

Washington

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League Level Qualifying	NA	NA
Sectional Level Qualifying	March 7-8, 2026 [West] February 28-1, 2026 [East]	Westside Lanes (Olympia, WA) [West] Zeppoz (Pullman, WA) [East]
State Finals	April 25-26, 2026	Triangle Bowl (Longview, WA)
State Finals Certification Number	Cert. #06335 Cert. #06336	
Rules	See Below	

WASHINGTON STATE USBC YOUTH SCRATCH CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026 SECTIONAL RULES AND FORMAT



Scholarships will be awarded, ratio of 1:4 (rounded to an even number).

1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (#06333 U10 & Below East / #06329 U10 & Below West & #06334 U12&Up East / #06332 U12 & Up West) and shall be governed by USBC rules.,
2. All athletes must be a Current USBC Youth member to participate and bowl in a youth league in a center under WSUSBC jurisdiction.
3. Sectional entries open December 8, 2025 and close **February 25, 2026 for West Youth Scratch Championship Sectionals** and **February 11, 2026 for East Youth Scratch Championship Sectionals**. There is a one-time entry.

In all cases at least one person, per division, shall advance. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all divisions. These divisions will be based on the participant's date of birth (see chart below)

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

All divisions are scratch

4. Sectional competition will take place for the **West Sectionals** at Westside Lanes on (March 7 & 8, 2026) and for **East Sectionals** Zeppoz on (February 28 & March 1, 2026)
5. Completed sectional reservation forms, along with the sectional tournament entry fee (See Rule 12) for all qualifiers must be submitted to the WSUSBC Tournament Director, **postmarked by February 25, 2026 for West Sectional entry forms and postmarked by February 11, 2026 for East Sectional entry forms.**
6. Each check returned from banks, credit unions, etc., will be charged \$35 **plus** any bank fees.
7. Sectional competition will be conducted in the following divisions:

GIRLS – U8 – U10 – U12 – U14 – U16 –U18

BOYS – U8 – U10 – U12 – U14 – U16 –U18

All divisions are **scratch** and based on the participant's date of birth (see chart above)

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SECTIONAL LEVEL COMPETITION

8. Divisions **U8 & U10** will bowl three (3) games. One (1) out of two (2) bowlers will advance to state level competition based on total pin fall. If any division has Ten (10) or less entries, all will advance to the state level competition. A scholarship based on the number of entries and monies collected will be awarded to the top five (5) in each division, boy and girl, scratch, and handicap. If less than 25 bowlers in any division awards will be at 1:3 ratio.

9. Divisions **U12, U14, U16, U18** will bowl six (6) games. One (1) out of two (2) bowlers will advance to state level competition based on total pin fall. If any division has ten (10) or less entries, all will advance to the state level competition. A scholarship based on the number of entries and monies collected will be awarded to the top five (5) in each division, boy and girl, scratch, or handicap. If less than 25 bowlers in any division awards will be at 1:3 ratio. Bowlers will bowl 6 games on their assigned starting lanes.

10. Squads will be assigned on a first come basis. Once a squad is full, bowlers will be assigned their 2nd or 3rd choice depending on availability. Should a bowler not arrive in time to bowl their assigned squad, they may be allowed to bowl in a later squad if space is available. If no space is available in a later squad, bowler will have choice to forfeit entry (without refund) or begin bowling at the frame being bowled when they arrive. Squads will NOT be overloaded to accommodate tardy bowlers. **Bowlers must be checked in and in proper dress code at least 30 minutes prior to schedule squad time** or spot may be given to another participant. All squad assignments will be posted at www.tournamentbowl.com, it's the bowler's responsibility to check this site for their squad they are to bowl.

11. ENTRY FEES

	<u>U8 & U10</u> Cash / Check	<u>U12 – U14 – U16- U18</u> Cash / Check
Lineage / Expenses	\$25.00	\$40.00
Awards / Scholarship	\$25.00	\$25.00
Total	\$50.00	\$65.00

12. **Handicap** – All bowlers will have handicap added to their scores for opportunity to win additional scholarship, hdcp ratio will 90% of 220. There is NO additional bowling, we will use the scores bowled during their regular event. Bowlers will remain in the same division as the Scratch competition. All funds collected will be returned in the form of Scholarship to be managed by SMART. Handicap scores will **NOT** be used to advance to the state level. The average date for hdcp portion will be December 8, 2024 with 12 games or more.

13. Scholarship fees will be returned 100% to the bowlers. All Sectional winners will be awarded the total amount of Sectional Scholarship fees paid **in that division**. This scholarship is independent of the scholarships awarded at the Finals. All scholarship monies will be deposited in and managed by **SMART**.

