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CALIFORNIA YOUTH SCRATCH CHAMPIONSHIPS
PRESENTED BY SMART

Youth Program Directors,

Beginning with the 2025-26 season, the Pepsi Youth Championships has been rebranded into the **CALIFORNIA YOUTH SCRATCH CHAMPIONSHIPS (YSC)** presented by SMART.

WHAT'S NEW:

- **New Name, Same Mission – A fresh identity for a long-standing grassroots event.**
- **More Scholarships – the SMART Program will be donating extra scholarship funds to our California event**
- **Age-Based Divisions Aligned with Junior Gold – Competition will now be held in U12, U14, U16 and U18 divisions. U8 and U10 will still be offered, but only at the State level.**

Tournament information needed for this year's event has been emailed and is also posted online at CALUSBC.com. The tournament handbook has the tournament rules and official worksheets that you will need for this year's event. We are back to a league level qualifying format, but instead of qualifying to the District Finals, bowlers will qualify straight to the State Finals. Participation numbers were low last year, so we modified the format for this year based on those figures. When participation numbers start to increase again, we can look at reinstating the District level competition. The State Finals will be held in March at Bowlero Fresno. The U8 & U10 division will have their own squad time and the other two squads times are for the older divisions. All confirmed State Finalists will be posted online CALUSBC.com.

IMPORTANT: Late entries will NOT be accepted. The league level qualifying is November 3-16, 2025. If you have a conflict with those dates, you can ask your District Director for permission to move your dates one week earlier or one week later. Please submit fees and paperwork postmarked by **JANUARY 28** to your respective District Director. Contact us immediately if you have received the wrong district information and we will get you the correct info as soon as possible. **PLEASE have all coaches and bowlers READ the TOURNAMENT INFORMATION & RULES carefully.** If you have any questions, please contact your District Director immediately.

Thank you for your support and participation in one of the largest scholarship events in California. With the rising cost of education, this tournament strongly benefits many young bowlers on their way to a promising future. ***GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR PROGRAM THIS YEAR!***

Lynn Matsubara, Tournament Director
E-mail: info@calusbc.com | (562) 449-4527

IMPORTANT 2026 TOURNAMENT DATES:

November 3-16 ... League level qualifying dates
January 28 ..... Worksheets, supporting documents and entry fees due to District Directors
February 1-21 ..... Registration window for State qualifiers
March 14-15..... State Finals (all divisions)

RUNNING THE SAME WEEKEND!

The California Youth Committee (CYC) is running the **CAL STATE YOUTH QUEENS & MASTERS / PRINCE & PRINCESS** event the same weekend as the YSC State Finals (March 14-15). This is a youth singles 5-gamer open to all current California youth bowlers. We hope bowlers will take advantage of this great opportunity. CUSBC is donating $2,000 in additional scholarships for this event! Sign up online at **CALUSBC.com**.

Cal State Youth
QUEENS & MASTERS
PRINCE & PRINCESS
Tournament

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(FORMERLY THE PEPSI YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS)

Scholarships awarded in all Age Divisions!

CALIFORNIA YOUTH SCRATCH CHAMPIONSHIPS

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U8 & U10 Divisions earn FREE entries into the CA Youth State Championships!

2025-26 CA USBC certified youth entered in a California USBC certified youth league are eligible to enter. Entries must be submitted by Youth Program Directors to their respective District Directors.
U8 & U10 Entry Fee: $40 per person • U12, U14, U16 & U18 Entry Fee: $65 per person

SEE TOURNAMENT PACKET ONLINE AT CALUSBC.COM FOR INFORMATION.

ENTRY DEADLINE: JANUARY 28

LEAGUE LEVEL QUALIFYING DATES: November 3-16, 2025
STATE FINALS REGISTRATION WINDOW: February 1-21, 2026

$500 Travel Stipend to Eight Champions Going to Minnesota!

