

**FIRST COAST USBC ASSOCIATION  
30<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT**

**Minimum of \$3,000.00 guaranteed  
in SMART Scholarships to be awarded  
PLUS 2 Junior Gold spots (1 U18 & 1 U15/U12)**

**Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 1pm start**

PRE-REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED BY NOVEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

PRE-REGISTRATION LINK: <https://forms.gle/QTbGir9g7JoUnQdr5>

**\$50 Entry Fee**

**NO additional entry fees for Gold Qualifier**

*(must have purchased a Junior Gold membership prior to competition)*

**2 DIVISION OPTIONS – MUST CHOOSE ONLY 1:**

**SCRATCH (House Averages over 150)**

**HANDICAP (House Averages under 175)**

4 Game Block – Top 10 in each division advance;

2 Game Advancers Round – Top 5 in each division  
advance to the stepladder finals

**Host Center:**

**YULEE BOWLING & AMUSEMENTS**

**850822 US-17**

**Yulee, FL 32097**

**(904) 225-1077**



## FCUSBC Youth Scholarship Tournament Rules

1. This tournament is a certified event and is open to all current USBC youth members in good standing.
2. Scholarship funds are managed by USBC's SMART Program.
3. Pre-registration encouraged by November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023. All entries close at the beginning of the tournament on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
4. Check-in time is 12:00pm - 12:50pm. Tournament starts by 1:00pm. Tournament Director reserves the right to adjust squad times if deemed necessary or refuse entries after check-in closes at 12:50pm.
5. **AVERAGES:** Bowler's highest current average (with a minimum of 15 games) will be used. Bowler must bring standing sheets with current average for verification. If no current average or not enough games bowled in current season, then 2022-2023 yearbook average will be used. If neither of the above, then highest summer average from 2023 will be used. If a bowler cannot provide a verified average, the bowler will bowl in the Scratch division. Any misrepresentation of average will disqualify tournament scores. **All sport or challenge averages will be adjusted using the USBC conversion chart.** Tournament Director reserves the right to re-rate any bowler's entering average.
6. There are 2 Divisions. The Handicap division is open to bowlers with standard averages of 174 and under (as determined by rule 5). The Scratch Division is open to bowlers with standard averages of 151 or more. Those who are eligible for both divisions must declare their division entry at time of check-in. Handicap is calculated as 90% of 210. Both divisions will bowl under a MODIFIED HOUSE SHOT.
7. **JUNIOR GOLD EVENT:**
  - a. The Junior Gold Qualifier is a concurrent event that has no additional entry fee (two spots paid by First Coast USBC)
  - b. All entrants to the tournament must declare, at check-in, if they have a current Junior Gold Membership (subject to online verification on bowl.com). Memberships may be purchased online prior to check-in (cost of membership is \$30, or \$10 if the bowlers is under the age of 12.
  - c. The scratch scores among all Junior Gold Qualifier participants for the first 4 games, regardless of division they are competing in, will count towards the determination of Junior Gold winners.
  - d. Entries to the national tournament shall be awarded to the top eligible "U15/U12" bowler under the age of 15 (as of 8/1/2023) AND the top eligible "U18" bowler under the age of 18 (as of 8/1/2023), provided there are at least 4 eligible bowlers in each division. If the minimum number of bowlers per age division is not met, then all bowlers will be combined into one division and the top two bowlers shall be awarded the Junior Gold entries, provided there are 8 eligible entries. No more than two entries will be awarded. Ties for Junior Gold spots are broken by highest game score among tied participants, then by a 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> frame roll-off.
8. The Tournament Entry fee is \$50.00. Entry fees are non-refundable, and prize funds returned 100%. A fee of \$35 will be assessed for any returned checks.
9. SMART Scholarships are awarded as follows:
  - a. Minimum scholarship ratio is one (1) per seven (7) entries per division will be awarded.
  - b. Awards will be issued after all averages and scores are verified and then distributed to the bowlers in accordance with USBC rules.
  - c. **ALL** bowlers making the first cut into the Advancers Round will receive SMART Scholarship awards.
10. **ONLY** bowlers, center employees, score keepers, and tournament officials will be allowed in the bowler's circles. Coaching is permitted, BUT only on the carpeted concourse.
11. **ONLY** tournament officials and center staff will be allowed to make score corrections.
12. Unsportsmanlike conduct will NOT be tolerated. No abuse or misuse of the bowling centers, personal equipment, or fellow bowler's property, indoors or outdoors, will be tolerated. Abusive and/or profane language, gesture, or behavior by bowlers or spectators will not be tolerated at any time while on bowling center premises. Bowlers and spectators will always conduct themselves appropriately.
13. **DRESS CODE:**
  - a. NO apparel advertising or promoting drugs, alcohol, profane, or sexually suggestive logos, emblems or pictures will be allowed.
  - b. Shirts may be worn untucked. Bare midriffs or undergarments must NOT show during bowling. NO sleeveless shirts can be worn.
  - c. Shorts, skirts, skorts may be worn but must be at least mid-thigh or finger-tip length. Pants MUST be worn at the waist.