14. Tournament management will determine if the uniform worn by the participant is acceptable. If the uniform is deemed unacceptable, the participant will be required to change the uniform immediately. If the participant is unable to change into a compliant uniform, they will be removed from the competition.

Shirts – Competitors shall provide their own bowling shirt with a collared, V-neck, rib-lined or banded necklines. Mock collar must be a minimum of three-quarters of one inch. All shirts must have finished sleeves for all competition. Females may wear a sleeveless shirt with a butterfly collar only if the sleeves are finished. **Pants** – Male participants are required to wear slacks or dress shorts. Slacks or shorts must not contain drawstring waists or elastic bottoms. Slacks or shorts must have a zipper and a button to be eligible. Jeans are not permitted. Female participants are required to wear slacks, skirts, capris, skorts or dress shorts. All skirts, capris, skorts, or dress shorts must be **below the competitor's fingertips** when they are standing and their arms are hanging loosely at their side. Jeans and yoga pants are **not permitted**. **Headgear** – No covering or sunglasses can be worn while practicing or competing (hats, caps, or bandannas, etc.). Male or Female participants cannot wear any headgear while practicing or competing, unless a request is made in writing.

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15. Conduct Guidelines:

- a. No smoking will be permitted by any participant and spectators must go to a designated smoking area to smoke during the tournament.
- b. No alcohol is to be consumed on the concourse and there will be no gambling by bowlers or spectators behind the bowlers.
- c. Youth participants will not wear apparel or use bowling equipment depicting alcohol, tobacco, gambling, an illegal substance or inappropriate language/gestures during competition.
- d. Bowlers may not use or wear any electronic device (MP3 player, cell phone, etc.) while on the approach or in the settee area. No device shall be audible to any other player or official or interfere with any other participant. Cell phones and pagers must be turned off or used on silent mode only.

16. Bowlers will be allowed a minimum of ten (10) minutes of practice time on their starting lanes for sectional competition.

17. A bowler who has not been replaced and arrives 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 (0) for that frame.

18. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area. All Coaches must wear their RVP and have completed the safe sport testing in order to coach any youth on the concourse. If a youth bowler is going to turn 18 prior to the start of sectionals he/she must complete SafeSport testing prior to bowling in the sectional tournament. If they have not completed SafeSport testing, they will not be allowed to bowl.

19. Ties for all divisions will not be broken and all that qualify will advance.

20. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the tournament director within thirty (30) minutes of squad completion. The tournament director shall decide upon questionable errors. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the tournament director within 72 hours or before the awards are given out. Each protest under this rule must be specific.

21. Late entries may be considered upon space availability at Tournament Director's discretion.

22. Advancers out of the league 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.

23. The Washington State USBC Youth Scratch Championships Committee shall determine all matters not covered by these rules and regulations. The National USBC Youth Scratch Championships Tournament Committee has the right to accept or reject any participant.

24. The state entry form will be available online at www.wsusbc.net on March 11, 2026, each participant advancing to the state finals will need to download and mail in entry. **Hard copies of state entry form will not be mailed, squad verifications will also be posted at www.wsusbc.net and under www.tournamentbowl.com under Youth Scratch Championship Sectionals (East & West) and Youth Scratch Championship State finals.**

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1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (#06335 U10 & Below) (#06336 U12 & Up) and shall be governed by USBC rules. All athletes must be a USBC Youth member to participate.
2. Advancement from the sectional competition is a one-time entry. If an individual qualified and cannot participate in state competition, replacements will be eligible based on order of finish in the previous qualifying event. All squad assignments will be posted at www.tournamentbowl.com, it's the bowler's responsibility to check this site for their squad they are to bowl.
3. Advancement ratio from sectional qualifying to state finals in U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 & U18 divisions is one (1) for every two (2) entries per division, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties.
4. State final competition will take place at Triangle Bowl in Longview, WA, on **April 25 & 26, 2026**. State level entries open **March 11, 2026**, state entry forms will be available on the State Website and tournamentbowl.com. Reservation deadline for the competition is **April 8, 2026**. Alternates invited after the deadline must have their entry to the tournament director by **April 11, 2026**. (USBC Rule 310a)
5. **STATE FINALS COMPETITION**

A. Divisions U8 & U10 will bowl three (3) games on April 25, 2026, total pin fall will determine first place scholarship winner. Scholarships will be awarded, ratio of 1:4 (rounded to an even number).

B. Divisions U12, U14, U16, U18 will bowl six (6) games of qualifying on Saturday **4/25/26**. The field will be cut on a ratio of 1:4 (rounded to an even number) with a maximum of eight (8) advancers based on scratch total pins and a minimum of 4. Advancers will return on Sunday (**4/26/26**). Finalists will bowl eight (8) games of match play, bowling each player one (1) time, with the eighth game a position round. Scratch pins from qualifying will carry over. Bowlers will receive thirty (30) bonus pins per match play win or fifteen (15) bonus pins per match play tie. Places will be determined by total scratch pin fall. Scholarships will be awarded.