Scratch & Handicap Scholarships to be awarded

STATE FINALS

MARCH 14-15, 2026

U8/U10 DIV. FORMAT: 3 GAMES – U12 & ABOVE DIV. FORMAT: 5 GAMES
REGISTER ONLINE AT CALUSBC.COM: FEBRUARY 1-21, 2026

BOWLERO FRESNO

BOWLERS MUST REGISTER THEIR SQUAD TIME ONLINE IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE.

Qualify from League (November 3-16, 2025) to State Finals. State Finalists must register at CALUSBC.com FEBRUARY 1-21 in order to compete in the State Finals. All bowlers are competing for scratch and handicap scholarships. The U12 and higher divisions are vying for a FREE berth into the USBC Junior Gold Championships (July 11-18, 2026 – Minnesota, MN) if they have not already qualified along with earning a Strike12Creations.com custom jersey (set CA design) to wear and represent CA. Visit CALUSBC.COM for more info.

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LEAGUE LEVEL QUALIFYING

League Level Qualifying Window: November 3-16

If you have date conflict, please contact your District Director to get permission to move the qualifying window one week before or one week after.

SEND ALL PAPERWORK AND FEES BY JANUARY 28 TO:

District #1 Director
BRETT KOCIEMBA
694 Cabrillo Dr, Chico, CA 95973
(530) 345-5574 • E-Mail: bkociemba@sbcglobal.net

District 1

The following items MUST be postmarked by JANUARY 28:

1) **QUALIFYING WORKSHEETS** with birthdates for each division from California USBC certified youth leagues (BLS accepted)
2) **OPT UP WAIVER** – For U8/U10 divisions that want to compete in the U12 division to try and qualify for the State Finals.
3) **LEAGUE SHEETS** dated as of the qualifying window
4) **USBC MEMBERSHIP LEAGUE LIST** showing all paid certified bowlers and USBC ID #s for the 2025-26 season in the league.
5) **ENTRY FEES** – $40 for U8/U10 Divisions / $65 for U12 & up divisions; **ONE center check/money order per center payable to CUSBC**.

BOYS/GIRLS AGE DIVISIONS:

- U8: Birthdate is 8/1/2017 or later
- U10: Birthdate is 8/1/2015 thru 7/31/17
- U12: Birthdate is 8/1/2013 thru 7/31/15
- U14: Birthdate is 8/1/2011 thru 7/31/13
- U16: Birthdate is 8/1/2009 thru 7/31/11
- U18: Birthdate is 8/1/2007 thru 7/31/09

All Qualifying is based on Scratch Scores

- **District Directors will process and verify all paperwork. All verified State Finalists will be posted online at CALUSBC.com.**
- **State Qualifiers MUST REGISTER their squad time online at CALUSBC.com in order to participate. It is the bowler's responsiblity to check online to see if they qualified or check with their Youth Director.**

STATE FINALS

DATES **MARCH 14-15, 2026**

BOWLERO FRESNO

6450 N Blackstone Ave, Fresno, CA 93710
(559) 431-3711

REGISTRATION WINDOW:
FEBRUARY 1-21

Web: CALUSBC.com

SQUADS **U8 / U10 Div: March 14 at 8:30am**
U12 & up Div: March 14 at 2pm or March 15 at 8:30am

FORMAT U8 / U10 Format: Three games total on the same pair of lanes.
U12 / U14 / U16 / U18 Format: Five games total moving pairs after each game.
Total scratch pinfall will determine the champions for each division.

- State finalists must register their squad time online at CALUSBC.com. See State Finalists instructions.
- All bowlers must wear suitable attire. **See DRESS CODE in State Finals Rules.**
- All divisions are competing for scratch and handicap scholarships (1:8 ratio)
- U8 and U10 division first place scratch finishers will earn an entry into the 2026 California Youth State Championships to be held at Arlington Lanes in Riverside (June 20-21, 2026). See Rules for parameters.

The eight U12, U14, U16 & U18 division Champions will receive the following:

– **FREE BERTH** into the **2026 Junior Gold Championships** to be held **July 11-18, 2026** in **Minnesota, MN** (if they have not previously qualified).

