

## RULES FOR THE CALIFORNIA USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021 (www.CalUSBC.com)

The California USBC Youth Championships Tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress. The tournament shall be governed by the following rules and all other USBC rules pertaining to certified competition. **IMPORTANT: COACHES/CAPTAINS: The rules and information are important and should be read carefully before the entry is completed. Entry forms not filled in properly and completely will be returned.**

1. **All youth members of USBC certified California Associations are eligible to participate. All entrants must be current members prior to the date of tournament participation. NO CARDS WILL BE SOLD ON-SITE BY CUSBC.**

2. **Participants are required to show their current USBC membership card, bowl.com printout or a letter from the local Association Manager at the time of check-in.** Entrants failing to present current membership will receive a **Verification Form** which must be returned to the CUSBC office (preferably by certified mail with a return receipt) no later than ten (10) days following participation in the tournament. Failure to return the verification form within the designated time shall result in the disqualification of the bowler's scores.

3. **PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED:** Handicapped bowlers requiring aids such as crutches, canes, wheelchairs, etc., or who are blind must report this in writing when entry is submitted so that special schedule consideration can be arranged. Similar additional notice must be given if such a handicapped bowler is to be used as a replacement.

4. Any person who bowls under an assumed name, under the name of another person scheduled to bowl in the tournament, or who is under suspension from USBC membership shall be disqualified. The individual shall forfeit their entry fee, all prize monies and be subject to suspension from USBC membership.

5. Participants in the Doubles and Singles events must enter both events. **All entries must list and PAY FOR TWO (2) MEMBERS.** Team captains and individual bowlers share responsibility for cross reference information if an entrant bowls team event on one entry and doubles and singles on another entry. Participation in the All-Events division is optional.

6. Teams may consist of any four (4) youth members (BOYS, GIRLS OR MIXED). All entries must list and pay for four members. No partial teams accepted.

7. **RE-ENTRIES:** Team, Doubles and Singles may be bowled more than once as long as at least two members in the line-up are changed for Team event and one member is changed for Doubles and Singles per Rule 18. No partial teams accepted. Re-entries are based on squad availability. Bowlers can enter multiple times in Singles and All-Events, but only the highest score will be used for cashing.

8. Competition will consist of three (3) games in each event.

9. **ENTRY CLOSING DATE: July 25, 2021 at 11:30am unless all squads are filled sooner.** NO entry will be accepted unless accompanied by full payment. **All checks should be made payable to: CUSBC.** Write "Youth Championships" in memo. Any returned checks must be paid in cash or money order prior to competition plus a \$50 penalty fee. There are no refunds after the entry closing date and entries are scheduled, unless CUSBC is notified in writing within 15 days of the schedule notice mailing date, that the date and time assigned is not acceptable. **Any refund requests made within 15 days of scheduling are 100% – all others are subject to a \$40 processing fee. Any left over funds from forfeited entries will be used towards scholarships.**

10. All advanced reservations must be accompanied by full team fees. **ALL TEAM SPOTS WITHOUT OFFICIAL PAID ENTRIES SUBMITTED BY JUNE 7, 2021 WILL BE RELINQUISHED.**

11. All scheduling will be under direction of the tournament management. We request four dates of preference; however, a request DOES NOT reserve the date. If space is not available on a requested date, the next available time is given, unless a refund is requested. See Rule 9. Scheduling dates are not changed except, when possible, in case of emergencies. Teams within 75 miles may not be given preferred times.

12. The tournament shall be operated on a scratch basis.

13. Divisions will be computed based on the combined averages per event. Divisions are as follows:

DIVISIONS	TEAMS	DOUBLES	SINGLES
A	660-up	330-up	180-up
B	580-659	290-329	155-179
C	500-579	250-289	130-154
D	400-499	200-249	105-129
E	399-under	199-under	104-under

14. **ENTERING AVERAGE: USBC Rule 319c will apply.**

(a) **Highest USBC certified league average, minimum of 15 games (winter/summer) for the 2020-21 season. If none,**

(b) **Highest USBC certified average as of the tournament date, minimum of 15 games (league sheets for all leagues must be provided). If none,**

(d) **Highest USBC certified league average, minimum of 15 games (winter/summer) for the 2019-20 season. If none,**

(e) **Enter at 200 – No league sheet necessary.**

**Verification is required of all averages:** Include all applicable league sheets with entry forms. **Bowlers are responsible for verifying their own averages. If a "sport" league average is the bowler's only verifiable average, it must be marked with "SP". CUSBC will adjust any relevant sport averages per the USBC chart to determine the correct entering average. PLEASE SUBMIT A COPY OF EACH BOWLER'S BOWL.COM AVERAGE PRINTOUT WITH ENTRY (IF THEY BOWL IN MORE THAN ONE LEAGUE).**

15. Averages must be received and verified no later than ten (10) days following participation in the tournament.

16. **It is bowler's responsibility to report if they have ever been subjected to an adjusted or re-rated average or refused an adjusted or re-rated average prior to bowling in an event.** Any bowler who has been re-rated must use the re-rated average if higher than the official entering average as described in Rule 11. A bowler must report any re-rate or adjustment made in any tournament. Not doing so will result in disqualification. **USBC Rule 319c will apply.**

17. Bowlers must check-in at least one hour prior to their scheduled squad with their current USBC membership card.

18. Team and doubles lineups shall be listed on the entry form in the order participants will bowl. If a change in a team or doubles lineup is desired, it must be requested at least 72 hours before the time the entrants are scheduled to bowl.

