

South Dakota

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League Level Qualifying	October 20-November 2, 2025	January 5-18, 2026
Sectional Level Qualifying	NA	NA
State Finals	March 7, 2026	Cherry Lanes (Madison, SD)
State Finals Certification Number	Cert. #05178 Cert. #05413	
Rules	See Below	



2026 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE USBC YOUTH SCRATCH CHAMPIONSHIPS *U8 AND U10 DIVISIONS*

1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (#05413) and shall be governed by USBC Rules.
2. League level qualifying dates are: **October 20– November 2, 2025, and January 5–18, 2026.** Advancement from league is a one-time entry. Competition is open to all 2025-2026 SDSUSBC Youth members.
3. Advancement ratio from league competition to the State competition is **at least one for one (1 for 1) entries per division.** To be eligible to advance, you must have been present at least one week during the qualifying dates listed in Rule 2 to participate.
4. Advancers out of the level must remain in the division they qualified in during all subsequent levels. If a bowler advances out of 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. Bowlers must declare at the time of their first qualifying window within EACH league if they choose to “opt up” to a higher age division. All bowlers that choose to “opt up” **MUST COMPLETE** an “OPT UP” Form **PRIOR** to competition.

5. Competition will take place at:

Cherry Lanes
1413 NW 2nd Street
Madison, SD 57042
605-256-4954
March 7, 2026

6. **Entry Closing date is February 16, 2026 or when last shift is full.** Entry forms must include qualifier’s name, address, telephone number, date of birth, graduation year and national bowler ID number. Entries sent to the State Tournament Manager via the U.S. Postal Service must bear a postmark no later than one (1) business day after the tournament entry closing date. **Entries received after this date will be accepted based on lane availability and Tournament Manager’s discretion.**

7. Competition shall be conducted in the following divisions:

*U8 Boys	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2017 or later	*U8 Girls
*U10 Boys	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2015 thru 7/31/2017	*U10 Girls

8. The tournament format shall be as follows:

Each participant will bowl a 3-game series on one (1) pair of lanes. Each bowler’s **SCRATCH SERIES** will determine their final standing/position in the tournament.

9. ENTRY FEE:

Lineage:	\$15.00
Expenses:	\$ 6.00
Scholarship:	\$ 6.00
Awards:	<u>\$ 3.00</u>
Total Entry Fee:	\$30.00

ENTRY FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

**AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SHALL BE ADDED
COURTESY OF SD SMART UAF FUNDS AND RETURNED 100% TO THE BOWLERS
SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE HELD:**

USBC SMART FUND (Account #8546)

(*USBC Rules 301d and 309 states that all scholarships awarded
during a USBC certified event must be deposited in the SMART Program.)

10. All Entrants are expected to wear suitable attire. Use good judgment when selecting the appropriate attire.
- Examples of acceptable attire** • Collared Shirts and Mock-Turtle Necks • USBC Youth Jersey • Dress slacks, Skirts and Jeans in good condition • Shorts, skirts and skorts are considered too short and not suitable if a bowler's fingers are below the hemline.
- Examples of prohibited attire include but are not limited to:** • Head gear - (for medical reasons only) • T-Shirts, tank tops, halter tops, bare midriffs, spaghetti strap tops, etc. • Workout attire, bib overalls, jeans that are not neat, clean or in good condition (no torn jeans).
- Attire depicting alcohol, tobacco or gambling, an illegal substance or inappropriate language/gestures may not be worn. Bowlers will be required to change if attire is deemed inappropriate by tournament management or designee. Tournament management or designee decision will be final.
11. Smoking is prohibited during all USBC Youth Competitions. Use of cell phones or ANY other electronic device by bowlers is not permitted during scheduled shift time.
12. Competitors shall be allowed 10 minutes of practice time.
13. 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 MAY NOT BE MADE UP.** A bowler not present to bowl when it is their turn will be given a zero for that frame. Please advise a lane monitor if you need to leave the bowlers' area for any reason.
14. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
15. No provision is made for the roll-off of tie games. If there is a tie, any scholarship monies will be added together and then split evenly between the two places. For example: If there is a tie between 1st & 2nd place, and 1st place is due \$100.00 and 2nd place is due \$50.00 these two amounts will be added together and divided in half, so 1st & 2nd place would receive \$75.00 each.
16. 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/shift 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 from the time of the infraction. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
17. Symbolic awards will be given to first place winners in each division.
18. Scholarships will be awarded on a one for every three entries (1:3) in each division (girls and boys). First, second, and third place will be guaranteed scholarship funds regardless of number of entries. **The added funds from USBC will be prorated to each division per number of bowlers.**
19. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Board of Directors of the South Dakota State USBC. The National USBC Youth Scratch Championships tournament committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE USBC YOUTH SCRATCH CHAMPIONSHIPS TOURNAMENT MANAGER:



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USBC CERTIFIED #05413



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2. League level qualifying dates are: **October 20– November 2, 2025, and January 5–18, 2026.** Advancement from league is a one-time entry. Competition is open to all 2025-26 SDSUSBC Youth members. To compete, a bowler must be a regular member of a certified SDSUSBC league and not be under suspension at the time of qualifying.
3. Advancement ratio from league competition to the State competition is **at least one for one (1 for 1) entries per division.** To be eligible to advance, you must have been present at least one week during the qualifying dates listed in Rule 2 to participate. The advancement ration shall be applied uniformly to all eligible divisions.
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7. Divisions are based on the participant’s date of birth. **Athletes must choose the division in which they will compete.**

***Competition shall be conducted in the following divisions:

*U12 Boys Bowlers	whose birthdate is 8/1/2013 thru 7/31/2015	*U12 Girls
*U14 Boys Bowlers	whose birthdate is 8/1/2011 thru 7/31/2013	*U14 Girls
*U16 Boys Bowlers	whose birthdate is 8/1/2009 thru 7/31/2011	*U16 Girls
*U18 Boys Bowlers	whose birthdate is 8/1/2007 thru 7/31/2009	*U18 Girls

Bowlers are not required to be a Junior Gold program member to enter the U12, U14, U16 or U18 divisions at the league level or qualifying for the Youth Scratch Championships. However, to receive the berth, the bowler must be a USBC Youth Standard member and USBC Junior Gold program member no later than April 30, 2026.

8. The tournament format shall be as follows: U12, U14, U16, and U18 must bowl a minimum of four (4) games. Bowler will bowl four (4) games across two (2) different pairs of lanes. Total pin fall will determine winners in each division. In the event of a tie for first place bowler with the highest game will earn the berth to Junior Gold.

9. ENTRY FEE:	Lineage:	\$20.00
	Expenses:	\$ 8.00
	Scholarship:	\$11.00
	Awards:	<u>\$ 3.00</u>

Total Entry Fee: \$42.00 **ENTRY FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE**

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18. First place winner of the U12, U14, U16, and U18 divisions for both boys and girls will advance to Junior Gold Championships. 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 Junior Gold Membership must purchase a Junior Gold Membership prior to April 30, 2025.

19. 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 scholarship but the berth to Junior Gold Championships will be awarded to the next eligible athlete.

20. **If the U12, U14, U16, or U18 division champion has already earned a berth into the Junior Gold Championships they would receive any scholarship 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.**

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