– **Travel stipend up to $500** for Junior Gold travel to Minnesota and a **STRIKE12CREATIONS.COM jersey** (CA design) to wear at Junior Gold representing California! (Stipend and jersey are voided if the bowler does not attend Junior Gold).

2026 CALIFORNIA YOUTH SCRATCH CHAMPIONSHIPS
SUMMARY SHEET

Turn in this sheet with your paperwork and fees to your District Director below.

Date _____

Bowling Center _____

Youth Director _____

E-Mail _____

Cell Phone # ( )

MAIL PAPERWORK AND FEES TO:

District #1 Director
Brett Kociemba
694 Cabrillo Dr
Chico CA 95973
(530) 345-5574
E-mail: bkociemba@sbcglobal.net

ALL PAPERWORK & FEES DUE BY JANUARY 28

PAPERWORK CHECKLIST:

1) ☐ **QUALIFYING WORKSHEETS with BIRTHDATES** (One worksheet per division)
2) ☐ **LEAGUE SHEET** dated as of the first qualifying date
3) ☐ **USBC MEMBERSHIP LIST** showing all 2025-26 paid bowlers and membership IDs in the league
4) ☐ **U8 / U10 OPT UP WAIVERS** must be submitted with entry fees (form in YSC Handout)
5) ☐ **ENTRY FEES** (Check payable to: CUSBC.) **ONE CHECK PER CENTER**

DIVISION	TOTAL BOWLERS		ENTRY FEE	TOTAL FEES
Girls U8 Division		x	$40	$
Boys U8 Division		x	$40	$
Girls U10 Division		x	$40	$
Boys U10 Division		x	$40	$
Girls U12 Division		x	$65	$
Boys U12 Division		x	$65	$
Girls U14 Division		x	$65	$
Boys U14 Division		x	$65	$
Girls U16 Division		x	$65	$
Boys U16 Division		x	$65	$
Girls U18 Division		x	$65	$
Boys U18 Division		x	$65	$
See Birthdate Division chart in Rules TOTALS			TOTAL DUE ➔	$

ALL BOWLERS & LEAGUES MUST BE USBC CERTIFIED.

State Qualifiers will be verified and posted on CALUSBC.com. All state finalists must register their squad time February 1-21. Late entries will NOT be accepted and will be returned. Please provide the State Finalists instructions to each qualifier in your center.

I have read and understand the tournament rules. I have also provided each qualifier from my center with a copy of the rules. I also understand that the required paperwork and fees postmarked by the deadline will be processed.

Youth Program Director's Signature: _____ Date: _____

DISTRICT DIRECTOR USE ONLY:

Received: _____ Payment Amount $_____ Check #_____

CA YOUTH SCRATCH CHAMPIONSHIPS QUALIFYING WORKSHEET

- *Bowlers can qualify based on a ratio of 1:4 per division. They have two chances to qualify.*
- *List all bowlers in the division and rank them high to low by scratch series. See sample.*

Worksheets (one per division) must be accompanied by:

- *Current league sheet and SUMMARY SHEET*
- *USBC league membership listing showing 2025-26 dues paid and USBC IDs*
- *Entry fee payment – one center check or money order only PER CENTER*

CALIFORNIA YOUTH SCRATCH CHAMPIONSHIPS
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Paperwork & Fees due:
JANUARY 28