- d. Clothing worn at check-in is the clothing that you will bowl in. If clothing is unacceptable, Tournament Director and/or committee member will ask the bowler to change clothes. Not doing so or any unauthorized changes will result in the bowler's disqualification from this tournament with no refund.
  - e. NO hats unless there is a medical reason.
  - f. Earbuds may be worn however, if a bowler is not aware it is their turn and is told to bowl, it will be considered one warning. If bowler is told to bowl a 2<sup>nd</sup> time, earbuds will not be allowed for that bowler for the remainder of the tournament.
14. Any discrepancies must be brought to the immediate attention of the tournament director or tournament committee member by the bowler/participant. The decision of the tournament director shall be final unless an appeal is made in accordance with rule 329.
  15. The current USBC rules will govern any situation not covered here.

### **TOURNAMENT FORMAT**

1. Lane assignments will be made after check-in has closed. Paid pre-registrations will have lane assignments ready at check-in.
2. A warm-up period of 8-10 minutes will be given prior to starting the qualifying round (based on number of bowlers per lane, at the discretion of the Tournament Director).
3. Bowlers will be responsible for completing their scoresheet and submitting to their assigned tournament official after every game, prior to moving lanes. Failure to record or total scores will result in a zero score.
4. All bowlers will move one pair to the right within their divisional group after each game.
5. Lane assignment for the event will be determined by tournament check-in.
6. **QUALIFYING ROUND consists of a four (4) game series.** The top ten (10) in each division will advance to the ADVANCERS ROUND. Ties in the Qualifying Round will only be broken if they would determine a bowler making the cut, broken by highest game score (and if necessary, 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> frame roll-off).
7. Once Qualifying Round results are made official and lane assignments are announced, the Advancers Round will begin. Tournament Director will determine if a warm-up period is needed (and for how long).
8. **ADVANCERS ROUND consists of a two (2) game series.** Bowlers will move one pair to the right after the first game.
9. NO pins carry over from the Qualifying Round **BUT \*\*\*NEW THIS YEAR\*\*\* bowlers begin the Advancers round with bonus pins based on finishing position in the Qualifying Round, as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> = 45 pins, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 40, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 35, 4<sup>th</sup> = 30, 5<sup>th</sup> = 25, 6<sup>th</sup> = 20, 7<sup>th</sup> = 15, 8<sup>th</sup> = 10, 9<sup>th</sup> = 5, and 10<sup>th</sup> = 0.**
10. The top five (5) in each division will advance to their respective stepladder finals. All ties in the Advancers Round will be broken by initial seeding in the Advancers Round (and if necessary, 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> frame roll-off).
11. **STEPLADDER FINALS matches are single-game heads-up matches.** Stepladder finalists not actively competing may use the designated warm-up lanes beginning in the 6<sup>th</sup> frame of the game prior to their first match. All ties in the Stepladder finals are broken by 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> frame roll-off).

# First Coast USBC 30th Annual Scholarship Youth Tournament

**Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Check-in from Noon to 12:45pm; Starts promptly at 1pm  
Pre-registration highly encouraged; walk-ins are allowed, space permitting.  
Open to all active USBC Youth members in good standing.

**HOST CENTER: Yulee Bowling & Amusements, 850822 US-17, Yulee, FL 32097**

**\$50 Entry Fee per bowler** (Lineage \$20.00, Expenses \$2.00, Scholarship \$1.00, Prize Fund \$27.00)

Name of Bowler: \_\_\_\_\_

USBC ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Age as of 08/01/2023 \_\_\_\_\_ ANTICIPATED High School Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Bowling Center \_\_\_\_\_

**Average:** \_\_\_\_\_  Current (15+ games)  Yearbook '22-'23  Summer 2023

DO YOU HAVE A JUNIOR GOLD MEMBERSHIP?  YES  NO

IF NO, SKIP THE REST OF THIS FORM.

IF YES, HAVE YOU ALREADY EARNED YOUR GOLD SPOT,  Already earned entry

OR ARE YOU ENTERING THE QUALIFIER?  Entering the qualifier

Date of Birth (only if entering the Junior Gold Qualifier): \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete all information requested. Both scratch and handicap bowlers must enter a valid average. Entries that do not have a verified average will not be accepted. Please carefully read tournament rules. It is each bowler's responsibility to know and understand these rules.

**MAKE CERTIFIED CHECK/MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO: FCUSBC**

**MAIL ENTRIES TO:** Ryan Waters, 4300 Hanging Moss Dr, Orange Park, FL 32073