will be from October 5-19, 2025, and the second window will be from January 11-25, 2026. Leagues may only participate in one two-week window.**

ONE TIME ENTRY. If an individual who qualified cannot participate in the State competition, replacements will be eligible based on the order of finish in the qualifying level. If a bowler qualifies in more than one league (including travel leagues), the highest series bowled takes precedence. Bowlers are responsible for informing house/league coordinators if they participate in other centers or programs. If we receive 2 entries for the same bowler, the 2nd entry will be forfeited if not replaced by an eligible replacement bowler.

3. Advancement ratio from League to State Level is at least one (1) for every three (3) entries per division, per league, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties. The base number for each division is one (1) for the number of league members that would have participated in that division. In all cases, at least one (1) person per division shall advance. 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 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.
5. State competition will take place on Saturday and Sunday, April 11-12, 2026 at:

Four Seasons

3510 North Blvd, Alexandria, LA 71301
318-445-2695

6. Entry closing date for the first window is Dec. 12th, 2025, and the entry closing date for the second window is Feb. 20th, 2026. Complete tournament entry forms containing the qualifier's name, **USBC Bowler ID**, address, **email**, and telephone number, and House Director's information, must be forwarded to the Tournament Manager by these dates. **Once the entry is processed there will be no refund of entry fees.** We will not accept any entry without a USBC Bowler ID. ***INCOMPLETE ENTRY FORMS WILL BE RETURNED.***
7. **Divisions are based on participant's age.** Athletes must choose the division in which they will compete.

Competition will be conducted in the following divisions:

Boys Divisions: U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18.
Girls Divisions: U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18.

Qualifying competition is held in divisions based on the bowler's age as of the dates below:

U8 Boys and Girls:	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/17 or later
U10 Boys and Girls:	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2015 thru 7/31/17
U12 Boys and Girls:	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2013 thru 7/31/15
U14 Boys and Girls:	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2011 thru 7/31/13
U16 Boys and Girls:	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2009 thru 7/31/11
U18 Boys and Girls:	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2007 thru 7/31/09

8. The Tournament format shall be:

U12, U14, U16 and U18 Divisions

- will bowl four (4) qualifying games across four (4) pairs of lanes. Total pinfall will determine the qualifiers for each division.
- the top sixteen (16) qualifiers from each division of fifty (50) or more entries will advance to the semifinals play. If a division does not have fifty (50) or more entries then the top eight (8) will advance straight to the finals.
 - Pinfall from the qualifier will carry over to the semifinals.
 - If there is a tie for the last qualifying place, there will be a one game roll-off at 8:30am Sunday morning. If there is a tie at the end of that game, there will be a two frame (9th/10th) roll-off.
- the semi-finalists will bowl four (4) games across four (4) pairs of lanes with the top eight (8) advancing to the finals.
 - If there is a tie for 8th place, there will be a one game roll-off. If there is a tie at the end of that game, there will be a two frame (9th/10th) roll-off.
 - In case of a tie in any division for a spot other than the last qualifier, the highest last game bowled will determine seeding.
- the finals will be a double elimination bracket in each division.
 - A two frame (9th/10th) roll-off will decide all ties in the finals.

U8 and U10 Divisions

- will bowl three (3) games on the same pair of lanes. Total pinfall will determine winners in each division.

9. Entry fee is as follows:

<u>U8 and U10 Divisions</u>	<u>U12, U14, U16 and U18 Divisions</u>
Lineage..... \$15.00	Lineage \$20.00
Expenses \$10.00	Expenses \$15.00
Scholarships <u>\$25.00</u>	Scholarships..... <u>\$25.00</u>
TOTAL..... \$50.00	TOTAL \$60.00

Scholarship fees will be returned 100%. Scholarships shall be held in SMART. SMART Account number 8524.