Center PARADISE LANES **League** ABC FUN LEAGUE

League Type: ☒ Standard ☐ Sport ☐ Challenge **Qualifying Dates** NOV 8 & 15

Division: ☐ U8 Girls ☐ U10 Girls ☐ U8 Boys ☒ U10 Boys

Select only one division per worksheet

SAMPLE

**Youth with current Special Olympic youth membership are eligible to participate*

	ATHLETE'S NAME	INITIAL (ACCEPT DIVISION)	BIRTHDATE M/D/Y	WEEK	SCRATCH SERIES	QUALIFIED? RANK	QUALIFIED? YES or NO
1	JAMES SCHULTZ	JS	10/7/16	1st wk	525	3	YES
				2nd wk	576		
2	DENNIS MENACE	DM	7/19/16	1st wk	482	5	NO
				2nd wk	500		
3	TOM JONES	TJ	3/20/17	1st wk	675	1	YES
				2nd wk	589		
4	BOB LIVINGSTON	BL	5/5/17	1st wk	622	2	NO
				2nd wk	636		
5	RICHARD WILLIAMS	RW	12/8/16	1st wk	524	4	NO
				2nd wk	560		
6	BRIAN SMITH	BS	9/5/15	1st wk	485	6	NO
				2nd wk	495		
7				1st wk			
				2nd wk			
8				1st wk			
				2nd wk			
9				1st wk			
				2nd wk			
10				1st wk			
				2nd wk			

Submit this entry form with the summary sheet (yellow), fees, other required paperwork to the District Director.

# OF ENTRANTS	DIV. RATIO	ADVANCERS
6	1:4	2
	ENTRY FEE	$ 40.00
	ENTRY FEE DUE	$ 80-

RATIO CHART:
1-4 bowlers = 1 qualifier
5-8 bowlers = 2 qualifiers
9-12 bowlers = 3 qualifiers, etc

DIVISIONS (BOYS/GIRLS) ARE BASED ON BIRTHDAYS:

- **U8 DIVISION: BIRTHDATE IS 8/1/2017 OR LATER**
- **U10 DIVISION: BIRTHDATE IS 8/1/2015 THRU 7/31/17**
- U12 DIVISION: BIRTHDATE IS 8/1/2013 THRU 7/31/15
- U14 DIVISION: BIRTHDATE IS 8/1/2011 THRU 7/31/13
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Paperwork & Fees due:
JANUARY 28

Center_____ **League**_____

League Type: ☐ **Standard** ☐ **Sport** ☐ **Challenge** **Qualifying Dates** _____

Division: ☐ **U8 Girls** ☐ **U10 Girls** ☐ **U8 Boys** ☐ **U10 Boys**

Select only one division per worksheet

***Youth with current Special Olympic youth membership are eligible to participate**

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			2nd wk			
2			1st wk			
			2nd wk			
3			1st wk			
			2nd wk			
4			1st wk			
			2nd wk			
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6			1st wk			
			2nd wk			
7			1st wk			
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Division: ☐ **U12 Girls** ☐ **U14 Girls** ☐ **U16 Girls** ☐ **U18 Girls** ☐ **U12 Boys** ☐ **U14 Boys** ☐ **U16 Boys** ☐ **U18 Boys**

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			2nd wk			
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			2nd wk			
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			2nd wk			
5			1st wk			
			2nd wk			
6			1st wk			
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7			1st wk			
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			2nd wk			
9			1st wk			
			2nd wk			
10			1st wk			
			2nd wk			

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# OF ENTRANTS	DIV. RATIO	ADVANCERS
	1:4	
	ENTRY FEE	$ 65.00
	ENTRY FEE DUE	$

RATIO CHART:
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9-12 bowlers = 3 qualifiers, etc

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- U8 DIVISION: BIRTHDATE IS 8/1/2017 OR LATER
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2026 California USBC Association
YOUTH SCRATCH CHAMPIONSHIPS

STATE RULES

1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) #05666 and shall be governed by USBC rules.
2. Competition is open to all 2025-26 USBC Youth members that are bowling in a California USBC certified youth league and not under suspension. League substitutes are allowed to participate if it is their only California USBC certified youth league. Entries must be submitted through California USBC certified youth leagues.
3. League level qualifying dates are **NOVEMBER 3-16, 2025**. Advancement from league is a one-time entry. If an individual qualified and cannot participate in this competition, replacements will be eligible based on order of finish from the league level qualifying. **Replacements must advance from the same league and same division based on order of finish.**
4. **Advancement ratio from LEAGUE competition to STATE competition (all divisions) is at least ONE (1) FOR EVERY FOUR (4) ENTRIES per division, per league, per window including last-place ties.** The base number for each division is the number of certified individuals that were present at least one week to participate. In all cases at least one person per division shall advance. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all eligible divisions.
5. 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. **All bowlers that choose to "opt up" MUST COMPLETE an "OPT UP FORM" PRIOR to league competition.**
6. **Entry Fees:**

