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<b>League Level Qualifying</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>
<b>Sectional Level Qualifying</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>
<b>State Finals</b>	<b>March 21-22, 2026</b>	<b>Jackson Bowling Center (Jackson, TN)</b>
<b>State Finals Certification Number</b>		<b>Cert. #20647</b>
<b>Rules</b>	<b>See Below</b>	



## 2025/2026 Tennessee Youth Scratch Championship Tournament Rules & Format

1. State Competition: **Jackson Bowling Center, 731-668-2695**  
**March 21, 2026 Saturday @ 12 Noon, & 4pm.**  
**\*\*\*\*\*CENTRAL TIME ZONE\*\*\*\*\***
2. Enter online at [tnbowling.com](http://tnbowling.com), until **March 10, 2026, 11:59 pm central time**, or **\*\*\*\* ENTRIES MAILED MUST BE POSTMARKED BY February 21, 2026 \*\*\*\*\*** This will be Strictly enforced.
3. **Include your highest and most recent average at the time you send your entry**, although this is a scratch tournament, average is for lane assignment purposes.
4. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress and shall be governed by the rules of USBC.

**Certificate #.** Competition will be conducted in ten (10) divisions, as per the following chart:

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

Athletes are required to be current USBC Youth Standard members to enter the tournament but not mandated to be USBC Junior Gold Program Members to enter. However, athletes must be Junior Gold members or be eligible and buy membership prior to advancement to the USBC Junior Gold Championships. If winners are not current USBC Junior Gold members, they must purchase Junior Gold membership at that time.

5. If a bowler advances out of the league level in more than one state/zone, the bowler must declare one state/zone to continue competing in state/zone competition. HOWEVER, Tennessee does not run league qualifiers for this tournament. It is run as an open tournament. Any USBC youth member who bowls in Tennessee can compete if they declare Tennessee as their given state/zone.
6. Participants in any level of competition past the league level in more than one state/zone will result in automatic disqualification.
7. Entry fee is \$30.00 per person.

Division	Cost	Lineage	Expense	Awards	Scholarship
U8, U10	\$30.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$12.00
U12, U14, U16, U18	\$30.00	\$12.00	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$10.00

8. **All checks are subject to a \$30.00 return fee.**
9. Scholarship money will be returned 100%. USBC SMART Program contact: USBC Headquarters, (800) 514-2695, Ext 8968, Account #8547.



10. Bowlers in each division will compete on a sport pattern throughout the tournament. Sunday will have a different sport pattern. **Patterns will not be announced until after tournament completion.**
11. Bowlers will be allowed ten (10) minutes of practice. 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 (0). A bowler not present and ready to bowl when it is their turn will be credited with a zero (0) for that frame. **Bowlers late to Division finals will be subject to immediate disqualification.**
12. U8 and U10 divisions will bowl three (3) games on the same pair of lanes. Total pins will determine the winner. Awards will be announced after the Noon squad.
13. U12, U14, U16, and U18 divisions will bowl three (3) games on the same pair of lanes. The field will be cut to the top 12 bowlers in each division, and these athletes will return **Sunday March 22, 2026**, to bowl three (3) additional games, moving a pair of lanes after each game. **All bowlers must sign in before 8:30am or will be subject to immediate disqualification.** Bowling will begin at 9:00am. Scores from qualifying games will carry over. The top five (5) bowlers in each division with the highest accumulated score will then bowl a TV-Style stepladder roll-off to determine the winners. In case of a tie for the fifth position of the stepladder, a 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll-off will be completed to determine who advances. All accumulated scores from previous rounds of qualifying will be dropped going into the TV-Style stepladder roll-off. In case of a tie during the Stepladder, a 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll-off will be conducted until a winner is determined.
14. **PARTICIPANT UNIFORM:** Rule 301b. **SHIRT:** Competitors are required to wear a collared V-neck, rib-lined, or banded neckline. Mock collar must be a minimum of three-quarters of one inch. All shirts must have finished sleeves for all competitions. **Females** may wear a sleeveless shirt with a butterfly collar only if the sleeves are finished. **PANTS:** – **Male participants are required to wear slacks.** Slacks must not contain drawstring waist, ribbed bottoms, or elastic bottoms, and must have a zipper and a button to be eligible. Jeans, jogging pants and shorts are not permitted. **Female** participants are required to wear slacks, capris, skorts, or walking shorts. **All skorts or walking shorts must be no shorter than 3” above the knee.** Jeans, yoga pants, and hats are not permitted. **Tournament management will determine if the uniform worn by the participant is acceptable. Bowlers not complying with these rules must change to meet dress code or will be disqualified.**
15. **No use of electronic equipment during competition.** No clothing or bowling equipment with tobacco or alcohol advertising will be allowed. The bowling center is a non-smoking facility. USBC youth bowlers participating in the tournament are not allowed to use alcohol or tobacco, including vapor and e-cigarettes, during their participation in the tournament.
16. Unless otherwise specified, USBC tournament rules will be applied and enforced for this tournament.
17. Each bowler will be allowed to bring a maximum of 6 bowling balls into this tournament. Once Practice starts no additional equipment may be brought into the center.
18. **Only bowlers and tournament officials are allowed in the settee area.** All others must stay behind the settee area.
19. There will be no drinking or eating in the settee area.
20. **Claims for errors** in scoring must be made immediately, **before the next bowler bowls.** Errors in general playing rules must be made to the tournament director no later than the start of the next squad, 30 minutes after the completion of the tournament, or when awards are given out, whichever comes first. 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 after competition ends. Each protest under this rule must be specific.
21. **Awards and scholarships** will be awarded as follows: Top three (3) bowlers in the U8 & U10 divisions, to be awarded Saturday at 3 pm. Top five (5) bowlers in the U12, U14, U16 & U18 divisions will be awarded at the completion of the tournament. The scholarship amounts will be based on the number of entries. Additional places will be awarded if warranted.



22. **Special Awards** (U12, U14, U16, & U18 Divisions): **NO EXPENSE PAID ENTRY FOR WINNERS TO THE 2026 NATIONAL JUNIOR GOLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, July 11-18, 2026.** Top highest boys and girls finishing in the U12, U14, U16, and U18 divisions will earn a paid berth to the 2026 Junior Gold Championships in Minneapolis, MN. USBC will pay the entry fee for the champion of U12 (\$150), U14 (\$200) and U 16 & U18 (\$250) divisions into the Junior Gold Championship. **This does not include expenses.** If any Junior Gold advancer is unwilling / unable to become a USBC Junior Gold Member or will not attend the championships, the athlete will still retain the state scholarship, but the berth to the championships will be awarded to the next eligible athlete. **PLEASE notify tournament manager A.S.A.P, if a bowler cannot attend USBC Jr. Gold Championship.**
23. 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.
24. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Tennessee State Youth Scratch Championships Tournament Committee: Kathy Davisson, Penny Harris, and Al Trificano. The USBC Youth Scratch Championships Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.
25. **Results** will be posted at [tnbowling.com](http://tnbowling.com), and on Facebook: [Tenn Youth Bowling Tournaments](https://www.facebook.com/TennYouthBowlingTournaments)
26. **Please present each bowler with a copy of these rules. No money will be returned after being received by the tournament manager. It is the responsibility of the person submitting an entry to provide the rules and dress code to their bowlers.**
27. Entries may be completed online at [tnbowling.com](http://tnbowling.com). Make checks payable to **TENNESSEE STATE USBC**. Mail entry, check, and average verification to:

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