

New Jersey

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League Level Qualifying	November 1-14, 2025	January 3-16, 2026
Sectional Level Qualifying	NA	NA
State Finals	April 11-12, 2026	Majestic Lanes (Hopelawn, NJ)
State Finals Certification Number	Cert. #05938	Cert. #05939
Rules	See Below	



Tournament Certifications Scratch # 05938 Handicap # 05939

2025 - 2026 USBC Youth Scratch Championships

Conducted by the New Jersey State Bowling Council
With Scholarships Awarded in the Amount of \$10,000.00

Scratch and Handicap Divisions

April 11, 12, 2026

Squad Times - 9:00 am and 1:00 pm

***** *Lanes will be dressed before each squad* *****

Majestic Lanes
525 Route 9 North
Hopelawn, NJ 08861
(732) 826 - 6800

Entry Fee \$37.00
\$20.00 Returned Check Charge

1st place winners in the U12, U14, U16, and U18 scratch divisions will advance to the USBC Junior Gold Championships in Minneapolis Minnesota; July 11 - 18, 2026.

COACHES OR LEAGUE OFFICIALS SEND ENTRY FEE CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO **THE NEW JERSEY STATE BOWLING COUNCIL** (NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED) ALONG WITH THE COMPLETED ENTRY FORM (INCLUDING ALL SIGNATURES) BY DEADLINE DATES LISTED:

November (Fall) Qualifier – December 28, 2025 January (Winter) Qualifier – February 21, 2026

ANY PAPER WORK SUBMITTED AFTER DUE DATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED and will be returned to the Bowling Centers.

One Time Entry Fee	\$37.00
Scholarship	14.50
Lineage	16.00
Expenses	3.50
Awards	3.00
ABSOLUTELY NO REFUND OF ENTRY FEE	

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2025 - 2026 USBC Youth Scratch Championships - Rules & Format

1. This tournament is open to every 2025-2026 USBC Youth bowler that is a regular member of a certified league at a participating NJ bowling center. To compete, a bowler must not be under suspension.
 - a. This tournament is certified Scratch #05938 and Handicap #05939 by USBC and shall be governed by USBC rules.
 - b. U8 Boys Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2017 or later U 8 Girls
U10 Boys Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2015 thru 7/31/2017 U10 Girls
U12 Boys Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2013 thru 7/31/2015 U12 Girls
U14 Boys Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2011 thru 7/31/2013 U14 Girls
U16 Boys Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2009 thru 7/31/2011 U16 Girls
U18 Boys Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2007 thru 7/31/2009 U18 Girls
2. LEAGUE LEVEL QUALIFYING COMPETITION: League level dates are Nov 1 - 14, 2025 & Jan 3– Jan 16, 2026. Advancement from league play is a one-time event. If an individual qualifies but cannot participate in this competition, replacements will be eligible based on order of finish at the place of qualification, from the respective division.
 - a. The highest 2 games series in 2 game leagues or 3 game series in 3 game leagues will be used to qualify. **Qualifying scores must be bowled during regularly scheduled league play. Pre-bowled or post-bowled scores may not be used as scores for advancement purposes.**
 - b. If a member qualifies in more than one league, the bowler must advance from the league in which the highest series was bowled. If qualifying scores are identical the bowler will advance from the league where the first score was bowled.
 - c. Advancement ratio from League Competition is one bowler for every three entries (1:3) per division, per league, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties. The base number for each league is the number of league members that would have participated in that division.
 - d. Advancers out of the league level must remain in the division they qualified.
 - e. COMPLETED entries with worksheets from the League Level Qualifying sessions, and proper fees made payable to NJS Bowling Council must be received by: November entries by December 28, 2025 and the January/February entries by February 21, 2026. ALL information, including signatures, must be completed and legible. If they are not, the entries will not be accepted. Please follow the entry closing dates listed above and mail in advance to insure receipt of the closing date(s).
3. Competition will take place at **Majestic Lanes, 525 Route 9, Hopelawn, NJ. 08861**. Replacement bowlers will be eligible based on the order of finish in the League Level Qualifying. All entrants in the U8, U10, U12, U14, U16, U18 will bowl four games on the same pair of lanes.
 - a. No changes to squad date or time will be made 72 hours prior to competition. Substitutes will be accepted up to 72 hours prior to first squad.
 - b. Ties to determine first place standing at the State Finals will be broken with a one game roll-off plus handicap if applicable. If a tie still exists, it will be broken with 9th and 10th frame roll-offs plus 1/10th of the handicap per frame where applicable.
4. There will be a one-time **non-refundable fee** of \$37.00. 100% of scholarship and award fees will be returned to bowlers. The scholarship money is held by the USBC SMART Program. To receive your scholarship, you may contact USBC, Smart Division.
5. GENERAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION – This section applies to all levels of competition.
 - a. Bowlers will receive five minutes of practice on their starting lanes.