Division	U8 & U10	U12 & higher
Expenses/Awards/Scholarships…….….	$20.75	$36.25
Lineage…….	$14.25	$23.75
Handicap Scholarship……	$5.00	$5.00
TOTAL	**$40.00**	**$65.00**

7. **Entry closing date is JANUARY 28.** Tournament fees and official worksheets must be submitted by this date. No refunds allowed after the closing date unless approved by the Tournament Director. **Bowling center checks and money orders must be made payable to CUSBC.** Write "YSC" and "center name" in memo. Any returned checks are subject to a $35 penalty fee and must be paid with money order by **FEBRUARY 10. ONLY ONE PAYMENT PER CENTER.**
8. Divisions are based on the participant's age. Athletes must compete in their proper age division in all levels of competition. **Competition shall be conducted in the following divisions**:
   - **BOYS / GIRLS U8 DIVISION: BIRTHDATE IS 8/1/2017 OR LATER**
   - **BOYS / GIRLS U10 DIVISION: BIRTHDATE IS 8/1/2015 THRU 7/31/17**
   - **BOYS / GIRLS U12 DIVISION: BIRTHDATE IS 8/1/2013 THRU 7/31/15**
   - **BOYS / GIRLS U14 DIVISION: BIRTHDATE IS 8/1/2011 THRU 7/31/13**
   - **BOYS / GIRLS U16 DIVISION: BIRTHDATE IS 8/1/2009 THRU 7/31/11**
   - **BOYS / GIRLS U18 DIVISION: BIRTHDATE IS 8/1/2007 THRU 7/31/09**
9. State Finals competition will take place at **BOWLERO FRESNO**, 6450 N Blackstone Ave, Fresno, CA 93710, (559) 431-3711 on **MARCH 14-15, 2026. U8 / U10 Squad time:** Saturday 8:30am. **U12 / U14 / U16 / U18 Squad times:** Saturday 2pm and Sunday at 8:30am.
10. **ALL BOWLERS MUST REGISTER THEIR SQUAD TIME ONLINE AT CALUSBC.COM FEBRUARY 1–21.** ***Those who fail to register their squad time on time will be assigned their squad time.***
11. **U8 / U10 Format:** Three games total on the same pair of lanes. **U12 / U14 / U16 / U18 Format:** Five games total moving pairs after each game. Total scratch pinfall will determine the champions for each division.
12. ***DRESS CODE: BOWLING JERSEYS OR POLO SHIRTS ONLY. Jersey collars must be hemmed (crew, v-neck, polo or quarter zip). All jerseys must have finished sleeves. Male participants are required to wear slacks with front zipper and button at waist. Slacks must not contain drawstring waists or elastic bottoms. Female participants are required to wear slacks, skirts, capris, skorts or walking shorts. All skirts, capris, skorts or walking shorts must be below the competitor's fingertips when they are standing with their arms hanging loosely at their side. Hats, jeans and yoga pants are not permitted. No electronic devices allowed in the bowler's area.*** *Tournament management must approve any/all exceptions prior to the event. If the dress code is deemed unacceptable, the participant will be required to change immediately. If the participant is unable to change, they will be removed from competition for that day. Re-scheduling will be accommodated only when possible.*
13. No replacements permitted once the squad has started. Replacements may be used for scheduled bowlers not present at least 45 minutes prior to the squad time as stated in Rule 2. **Replacements must be from the same center, league and division based on their order of finish. Rule 322b will be waived.**
14. Tardy bowlers shall start in the frame currently being bowled. Missed frames shall be credited with a zero. Bowlers not present to bowl when it's their turn will receive a zero for that frame.
15. Only bowlers and Tournament Officials are permitted in the settee area.
16. **Practice** is **prohibited** in the hosting center during the weekend of competition (Saturday night).

