

TOURNAMENT RULES

Wisconsin and Upper Michigan State Tournament

Team – Doubles - Singles - All Events

USBC JUNIOR GOLD TOURNAMENT QUALIFIER

1. Tournament is open to all Wisconsin and Upper Michigan USBC Youth members who have not reached their 18th birthday prior to August 1, 2025, unless under suspension or in violation of USBC youth eligibility rules.
2. Bowlers from different age divisions may bowl together. Teams or doubles may be boys, girls or mixed (boys and girls).
Bowlers cannot bowl doubles only or singles only.
3. **Entry forms and fees for reservations are due no later than 8 weeks prior to you bowling the event. If entry forms and fees are received after that deadline your reservation will be strictly based on the availability remaining from your original reservation.**
4. Handicap will be 90% difference between total entering team average and class high limit, for all divisions. Division limits are on the front of the form.
5. ENTERING AVERAGE: (Average sheet **MUST** accompany entry form.)
 - a) The highest certified league average as of the end of the previous winter season provided, they have bowled 21 games. A book average would be recognized or the final league average sheet from the previous winter season and must accompany the entry blank.
 - b) If a bowler does not have a previous winter average, an average as of January 1, 2026 (minimum of 9 games) must be used.
 - c) If due to a late league start or other unusual circumstances a bowler does not have 9 games as of and including January 1, 2026, entrant will be permitted to bowl using their highest verifiable average (with a minimum of 9 games) as of time of bowling, subject to the approval of the tournament director.
 - d) A bowler who does not have the required minimum number of games bowled (9), will be accepted with an assigned average as follows:
11 years of age and under - 150 average 12 years of age and older - 200 average.
 - e) **Use current seasons average as of January 1, 2026, if it is 15 or more pins higher minimum of 21 games.**

Local USBC secretaries/coaches will verify all entering averages. ALL AVERAGES MUST BE VERIFIED WITHIN 7 DAYS OF BOWLING OR RULE 5.d will apply.

6. USBC rules and regulations will govern tournaments except for Rule 322 – No absentee scores will be allowed. USBC eligibility rules will be strictly enforced.
7. Falsification of any entry will result in automatic disqualification of entire entry, with no refund of fee.
8. **A bowler may enter and bowl only once in each tournament event.**
9. If a substitution is made in any event, the substitute must take the place of the bowler he/she is replacing. Once the substitute is placed in the lineup, the substitute will finish the series. **Rearranging the lineups or changing of doubles partners will not be permitted; violation will be cause for disqualification.**
10. **Only coaches or captains will check in all bowlers at least 45 minutes before bowling.** In case of an emergency, teams, doubles and singles not able to bowl on reserved date, may re-enter by calling tournament director for available openings.
11. Dress Code: **Appropriate attire is required. Tournament on site director will have discretion to decide what is appropriate. The dress code will be enforced, and the tournament director will have the discretion to ask bowlers to change or be disqualified. If in doubt, bring a change of clothes.**
12. No Parents or Coaches in Settee Area.
13. Junior Gold membership cards **MUST** be presented at check-in. Junior Gold entry fee is 25.00. Junior Gold entry will be awarded at a 1:8 ratio into 2 divisions, a boys division and a girls division. Junior Gold will be based on 9 game total scratch pinfall (no handicap). Ties will be determined by High Series score from the 3 events bowled.
14. Scholarships will be given in Team, Doubles, Singles and All Events on a basis of 1 out of 10, or major portion thereof, entered in each division. All scholarships will be placed in the recipient's SMART account.
15. Tournament Manager has the final decision on all tournament matters.

**To be invited to the 500-600 Club Tournament, Girls must bowl 500 Scratch - Boys 600 scratch while bowling in any event.
It is the responsibility of the bowler and the coach to fill out form with information needed.**

When combining team entries for singles or doubles, please list all team entry numbers.
Bowlers entered in Doubles and Singles must be listed on the same entry form.

Mail check and Entry Blanks to:

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