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19. **REPLACEMENTS:** Team and doubles lineups shall be listed on the entry form in the order participants will bowl. The California USBC assumes no responsibility to provide replacements. Replacements for original entrants may be made providing the replacement meets eligibility and average requirements and must take the place in the line up of the original entrant. A replacement must bowl under their own name at the time the event is scheduled. **NO absentee scores will be allowed. USBC Rule 322b will be waived.** Team captains/Youth Program Coaches/Adult contacts shall be responsible for filing a Replacement Form in the tournament office at least one hour prior to the time the entrant(s) are scheduled to bowl. If a replacement is not available, those present shall bowl for their all-events. An All-Events entry may be transferred to a replacement bowler only if original bowler has paid into All-Events. If the original bowler is not entered in All-Events, the replacement bowler can enter as long as it is paid before their first event.
20. 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. Bowlers not present to bowl when it's their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
21. If equipment failure on a pair of lanes would delay the progress of the series, a tournament official can authorize the completion of a game and series on another pair of certified lanes. The interrupted game and series must be resumed from the point of interruption. No practice will be allowed after being moved. USBC Rule 321 will be waived.
22. A game or frame(s) within a game that is irretrievably lost in the scoring process may be re-bowled with the approval of tournament management.
23. **Practice is prohibited** in the hosting centers during the weekend of competition.
24. Bowling balls may be checked for hardness, weight, and balance at the discretion of a tournament official. **ELIMINATION OF BALANCE HOLES; BOWLERS MAY HAVE UP TO FIVE HOLES FOR GRIPPING PURPOSES AND ALL MUST BE USED ON EVERY DELIVERY. No-thumb bowlers would need to mark by scribe, engraver or tool near the intended center of palm with a plus (+) mark.** Any bowling ball that does not meet USBC specifications will subject the bowler to disqualification of all tournament scores.
25. Altering the surface of a bowling ball by the use of abrasives while bowling in USBC competition is prohibited. All bowling balls so altered must be removed from the competition. (See the USBC Equipment Specifications Manual on BOWL.com.) **ONLY A DRY TOWEL MAY BE USED DURING COMPETITION.** If it is determined the bowler had prior knowledge that the actions were in violation of USBC Rule 18, the game(s) in which the violation occurred is subject to forfeiture and the bowler is subject to disqualification, loss of entry fee, and possible USBC suspension.
26. This tournament uses one lane courtesy only.
27. Pacers are not allowed.
28. **BOWLING ATTIRE:** All bowlers must wear suitable attire. No alcohol, tobacco, sexual or profane advertisements will be allowed on any attire or equipment. All shirts must have finished/hemmed sleeves for all competition. Only pants, capris, skirts, skorts and long walking shorts are allowed.

**NOT ALLOWED: Clothing torn, or ripped; fleece/lycra/spandex/nylon/legging type material, basketball/soccer shorts or sweats; short-shorts; tank tops; halter-tops; "cut-offs". No writing on or defacing of clothing or equipment. No head covering (hats, caps, or bandannas, etc.) or sunglasses once competition begins. NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES ALLOWED IN THE BOWLER'S AREA. Tournament Management must approve any/all exceptions prior to competition.**

29. **AWARDS:** Symbolic awards will be provided for division champions only. Scholarships will be awarded based on a ratio of at least 1:15 or major fraction thereof in each division and event. All awards and scholarship fees collected shall be returned 100%. In case of ties, duplicate awards will be made. Special Olympic winners may opt to receive a gift card (maximum of \$500) in lieu of SMART scholarships if they are not attending college or trade school. Scholarships will be held in the USBC SMART program under account #10717, (800) 514-2695 x8292. Scholarships will be reported to SMART within 30 days upon completion of the tournament, except when USBC has authorized a delay, pending settlement of any claim or protest which effects position standings.
30. **DISQUALIFICATIONS:** Alcoholic beverages may NOT be consumed while participating in tournament. Adults consuming alcohol must remain in the lounge or in back concourse area. No tobacco or smoking products permitted by any bowler participating in scheduled events. Conduct derogatory to the best interest of youth bowling in conjunction with USBC will result in immediate disqualification (Refer to rule 17D).
31. Food and drinks in the bowlers' area are prohibited. **Please keep all food and drinks on the back counters. SPECTATORS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE BOWLER'S AREA.**
32. Members of the CUSBC who conduct themselves in a manner deemed not within the standards expected of youth bowlers while enroute to or from the tournament city or during the tournament itself, shall be immediately disqualified by their coach, tournament officials or state association officers. This includes the use of profanity and/or abuse of equipment.
33. The Tournament Director shall be the authority to interpret USBC rules and state tournament rules, policies and procedures in deciding disputes. If deemed necessary, the Tournament Director shall consult with the Board of Directors of the California USBC.
34. An appeal or protest of a decision involving eligibility or playing rules must be filed in writing with the Tournament Director and the USBC before tournament prizes are paid. The decision of USBC is final and binding on all involved parties. Any violation of tournament rules is cause for disqualification, loss of entry fee, forfeit of all scholarship awards and possible suspension from USBC membership. Protests must be made in writing within 72 hours of the time of bowling to Tournament Manager. Disputes occurring on the lanes are decided by the tournament official in charge. USBC Rule 329(a)2 and 329(b)2 will apply.
35. **ANY AND ALL RULES NOT COVERED IN THE ABOVE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS RULES.**

### MAIL ENTRY & PAYMENT TO:

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