17. **AVERAGE VERIFICATION FOR HANDICAP SCHOLARSHIPS:**
    a) Highest USBC certified league average (min. of 15 games) **AS OF MARCH 1, 2026. FALL LEAGUE SHEETS ENDING BEFORE JANUARY 1 ARE ALSO REQUIRED IF NOT ALREADY POSTED ON BOWL.com.** If none,
    b) Highest USBC certified league average as of the tournament date (min. of 15 games; sheet required). If none,
    c) Highest USBC certified league average from 2024-25 (min. of 15 games). If none,
    d) Scratch (175 for U8-U10 divisions; 210 for U12-U18 divisions)

    BOWLERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR VERIFYING THEIR OWN AVERAGES. If a certified "sport/challenge" league average is the youth's only verifiable average, it will be adjusted per the chart in the USBC Rulebook to determine the correct entering average.

18. Scratch and Handicap scholarships will be awarded based on the number of participants with a ratio of at least 1:8 per division, with a major fraction thereof. **Handicap is 100% of 210 for the U12-U18 Divisions and 80% of 175 for the U8-U10 Divisions**. Awards and Scholarship fees shall be returned 100%. All ties will be split equally. Scholarships will be held with USBC SMART under account #10717, (800) 514-2695 x8292. Special Olympic winners may opt to receive a gift card (maximum of $300) in lieu of SMART scholarships if they are not attending college or trade school. A CUSBC waiver must be signed to process the gift card.

19. **U8 & U10 Champions will earn a FREE entry ($50 value) into the California Youth State Championships held on June 20-21, 2026 at Arlington Lanes, Riverside.** In order to redeem this award, the winner must pay and enter with a full team of their choice and also bowl the singles event. The entry will be reimbursed after the tournament is completed and participation is verified. This berth is applicable only to the four Champions will be voided if they cannot attend or do not enter with a full team entry.

20. **California is allocated 8 berths into the Junior Gold Championships. The first-place winners** (or highest finishing athlete who has not already advanced) **of the U12, U14, U16 and U18 divisions for both Girls and Boys will advance to the 2026 Junior Gold Championships (July 11-18, 2026, Minneapolis, MN).** They must be USBC Junior Gold members to advance to the Junior Gold Championships. Bowlers without a current Junior Gold membership must purchase a Junior Gold membership prior to May 15. USBC will waive the $250 (U18/U16), $200 (U14) and $150 (U12) entry fee for these athletes. These athletes will compete for additional scholarships available to all athletes at the Junior Gold Championships as well as other prizes and awards. All U.S. citizens are vying for a spot on USBC Junior Team USA 2027 to represent the United States in national and international competition. 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 the Junior Gold Championships will be awarded to the next eligible athlete. Eligible advancers 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 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 highest 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. Replacements will incur all costs associated with changing the airline ticket, if applicable. **The California USBC Association will provide the U12, U14, U16 & U18 Champions (8 total) a travel stipend valued up to $500 and a Strike12Creations.com jersey.** The jersey and stipend are offered only for the champions attending the Jr Gold Championships and is non-transferrable. If the champion does not attend the Junior Gold Championships, the jersey and stipend will be forfeited. Arrangements will be made by each athlete within stated guidelines and parameters from the California USBC Association. **Junior Gold berth winners are not confirmed until they receive confirmation from USBC.**

21. **ONLY A DRY TOWEL FOR CLEANING MAY BE USED DURING COMPETITION. ELIMINATION OF BALANCE HOLES:** Bowlers may have up to five holes for gripping purposes and all must be used on every delivery. If only fingers are used, the thumb hole must be plugged and an "X" marked for the palm position. Any bowling ball that does not meet USBC specifications will subject the bowler to disqualification of all tournament scores. We reserve the option to do random spot checks and we may be reported to check equipment by another bowler. **Visit BOWL.com to download the Non-conforming Bowling Ball List.**

