2027 California USBC Association
YOUTH SCRATCH CHAMPIONSHIPS

DISTRICT #5 FINALS RULES

1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) #05335 and governed by USBC rules.
2. Competition is open to all 2026-27 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 certified youth league. Entries must be submitted through California USBC certified youth leagues.
3. League level qualifying dates are **NOVEMBER 7-20, 2026 and JANUARY 16-29, 2027**. 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, window and division based on order of finish.**
4. **Advancement ratio from LEAGUE competition to DISTRICT competition (all divisions) is at least ONE (1) FOR EVERY THREE (3) ENTRIES or major fraction thereof 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 district or 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 league competition.**
6. Competition will take place at **ALHAMBRA VALLEY BOWL, 1400 E Valley Blvd, Alhambra, 91801, 626-525-7909** on **MARCH 13 at 1pm & 4pm and on MARCH 14 at 9am**
7. **Entry closing date is FEBRUARY 18.** Tournament entry fees and qualifiers' name, address, phone and date of birth must be submitted by this date to the District Director. **On-site fees will not be accepted.** No refunds will be allowed after the closing date. **Checks or money orders will be accepted made payable to CUSBC. Write center name in memo. Any returned checks are subject to a $35 penalty fee and must be paid with money order by FEBRUARY 18. NO CASH ACCEPTED AND ONLY ONE CHECK PER CENTER.**
8. Divisions are based on the participant's age. Athletes must choose the division in which they will compete. Athletes must be Junior Gold members or be eligible and buy membership prior to advancement to the Junior Gold Championships. Each division includes both Boys' and Girls' categories. Competition shall be conducted in the following divisions:

DIVISION	BIRTHDATE RANGE
U8	BORN 8/1/2018 OR LATER
U10	BORN 8/1/2016 – 7/31/18
U12	BORN 8/1/2014 – 7/31/16
U14	BORN 8/1/2012 – 7/31/14
U16	BORN 8/1/2010 – 7/31/12
U18	BORN 8/1/2008 – 7/31/10

9. **Format:** Three games bowled on the same pair of lanes. Total scratch pinfall will determine the standings for each division and will also determine the qualifying results from District to State for the U12, U14, U16 & U18 divisions. ***U8 & U10 divisions do not advance to the State Finals.***
10. **DISTRICT #5 ENTRY FEE BREAKDOWN:**

Division	U8 & U10	U12, U15 & U18
Expenses/Awards/Scholarships *(Varies by District)*	$18.00	$48.00
Lineage *(Varies by District)*	$12.00	$12.00
Handicap Scholarship	$5.00	$5.00
TOTAL	**$35.00**	**$65.00**

9. ***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. 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, workout pants/shorts and yoga pants are not permitted. Political or religious themes/messages are not permitted.*** *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.*
10. No substitutes permitted once the squad has started. Replacements may be used for scheduled bowlers not present at least 30 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.**
11. 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.

12. **AVERAGE VERIFICATION FOR HANDICAP SCHOLARSHIPS:**
    a) Highest USBC certified league average (min. of 15 games) **as of FEBRUARY 13, 2027 (sheet required). ALL FALL LEAGUE SHEETS ENDING BEFORE FEBRUARY 13 ARE ALSO REQUIRED IF NOT 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 2025-26 (min. of 15 games). If none,
    d) Scratch
    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.

13. **Scratch and Handicap Scholarships will be awarded based on the number of paid entries with a ratio of at least 1:8 per division, or major fraction thereof.** Handicap for the U8 & U10 divisions is: 80% of 175 and Handicap for the U12, U14, U16 & U18 divisions is: 100% of 210. Awards and Scholarship fees shall be returned 100%. All ties will be split equally. Scholarships will be held with USBC SMART Account #8512, (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 a trade school. A CUSBC waiver must be signed in order to process the gift card.

14. **U8 & U10 Champions will earn a single entry ($50 value) into the California Youth State Championships held on June 19-20, 2027 at Country Club Lanes, Sacramento.** In order to redeem this award, the winner must pay and enter with a full team of their choice in both team and 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 in each district and will be voided if they cannot attend or do not enter with a full team entry (24 total).

15. **Advancement from District competition to State competition (U12, U14, U16 & U18 divisions only) is at least ONE FOR EVERY FOUR ENTRIES**, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties per division using scratch scores. The base number for each division is the number of individuals that were paid at the District Finals. In all cases at least one individual per division shall advance. The advancement ratio shall be applied to all eligible divisions. **IT IS THE BOWLER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK ONLINE AT CALUSBC.COM TO SEE IF THEY ARE A STATE QUALIFIER. ALL STATE QUALIFIERS MUST REGISTER THEIR SQUAD TIME ONLINE APRIL 1-11 IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE FINALS. Those who fail to register their squad time without prior notification to the Tournament Director will forfeit their spot. NO ALTERNATES.** State Finals competition will take place at **BOWLIUM LANES, 4666 Holt Blvd, Montclair, CA 91763, (909) 626-3528** on **APRIL 24-25, 2027.** Squad times: Saturday 9am & 2pm and Sunday at 8:30am. **Format:** Five games scratch moving pairs after each game.

16. Only bowlers and Tournament Officials are permitted in the settee area.

17. **ONLY A DRY TOWEL FOR CLEANING MAY BE USED DURING COMPETITION. No surface changes once competition begins. 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.**

18. Food and drinks are permissible in the back area only. No electronic devices allowed in the bowler's area. **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.

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

20. 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 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 of the infraction. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.

21. 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.

Mail paperwork and fees no later than FEBRUARY 18 to:
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Tournament info, forms and results are posted online at: CALUSBC.com