

By completing this official tournament entry form and entering this OSUSBC event, you and your parents or legal guardians voluntarily agree to assume all associated risks that come from competing or attending this tournament and therefore release the Ohio State USBC from any and all claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of its employees, volunteers, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 or any other infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any OSUSBC event.

# CHAMPIONSHIPS RULES

**Entry Requirements** – This is a USBC certified tournament hosted by the Ohio State USBC Association (OSUSBC). All bowlers must be 2023-2024 OSUSBC members in good standing. All bowlers must bowl in a USBC certified league within the jurisdiction or boundaries of the Ohio State USBC and/or living within the State of Ohio. Non-USBC Youth members who meet eligibility requirements must purchase a USBC Affiliate membership at a cost of four dollars (\$4.00) prior to participation. USBC Affiliate memberships will be available for purchase at tournament check-in. All bowlers must be age eighteen (18) or younger as of August 1, 2023. Closing date for entries is 1 hour prior to the last squad. Any entry received after that time will be returned. Walk-ins will be accepted based on lane availability and must be accepted by tournament director 1 hour before squad with entry form completely filled out.

**Location** - Parke Centre Lanes | 7313 Whipple Ave NW. | North Canton, OH 44720

Team, doubles, and singles events will be conducted during each of the tournament shifts. Lanes will be dressed before each shift.

**Rules** - USBC rules will govern all bowling during the tournament. The tournament committee will be responsible for enforcing the rules and resolving disputes during the tournament. Only tournament officials and bowlers are permitted in the bowling area. The bowler, by voluntary participation in the Championships, agrees to comply with the final decision of the Tournament Manager and tournament committee.

**Entry Fee** - The per bowler entry fee for each event is \$30.00. Breakdown: \$9.00 lineage; \$9.00 expenses; \$12.00 scholarship. An additional \$5.00 may be paid for each event (team/doubles/singles/all events) to enter an additional optional actual category in each division. All bowlers must pay the fee for the Team and/or Doubles events to be entered in the actual category. If a bowler participates in all three events, Team, Doubles and Singles, he/she will automatically be entered in the Handicap All-Events at no extra charge.

**Tournaments & Divisions** - The State Youth Championships will be comprised of three (3) separate events: team, doubles, and singles. Eligible bowlers of any age may elect to participate in any or all three events. All divisions are average-based and may consist of bowlers of either gender. The Singles Event and All Events will be determined based on the gender of the bowler.

**Note:** All divisions are handicapped. An additional actual category within each division is available to bowlers for an additional \$5.00 per bowler per event.

The team event will consist of the following separate divisions:

**Division A:** (720+ team average).

**Division B:** (600-719 team average).

**Division C:** (480-599 team average).

**Division D:** (479 or lower team average).

The doubles event will consist of the following separate divisions:

**Division A:** (360+ team average).

**Division B:** (300-359 team average).

**Division C:** (240-299 team average).

**Division D:** (239 or lower team average).

2 Bowlers  
Per Team

4 Bowlers  
Per Team

The singles event and all events will consist of the following separate divisions:

**Division A - Boys:** (180+ average)

**Division B - Boys:** (150-179 average)

**Division C - Boys:** (120-149 average)

**Division D - Boys:** (119 or lower average)

**Division A - Girls:** (180+ average)

**Division B - Girls:** (150-179 average)

**Division C - Girls:** (120-149 average)

**Division D - Girls:** (119 or lower average)

**Handicap** - The handicap used in the team, doubles, and singles events will be as follows: Team Event: 90% of 900. Doubles event: 90% of 450. Singles Event: 90% of 225. Teams & bowlers will be placed in a division within each event based on his/her eligibility. Any bowler(s) may elect to bowl in the actual division in any event in each division for an additional \$5.00 per bowler. All bowlers will participate in the handicap divisions.

**Format** - The format of all events and all divisions will consist of three (3) games of tenpin bowling conducted on the same pair of lanes.

**Participation Limits** - Subject to lane availability, the number of times a bowler may enter the team event is unlimited, but a bowler must bowl with at least two (2) new teammates for each entry. The number of times a bowler may enter the doubles event is unlimited, but a bowler may not bowl with the same partner more than once. The number of times a bowler may enter the singles event is unlimited.

**Participation Credentials** - All bowlers must present his/her USBC membership card at tournament check-in. Further, all bowlers must enclose a photo copy of his/her current standing sheet from a certified USBC program. Bowlers must use his/her highest 2023-2024 league average based on no fewer than fifteen (15) games. Bowlers who participate in high school leagues must have an average based on the bowler bowling all ten frames and a minimum of nine games. High school league averages must be from a USBC certified high school league. Any bowler who does not submit a photo copy of his/her current league average sheet with the paid entry form or who has less than fifteen (15) games will be assigned an average of 225 for the purpose of calculating handicap and division eligibility.

**Dress Code/Behavior** - Bowlers are to be dressed appropriately in attire reflecting the high caliber of bowling anticipated. All bowlers must wear a sleeved shirt. Bowlers' pants must be worn at waist level, not on the hips and not touching the floor. Apparel with references to tobacco, alcohol, drugs, obscenities or offensive conduct are prohibited. No headwear is permitted. Apparel and behavior violations may result in the non-refundable dismissal from participation or attendance at this event. The decision of the tournament director is final.

**Additional** - No entry will be accepted without payment in full. A score of zero (0) will be awarded for frames missed by tardy bowlers. Bowlers must check-in at least forty-five (45) minutes prior to the scheduled shift start time. False credentials will result in disqualification. Substitutes may be used subject to participation credentials. Open bowling is not permitted by a bowler in the center on the day of participation in this tournament. There are no refunds.

## Awards

**SMART Scholarships** - At least 1 of 7 bowlers (or any portion thereof) in each division of each tournament will be awarded a scholarship. In the case of ties for the final scholarship award, multiple awards will be given. The scholarship amount in each division of each tournament will be determined by participation. In the singles event, an eligible bowler will only be awarded one scholarship, based on highest placement, regardless of the number of times entered.

**All Events** - Scholarships will be awarded based on the bowler's division and total pin fall will be the total of scores rolled from your first appearance in each event (team/doubles/singles).

**Scholarship Management** - 100% of all collected scholarship monies will be awarded and sent to the SMART Program for management and dispersal. SMART is the bonded scholarship management service of the USBC. Information about the SMART Program is available by calling (800) 514-BOWL, ext. 3168 or e-mailing smart@bowl.com.

## Communications

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**Results** - The cumulative standings of the tournament events will be posted no later than Thursday following the last weekend shift. The standings posted for each event will be unofficial, pending the verification of averages for handicap division award winners. The results of the tournaments will be declared official no later than May 21, 2024.

**Promotion** - All participants agree to allow the Ohio State USBC to use their photograph for publicity purposes. In the event the Ohio State USBC arranges for telecasts or broadcasts of the tournament, it would be without cost to participants and participants would not share any revenue derived therefrom.