22. Food and drinks are permissible in the back area only. **DISQUALIFICATIONS:** Non-alcoholic beer may NOT be consumed while participating in the tournament. No tobacco or smoking products permitted by participants. Conduct derogatory to the best interest of youth bowling in conjunction with USBC will result in immediate disqualification (Refer to rule 17D). Adults consuming alcohol must remain in the lounge or in back concourse area.

23. **NO OUTSIDE FOOD ALLOWED INSIDE THE CENTER.** Please be respectful of the hosting center's rules and guidelines.

24. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the California USBC Youth Committee. The National USBC Youth Scratch Championships Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.

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California Youth Scratch Championship State Finalist Information

2026 STATE FINALS REGISTRATION INFORMATION

For bowlers that have qualified from League to the State Finals. ***Qualifiers names are posted at CALUSBC.com.***

REGISTER: FEBRUARY 1-21, 2026 • STATE FINALS: MARCH 14-15, 2026

STATE FINALS QUALIFIERS: Bowlers will qualify scratch from their youth league to the State Finals based on a ratio of **1:4** or major fraction thereof, including last place ties per division. **QUALIFIERS MUST REGISTER THEIR SQUAD TIME ONLINE (FEBRUARY 1-21) IN ORDER TO BOWL.** Those who fail to register their squad time by Feb. 21 will be assigned their squad time. Hotel information is posted at CALUSBC.com.

FORMAT: Entry fees were due back in January. One-time entry. **U8 / U10 Format:** Three games total on the same pair of lanes. **U12 / U14 / U16 / U18 Format:** Five games total moving pairs after each game. Total scratch pinfall will determine the champions for each division. Handicap scholarships will also be awarded per division (100% of 210 for the U12-U18 Divisions and 80% of 175 for the U8-U10 Divisions). The U12 and higher scratch divisions can earn one of eight berths into the 2026 USBC Junior Gold Championships in Minnesota (if they have not already previously qualified) along with a travel stipend up to $500 for Junior Gold travel to Minnesota and a **Strike12Creations.com** jersey (set CA design) to represent California. (The stipend and jersey will be voided if the champion does not attend Junior Gold.)

YSC STATE FINALS ONLINE REGISTRATION

SQUAD CHOICES:

U8 / U10 Div: March 14 – 9:00 AM

U12 / U14 / U16 / U18 Div:
Saturday, March 14 – 2:00 PM
Sunday, March 15 – 8:30 AM

Online only at
CALUSBC.com

REGISTRATION WINDOW:
FEBRUARY 1-21

Squad space is limited and filled on a first come, first serve basis

TOURNAMENT SITE:

BOWLERO FRESNO

6450 N Blackstone Ave
Fresno, CA 93710
(559) 431-3711

IT IS THE BOWLER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK ONLINE AT CALUSBC.COM TO SEE IF THEY QUALIFIED. Online registration requires the following information: **CENTER** where you bowl league, **SQUAD CHOICE**, **USBC MEMBERSHIP #, DIVISION** and **LAST FOUR SS#** (U12 div and higher only). You will be contacted ONLY if there is a problem. **MAKE SURE YOUR REGISTRATION PROCESSED CORRECTLY – AN AUTOMATED EMAIL WILL BE SENT TO YOU FROM JOTFORM. ALL REGISTRATIONS WILL BE VERIFIED** – Confirmed qualifiers will receive an official email by March 5 and names will also be posted online at **CALUSBC.com**. Contact your Youth Director for help if you don't know the required information. ***E-mail registrations will NOT be accepted.*** **DO NOT** register multiple times just to correct information from the first registration. Contact Lynn at (562) 449-4527 or e-mail: info@calusbc.com to make any corrections.

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