

NEW NEW NEW AVERAGE RULE CHANGES

See Rule 12:

There is a **NEW Bowlers Average Form** (page 4) that **MUST** accompany your standing sheets and be sent in by Feb 24.

**If they are not received,
your bowler(s) will bowl scratch.**

**Highest AVERAGE from any league
MUST be reported, or
they risk disqualification.**

**String pin averages are not certified and
cannot be used for this tournament.**

12th Annual 2024 FSUSBC YOUTH HANDICAP FINALS SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT RULES



1. This scholarship tournament, sponsored by FSUSBC, certified by the USBC, is open to USBC Youth members, and shall be governed by the rules of the USBC. Tournament Competition #04487.
2. **League level qualifying will consist of two (2) one-week qualifying windows.**
The first window will be from November 4-10, 2023, and the second window will be from January 13-19, 2024.
ONE TIME ENTRY. If an individual who qualified cannot participate in the Finals competition, replacements will be eligible based on the order of finish in the qualifying level.
 If a bowler qualifies in more than one league (including travel leagues), the highest series bowled takes precedence.
Bowlers are responsible to inform house/league coordinators if they participate in other centers or programs. If we receive 2 entries for the same bowler, the 2nd entry will be forfeited, if not replaced by an eligible replacement bowler.
3. Advancement ratio from League to State Qualifying is at least one (1) for every four (4) entries per division, per league, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties. The base number for each division is one (1) for the number of league members that would have participated in that division. In all cases, at least one (1) person per division shall advance. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all eligible divisions. Following is a guide to the 1 in 4 ratio per division:

Up to 6 bowlers	Qualify 1	7 to 10 bowlers.....	Qualify 2
11 to 14 bowlers	Qualify 3	15 to 18 bowlers.....	Qualify 4
19 to 22 bowlers	Qualify 5	23 to 26 bowlers.....	Qualify 6 etc.
4. State competition will take place at: **LAKESIDE LANES**
 1950 Classique Ln., Tavares, FL 32778 • 352.508.9581

<u>State finals dates are as follows (Squad #'s are in parentheses):</u>		No bowling Easter weekend, Mar. 30-31.	
SAT. MAR. 16, 2024	(1)8:00 AM (2)1:30 PM	SUN. MAR. 17, 2024	(3)8:00 AM (4)1:30 PM
SAT. MAR. 23, 2024	(5)8:00 AM (6)1:30 PM	SUN. MAR. 24, 2024	(7)8:00 AM (8)1:30 PM
SAT. APRIL 6, 2024	(9)8:00 AM (10)1:30 PM	SUN. APRIL 7, 2024	(11)8:00 AM (12)1:30 PM
SAT. APRIL 13, 2024	(13)8:00 AM (14)1:30 PM	SUN. APRIL 14, 2024	(15)8:00 AM (16)1:30 PM
SAT. APRIL 20, 2024	(17)8:00 AM (18)1:30 PM	SUN. APRIL 21, 2024	(19)8:00 AM (20)1:30 PM
5. Entry closing date for the November window is Dec. 5th, 2023, and the entry closing date for the second window is Feb. 5th, 2024. Complete tournament entry forms containing the qualifier's name, **USBC Bowler ID**, address, **email**, and telephone number, High School graduation year, and House Director's information, must be forwarded to the Tournament Director by these dates. **Once the entry is processed there will be no refund of entry fees.** We will not accept any entry without a USBC Bowler ID. **INCOMPLETE ENTRY FORMS WILL BE RETURNED.**
6. **Divisions are based on participant's age.**
Competition will be conducted in **FOUR** handicap divisions, as follows:

U12 Boys and Girls:	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2011 or later.
U18 Boys and Girls:	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2005 thru 7/31/11
7. The Tournament format shall be: U18 will bowl six (6) games, and U12 will bowl four (4) games. Total pinfall, plus handicap (where applicable), will determine the winners for each division. If a tie occurs in any division where scholarship monies are awarded, the amounts for all places involved in the tie will be combined and divided by the number of bowlers who are tied to arrive at an equal amount paid to each bowler involved in the tied position.
8. Entry fee is as follows:

<u>U12</u>	<u>U18</u>
Lineage.....	Lineage.....
\$12.00	\$18.00
Expenses	Expenses.....
\$10.00	\$10.00
Scholarships	Scholarships
\$10.00	\$12.00
<u>\$32.00</u>	<u>\$40.00</u>
TOTAL.....	TOTAL

Scholarship fees will be returned 100%. Scholarships shall be held in the SMART Program at USBC-IBC Youth, 621 Six Flags

Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011. Phone contact for these funds is 1-800-514-2695, extension 8292.

