

# Oklahoma

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<b>League Level Qualifying</b>	<b>November 1-15, 2025</b>	<b>February 1-14, 2026</b>
<b>Sectional Level Qualifying</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>
<b>State Finals</b>	<b>March 28-29 &amp; April 4, 2026</b>	<b>Shawnee Bowl (Shawnee, OK)</b>
<b>State Finals Certification Number</b>	<b>Cert. #06285 Cert. #06287</b>	
<b>Rules</b>	<b>See Below</b>	



2025-2026



Oklahoma Championship  
State Championship Tournament



March 28 & 29 & April 4, 2026

*Shawnee Bowl*

*701 N Harrison Ave*

*Shawnee, OK*

*405-275-4064*

**State Entry Deadline**

March 15, 2026

**Qualifying Windows**

1<sup>st</sup> Window – October 1 – 18, 2025

2<sup>nd</sup> Window – February 1-14, 2026

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## 2026 Divisions

⇒ U8 Girls & U8 Boys	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2017 or later
⇒ U10 Girls & U10 Boys	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2015 thru 7/31/2017
⇒ U12 Girls & U12 Boys	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2013 thru 7/31/2015
⇒ U14 Girls & U14 Boys	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2011 thru 7/31/2013
⇒ U16 Girls & U16 Boys	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2009 thru 7/31/2011
⇒ U18 Girls & U18 Boys	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2007 thru 7/31/2009

### *Think of it this way...*

If a bowler turns 9, 11, 13, 15, 17 during the bowling season,  
he/she would be in the next highest age division

## State Championship Format

**U8 & U10 Divisions** Bowl 3 games on one pair of lanes

**U12, U14, U16 & U18 Divisions** Bowl 6 games moving one pair of lanes after 3 games

Total Pins scratch will determine places

Champions in U12, U14, U16 & U18 Divisions win a paid entry at the  
2026 Junior Gold Championships July in Minneapolis, MN

There is no requirement of Junior Gold membership to win the  
Junior Gold Spots in the U12, U14, U16 & U18 Divisions.



## 2025-2026 Oklahoma Youth Scratch Championship Rules

1. 2026 Oklahoma Youth Scratch Championship is certified by the USBC (# 06285 U8-U10 & # 06287 U12-U18) and shall be governed by the USBC rules and those specified in the Tournament Handbook.
2. League qualifying will consist of (2) two, (2) week qualifying windows:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Window – November 1-15, 2025
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Window – February 1-14, 2026
3. Competition is a scratch event and is open to all 2025-26 USBC Youth members. To compete, a bowler must be a regular member of a certified USBC league and not be under suspension at the time of qualifying. League substitutes are allowed to participate if it is their only USBC Youth league. USBC Collegiate members are eligible if they are 2025 -2026 USBC Youth members, bowl in a USBC Youth league and have not violated USBC Rule 400.
4. All USBC Youth members in good standing are eligible for the league level competition. There is no entry fee at the league level. Bowling centers having 2025-2026 USBC certified leagues are automatic league level qualifying sites.
5. Participants must be aware of each competition level in the state and all associated rules, fees and deadlines. These items are contained in the specific state rules from the State Tournament Director. (State director information can be found on BOWL.com.)
6. Competition will be conducted in 12 divisions based on the participant's date of birth as listed below. Participation in the wrong age division will lead to automatic disqualification. Bowlers must stay in the given division in that particular league throughout the entire window.

U8 Boys/Girls	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2017 or later
U10 Boys/Girls	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2015 thru 7/31/2017
U12 Boys/Girls	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2013 thru 7/31/2015
U14 Boys/Girls	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2011 thru 7/31/2013
U16 Boys/Girls	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2009 thru 7/31/2011
U18 Boys/Girls	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2007 thru 7/31/2009
7. Advancement ratio from league to state competition will be 1 for 1 in all Divisions.  
**Pre-bowled and post-bowled scores may not be used as scores for advancement purposes.**  
Advancement to the state level will be from the league level.

8. Participants can attempt to qualify in any state/zone where they hold a 2025-2026 USBC Youth membership card. However, the bowler can only advance once using the following criteria:
  - A. 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 member will advance from the league where the first score was bowled.
  - B. If the bowler advances out of the league level in more than one state/zone, the bowler must declare one state/zone to continue competing in before the next competition level.
  - C. Participation in any level of competition past the league level in more than one state/zone and/or more than one division will result in automatic disqualification. Note: Advancers remain in the division they qualified in during the league level in all subsequent competition. If there is a tie for the last-place qualifier in a division, both will advance to the next level of competition.

## STATE LEVEL

1. If no replacement has been made, 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. Frames missed may not be made up. A bowler not present to bowl when it's their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
2. No substitutes will be permitted once athletes have started tournament play. However, replacements may be used for bowlers not present minutes prior to the squad time as stated in Rule 2. Replacements must be based on the order of finish from the prior level of competition. (i.e. the same window, same league and same center as the "no-show" bowler if replacement is from the league level. They must follow the order of advancement within that window/league.)
3. Competitors shall be allowed 8 minutes of practice on their starting pair.
4. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
5. 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. Questionable errors shall be decided upon by the Tournament Director. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the Tournament Director within 72 hours of the infraction. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
6. The top one (1) bowler in the U12, U14, U16 and U18 divisions for boys and girls at the state/zone competition with the highest scratch score (plus applicable bonus pins) will earn a berth to the Junior Gold Championships to be held July 2026 in Minneapolis, MN. Bowlers are not required to have a minimum average or be a Junior Gold program member to enter the U12, U14, U16 or U18 divisions at the league level of qualifying for the USBC Youth Open Championships. However, to receive the berth, the bowler must be a USBC Youth Standard member and USBC Junior Gold program member no later than May 16, 2026. **If the winner is not eligible for the Junior Gold Championships, he/she will still retain all awards from the state, but the next eligible bowler will receive the berth to the championships event.**

7. Awards and scholarship fees shall be returned 100% to the bowlers. Scholarships will be held in SMART account # 12327.
8. Advancers to the Junior Gold Championships 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/zone 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.
9. **If a bowler has already earned a berth into the Junior Gold Championships and wins either the U12, U14, U16 or U18 division in the Oklahoma Youth Scratch Open they would receive any scholarship or stipend assigned to their finishing position. The spot into the Junior Gold Championships would go to the next eligible athlete in line by order of finishing position.**
10. Symbolic awards will be given to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in each Division.
11. With added money from SMART this year, scholarships will be awarded as follows in both Boy's and Girl's Scratch Divisions: Scholarships will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places and then on a 1 for 6 basis in each division.
12. Failure to abide by any rules and regulations will lead to disqualification from this event. The USBC Open Youth Championships National Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.
13. The USBC Open Youth Championships National Tournament Committee will decide all matters not covered by these rules and regulations, or USBC rules and regulations. All decisions are final.

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