- b. All bowlers must wear suitable attire, i.e., no hats, tank tops, pants falling down, or ripped clothing will be permitted. Clothing with obscene language or graphics, tobacco and/or alcohol advertising will not be permitted. "Official" USBC Youth Jersey may be worn.
 - c. A bowler arriving late shall begin play, and score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. Missed frames shall be credited with zeros. Bowlers not present to bowl when it is their turn may be credited with a zero for that frame.
 - d. Bowler shall compete with the same bowling hand, consistent with USBC Youth membership, throughout all tournament levels as indicated on the entry form and bowled at the league qualifying level.
 - e. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the Tournament Director no later than the start of the next squad or 30 minutes after completion of competition. Questionable errors shall be decided by the Tournament Director. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the State Tournament Director within 72 hours after competition, in accordance with rule 329. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
 - f. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the New Jersey State USBC Youth Tournament Committee.
 - g. For more information contact the State Director, Jay W Frangione, 732-634-4978.
 - h. Tournament Director reserves all rights.
 - i. Failure to abide by the rules and regulations will lead to disqualification from this event.
6. Averages will be verified and adjusted as needed. Failure to provide proof of average is grounds to disqualify a bowler from competition.
 - a. Bowlers shall use their highest current certified league average of 15 games or more as of February 27, 2026, Bowlers who do not have an average for 15 games or more shall use an average of 220.
 - b. If a bowler does not have a standard league average as specified above, the bowler must then use their adjusted Sport Bowling average as specified in rule #202 or an adjusted tournament average established during past competitions.
 - c. Averages must be submitted by center in alphabetic order for those that qualify. Standing sheets will not be accepted.
 - d. Average from the bowlers qualifying center will be used for handicap purposes.
 7. The handicap will be 100% of the difference between the bowler's average and 220.
 8. Only bowlers and tournament officials are permitted in the settee (bowling) area. New Jersey is a non-smoking state and there will be no smoking the Bowling Centers at any time.
 9. The USBC Youth Scratch Championships allows parents/players to request a WAIVER to allow their player to "play up" into an older group in the U8 and U10 divisions only. Requests and any approval granted are for the current season's tournament only. Requests are by written application only by the parent or legal guardian. While the USBC Youth Scratch Championships does not recommend that players play up, the tournament leadership does recognize that there may be a number of factors, including but not limited to, size, maturity, experience, and skill levels that may influence a player's decision to play up. Waiver Form is included with this information.
 10. The Scratch Division is considered a Premiere Event. The winners of the U12, U14, U16, U18 Scratch divisions (boys and girls) will be awarded spots to the Junior Gold Championships to be held in Minneapolis Minnesota (July 11 - 18, 2026). USBC will pay the Junior Gold entry fee. Winners must meet all qualifications for USBC Junior Gold membership.
 - a. Winners must agree to bowl in the Internationals Finals. Failure to do so waive all rights excluding State earned scholarships. Should an individual choose not to accept their spot from the 2025 – 2026 New Jersey USBC Youth Championships Scholarship Tournament, replacements will be selected based on the order of finish in their respective division at the State competition. Replacements will incur all expenses associated with changing the airline ticket if applicable. 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.
 - b. Winners are not confirmed as international finalists until they receive a confirmation letter from USBC.