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6. **ENTRY FEES**

	U8 – U10	U12 – U14 – U16 – U18
Lineage / Expenses	\$25.00	\$40.00
Awards / Scholarship	\$25.00	\$25.00
Total	\$50.00	\$65.00

Awards and scholarship fee will be returned 100% to the bowlers. All scholarship monies will be sent to and managed by SMART. All checks returned by banks, credit unions etc. will be charged \$35 **plus** bank fees.

7. **Handicap** – All bowlers will have handicap added to their scores for opportunity to win additional scholarship money. There is NO additional bowling, we will use the scores bowled during their regular event. Bowlers will remain in the same division as the Scratch competition. All funds collected will be returned in the form of Scholarship to be managed by SMART. Handicap scores will NOT be used to advance to finals.
8. Tournament management will determine if the uniform worn by the participant is acceptable. If the uniform is deemed unacceptable, the participant will be required to change the uniform immediately. If the participant is unable to change into a compliant uniform, they will be removed from the competition.
Shirts – Competitors shall provide their own bowling shirt with a collared, V-neck, rib-lined or banded necklines. Mock collar must be a minimum of three-quarters of one inch. All shirts must have finished sleeves for all competition. Females may wear a sleeveless shirt with a butterfly collar only if the sleeves are finished.
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 - b. No alcohol is to be consumed on the concourse and there will be no gambling by bowlers or spectators behind the bowlers.
 - c. Youth participants will not wear apparel or use bowling equipment depicting alcohol, tobacco, gambling, an illegal substance or inappropriate language/gestures during competition.
 - d. Bowlers may not use or wear any electronic device (MP3 player, cell phone, etc.) while on the approach or in the settee area. No device shall be audible to any other player or official or interfere with any other participant. Cell phones and pagers must be turned off or used on silent mode only.
10. No substitutes will be permitted beyond the entry deadline. For the Sunday finals, qualifiers and alternates must be checked in thirty (30) minutes prior to the squad to be eligible to compete. Any vacancies may be filled by a pacer at the tournament director’s discretion if qualifiers or alternates have not checked in according to this rule.

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11. Bowlers will be allowed a minimum of ten (10) minutes of practice time on their starting lanes for state competition.
12. A bowler not present and ready to bowl when it is his/her turn will be credited with a zero (0) for that frame.
13. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area. All Coaches must be wearing their RVP and have completed the safe sport testing in order to be coaching any youth on the concourse. If a youth bowler is going to turn 18 prior to the start of sectionals he/she must complete SafeSport testing prior to bowling in the sectional tournament. If they have not completed SafeSport testing, they will not be allowed to bowl.
14. If a tie exists for the last qualifying place in any of the U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18 divisions after the qualifying round the tie will be broken by a one game roll-off. If a tie still exists, a 9th and 10th frame roll-off will be used until the tie is broken.
15. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the tournament director within 30 minutes after completion of the bowler's squad. The tournament director shall rule upon questionable errors. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the tournament director within 72 hours or before the awards are given out. Each protest under this rule must be specific in itself.
16. Scholarships will be awarded to all advancers to scratch match play in divisions U12, U14, U16 and U18. Monies will be sent to and managed by the SMART program.
17. The first place winners in the Girls and Boys U12, U14, U16 and U18 Divisions will advance to the 2026 Junior Gold Championships to be held in **Minneapolis, MN, July 11 – 18, 2026**. Advancers must be **USBC Junior Gold** members or be eligible and purchase a membership prior to June 1, 2026. These athletes will compete for additional scholarships available to all the athletes at the championships, as well as other prizes and awards. (No travel reimbursement or stipend will be provided for these athletes from USBC). All U.S. citizens are vying for a spot on the Junior TEAM USA 2026 to represent the United States in national and international competition. If the 1st place winners are unwilling/unable to become a Junior Gold member and will not attend the Junior Gold Championships, the athlete will still retain the state scholarship, but the berth to the Junior Gold Championships will be awarded to the next eligible athlete. Any fundraising money awarded will go with the bowler who took first in their division to offset travel expenses to Junior Gold. 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.
18. Fundraising will be held during the sectionals and state finals to help offset travel expenses for all advancers to the Junior Gold national finals. Any monies raised will be divided evenly among all the advancers who attend the national finals, subject to receipts for travel expenses being received within 30 days of the event.
19. All deadlines are firm, and all eligible entries must be to the tournament director by the appropriate deadline. All information will be ineligible for consideration and will be returned by the Tournament Director. (USBC Rule # 312) All matters in these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Tournament Director. The Tournament director has the right to modify/change formats as needed. **The USBC National Youth Scratch Championships Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.**

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