10. All bowlers must wear suitable attire **AT CHECK IN**.

- Shirts - All competitors shall wear a bowling shirt with a collared, V-neck, rib-lined or banded neckline. Mock collars must be a minimum of three-quarters of one inch. All shirts must have finished sleeves. Females may wear a sleeveless shirt with a butterfly collar only if the sleeves are finished.
 - Pants - Male competitors are required to wear slacks. Slacks must not contain drawstring waists or elastic bottoms. Slacks must have a zipper and a button to be eligible. Female competitors are required to wear slacks, skirts, capris, skorts, or walking shorts. All skirts, capris, skorts, or walking shorts must be below the competitor's fingertips when they are standing with their arms hanging loosely at their side. All pants will be worn at waist level with no underwear or bare skin showing. Jeans and yoga pants are not permitted.
 - Youth participants will not wear or use bowling equipment depicting alcohol, tobacco, gambling, an illegal substance or inappropriate language/gestures during competition (rule 301b).
 - No headgear (hats, caps, bandanas, sunglasses, etc) may be worn during practice or competition, unless a request is made in writing and approved prior to the event. No earphone, airpods, or similar equipment allowed during practice or competition.
 - The Tournament Director has the right to ask any bowler to change their clothing. If the bowler refuses he or she will NOT be permitted to bowl and the entry fee will be forfeited.
11. No substitutes will be permitted. Replacement bowlers must be from the original league worksheet sent in by the House Director at the time of qualifying in their center. Bowlers may be replaced before 5pm on Friday 10 April 2026.
12. Bowlers will be provided ten (10) minutes of practice time on their starting pair of lanes only.
13. If no replacement has been made, a bowler arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. Frames missed shall be credited with a zero. A bowler not present and ready to bowl when it is his/her turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
14. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the bowling circle (settee area).

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 thirty (30) minutes after completion of the competition. Questionable errors shall be decided upon by the Tournament Director. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the Tournament Director within seventy-two (72) hours of when the participant bowled. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
16. Scholarships will be awarded to all Divisions on at least a ratio of 1:10, based on the number of entries per division.
17. 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. They must be USBC Junior Gold members to advance to the Junior Gold Championships. Bowlers without a current Junior Gold membership must purchase a Junior Gold membership prior to May 15th. USBC will waive the \$250 (U18/U16), \$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 has all ready earned a spot to or 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 scholarship, but the berth to the Junior Gold Championships will be awarded to the next eligible athlete.

Eligible advancers must agree to bowl in the Junior Gold Championships, or, failing to do so, agree to waive all rights. Replacements will be selected based on the order of finish in their division at the state level. 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. Any scholarships earned at the state level will be retained.
18. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the LA Youth Scratch Championships Tournament Committee. The National Youth Scratch Championships Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.
19. All individual bowlers need to check-in thirty (30) minutes prior to their scheduled squad time.

ALL BOWLERS MUST SEE & UNDERSTAND THESE RULES

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TOURNAMENT MANAGER:

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Mail all entries and forms to:

Susie Brown, Association Manager
Louisiana State USBC
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Baton Rouge, LA 70815



THIS SPACE IS FOR OFFICE USE ONLY.

ENTRY NO. _____
U8 U10 U12 U14 U16 U18
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BOWLER INFORMATION

NAME: _____ USBC ID# _____
PARENT EMAIL: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: ____ / ____ / ____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ ZIP CODE: _____
BOWLER'S PHONE: (____) _____
DIVISION: BOYS U8 U10 U12 U14 U16 U18
GIRLS U8 U10 U12 U14 U16 U18

BOWLING CENTER & DIRECTOR'S INFORMATION

BOWLING CENTER: _____ CENTER PHONE #: (____) _____
YOUTH DIRECTOR'S NAME: _____ LEAGUE: _____
YOUTH DIRECTOR'S ADDRESS: _____ ALL CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE TO THIS ADDRESS.
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____
DIRECTOR'S EMAIL: _____ DIRECTOR'S PHONE: (____) _____

NOTICE: INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE RETURNED.

SQUAD CHOICES: Saturday April 11, 2026 (Circle One)

U12, U14, U16 & U18 9:00 am or 1:00 pm **Four Seasons Bowling Center**
3510 North Blvd., Alexandria, LA 71301
U8 & U10 4:30 pm

CHOOSE YOUR TIME CAREFULLY - 7 Days notice is required for squad changes.
We will not reschedule any bowler who fails to show up for their scheduled squad without notice.

ENTRY FEE:
\$50 - U8 & U10
\$60 - U12, U14, U16 & U18
Make checks payable to: LA STATE USBC

ENTRIES **MUST** BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN:
DEC 12, 2025 FOR THE FIRST WINDOW AND FEB 20, 2026 FOR THE SECOND QUALIFYING WINDOW.

LEAGUE QUALIFIER WORKSHEET MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY FORMS.

If this form has been given to bowler to fill out, please return it to your director when finished.