- c. The National USBC Youth Scratch Championships Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.
- d. Those advancing to the USBC Junior Gold Championships will not receive a stipend.

Bowlers Agreement: (Signature required on last page of this package): This is to certify that I have read, understand and agree to abide by the eligibility requirements and rules established by the NJ State Qualifying tournament for *the 2025-2026* USBC Youth Scratch Championships, and hereby make application for entry into said Tournament. I further certify that I have not bowled, substituted, or in any way participated in any manner in any type of bowling activity where money and/or merchandise awards are offered to any participant on the basis of bowling scores, bowling skill or position standing.

Parental Consent: (Signature required on last page of this package): I certify that I have read the rules and regulations above for the *2025-2026* USBC Youth Scratch Championship, and hereby grant my permission for my son/daughter/ward/etc. to compete on all levels of this event. In consideration of the NJ State Bowling Council conducting and sponsor of this Tournament, I release them from any and all liability for any injury or accidents involving entrant as a result of the entrant's participation therein. All matters not covered in these rules and regulations shall be determined by the NJ State USBC Committee and International Tournament Rules.

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Official Entry Form

PLEASE PRINT, IF NOT LEGIBLE FORM WILL BE RETURNED TO BOWLING CENTER

Name: _____ Birthday (mm/dd/yr) _____

(LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MI)

Male _____ Female _____

Email _____

Address _____

City / State / Zip: _____ Telephone # _____

League Name: _____ Bowling Center: _____

USBC: Membership # _____

Coaches Name: _____

CHECK DIVISION (Division checked is the one bowler will compete in for the entire tournament.)

- U8 Boys birth date is 8/1/2017 or later U8 Girls
- U10 Boys birth date is 8/1/2015 thru 7/31/2017 U10 Girls
- U12 Boys birth date is 8/1/2013 thru 7/31/2015 U12 Girls
- U14 Boys birth date is 8/1/2011 thru 7/31/2013 U14 Girls
- U16 Boys birth date is 8/1/2009 thru 7/31/2011 U16 Girls
- U18 Boys birth date is 8/1/2007 thru 7/31/2009 U18 Girls

I have read and understand the Bowlers Agreement _____
(Bowler's Signature & Date)

I have read and understand the Parental Consent _____
(Print Parent/Guardian Name)

(Parent/Guardian's Signature & Date)

This certifies I have checked the average and eligibility of this entrant who has qualified under the rules stated. I have also given the Bowler and/or Parent a copy of the rules and format printed on the back of this application, as well as the National League Level rules.

Coach/League Official Signature _____ Date: _____

Phone # () _____

Coach E-mail Address: _____

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USBC YOUTH SCRATCH CHAMPIONSHIPS WAIVER FORM

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PLEASE PRINT

PLAYER LAST NAME _____

FIRST NAME _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

USBC ID# _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Current Age Division: (Circle one) U8 U10

Requested Age Division: (Circle one) U10 U12

I, the parent/guardian of the above-minor child, hereby request my child to compete in the division requested above. I understand that this is not the age division he/she was originally assigned by the USBC Youth Scratch Championships tournament rules. I am aware that my child will be competing against older and potentially more physically developed players with potentially higher-level skills, and I, therefore, recognize the added risks to my child’s health and safety, as well as to my child’s emotional well-being. In signing below, I accept these risks and accept all and every liability and responsibility stemming from such risks as my own, and I absolve the USBC Youth Scratch Championships, its affiliated clubs, board members, volunteers, and associated personnel against any claims. I also acknowledge that I am making this decision on my own initiative and have not been requested to do so by any outside influence.

It is the policy of the USBC Youth Scratch Championships that all players compete at a level they are capable of, both physically and developmentally.

This form must be submitted to the State Tournament Director (Jay W Frangione) at the address below before participation in the local qualifier. No changes to a division may be made once a bowler has started a qualifier.

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME (PLEASE PRINT) _____ (Date) _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE DATE _____ (Date) _____

PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE DATE _____ (Date) _____

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