9. All bowlers must wear suitable attire **AT CHECK IN**. No halters, tank tops, spaghetti straps or head apparel (with the exception of ear buds) will be allowed. ***Shorts, skorts or skirts MUST be longer than the end of your fingertips when placed by your side.*** All pants will be worn at waist level with no underwear or bare skin showing. Holes (torn or purchased) in clothing are not allowed. *Youth participants will not wear or use bowling equipment depicting alcohol, tobacco, gambling, an illegal substance or inappropriate language/gestures during competition (rule 301b).* Tournament Officials will determine proper attire. Tournament Director has the right to ask any bowler to change their clothing or equipment. If the bowler refuses he or she will NOT be permitted to bowl and the entry fee will be forfeited. **Cell phone usage is not permitted with the exception of a scoring app and may result in disqualification.** In accordance with USBC rules and Florida Statutes, no alcohol products can be consumed or used on the concourse where the tournament is bowling. No substance **of any kind** may be placed on score tables or ball returns, only dry towels and pads. USBC approved ball cleaners may only be used before tournament play.
10. No substitutes will be permitted. Replacement bowlers must be from the original league worksheet sent in by the House Director at the time of qualifying in their center. Bowlers may be replaced anytime until the start of tournament play. If no replacement has been made, a bowler arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. Frames missed shall be credited with a zero. A bowler not present and ready to bowl when it is his/her turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
11. Bowlers will be provided ten (10) minutes of practice time on their starting pair of lanes only.
12. **Average for the state finals will be the bowler's highest average as of FEB. 15, 2024, min. of 12 games, in ANY league from which they bowl. A composite average may ONLY be used if the bowler does not have 12 games completed in the season from which they qualified. Averages must be verified by a STANDING SHEET and mailed to the Tournament Director WITH completed Bowler Average Form(s) on or before Feb. 24, 2024. Final Standing sheets from any Short or Split Season leagues must also be included.** Failure to report all certified averages before the start of your squad may result in rerate or disqualification. Average's from a Sport Shot League MUST be adjusted using the chart provided in the USBC rule book, in accordance with USBC rules. Bowlers with entering average of 211 or higher MUST participate in the Pepsi Tournament only. **STRING PIN AVERAGES ARE NOT CERTIFIED AND CANNOT BE USED FOR THIS TOURNAMENT.**
13. *Handicap for state qualifying will be 100% of the difference between the bowlers' average and 210.*
14. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the bowling circle (settee area).
15. 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 thirty (30) minutes after completion of the competition. Questionable errors shall be decided upon by the Tournament Director. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the Tournament Director within seventy-two (72) hours of when the participant bowled. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
16. Symbolic awards will be given as follows:
Awards for 1st Place Winners, each Division
Bowling Towels for all athletes competing in the Handicap Finals.
17. Scholarships will be awarded to the U12 and U18 Divisions on a ratio of **1:7**, based on the number of entries per division.
18. FSUSBC will enter a team of 4 bowlers into the USBC Youth Open Championships in Detroit during July, 2024 representing the State of Florida. First and Second place finalists in each division, boys and girls U18 will be offered positions on the team. If the Division Champions are unwilling/ unable to attend the USBC Youth Open Championships, the athlete will still retain the state scholarship, but the berth to the USBC Youth Open Championships will be awarded to the next eligible athlete. FSUSBC will provide a **MAXIMUM \$500 REIMBURSEMENT STIPEND** to each advancer to assist with the expense of travel, meals and housing upon return from the Youth Open Championships. Advancers will be required to be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or coach. USBC Youth Open Championships will not be providing chaperones. In order to accept any stipend money from the FSUSBC the individual athlete must be willing and able to represent the FSUSBC at all tournament events.
Ties for advancement to the USBC Youth Open Championships will be broken by a best 2 out of 3 game roll-off. Should a tie still exist, it will be broken by a 9th and 10th frame roll-off, with 1/10 of each game handicap per frame, where applicable.
19. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the FSUSBC Pepsi/FL Hdcp. Tournament Committee. The Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.
20. All individual bowlers need to check-in thirty (30) minutes prior to their scheduled squad time.

MAKE LEAGUE CHECK, CASHIERS CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO:

FSUSBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

SEND ONLY ONE CHECK PER LEAGUE OR BOWLING CENTER.

INDIVIDUAL PERSONAL CHECKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

SEND NO MAIL REQUIRING SIGNATURE.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Allen Solomon • 1261 Penman Road, Jacksonville Beach, Florida 32250

Tournament Phone - 904.372.3925 • Email: BeachBowlYouth@aol.com • Website: www.FloridaStateUSBC.com

YOUTH HdCP FINALS ENTRY

BOWLER INFORMATION

A HANDICAP ONLY BOWLING TOURNAMENT.



THIS SPACE IS FOR OFFICE USE ONLY.

SQUAD NO. _____

ENTRY NO. _____

U12 U18 B / G

YBC Finals: Y / N

NAME: _____ USBC ID# _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: ____ / ____ / ____ AGE: ____

ADDRESS: _____ AGE IS AS OF AUGUST 1ST, 2023

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN PHONE: (____) _____ IS THIS BOWLER ALSO BOWLING PEPSI? ____

ESTIMATED YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION (REQUIRED, EVEN IF ALREADY GRADUATED): YEAR: _____

DIVISION: ☐ BOYS ☐ U12 OR ☐ U18 ☐ GIRLS ☐ U12 OR ☐ U18

BOWLING CENTER & DIRECTOR'S INFORMATION

BOWLING CENTER: _____ CENTER PHONE #: (____) _____

YOUTH DIRECTOR'S NAME: _____ LEAGUE: _____

DIRECTOR'S EMAIL: _____ DIRECTOR'S PHONE: (____) _____

DIRECTOR'S ADDRESS: _____ ALL CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE TO THIS ADDRESS.

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

SEND YOUR FEB. 15 AVERAGE & LEAGUE STANDING SHEETS TO TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR BY FEB. 24, 2024. **REMEMBER TO HIGHLIGHT YOUR WINNERS.**
AVERAGE LEAGUE LEVEL - CURRENT AS OF DAY OF QUALIFYING (NO MINIMUM NUMBER OF GAMES)
AVERAGE STATE LEVEL - HIGHEST AVERAGE AS OF FEB 15, 2024, SEE RULE #12.

INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE RETURNED.

FILL IN YOUR REQUESTED SQUAD TIMES BELOW - INDICATE 3 CHOICES OF WHICH 1 SQUAD MUST NOT BE 1:30 P.M.
ENTRIES ARE PROCESSED IN ORDER THEY ARE RECEIVED. EVERY ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO HONOR YOUR REQUESTS.

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CHOOSE YOUR DATE CAREFULLY - 7 Days notice is required for schedule changes.

If a bowler receives one of their 3 choices, we will only consider changing their squad for health, family emergency, or school conflict. We will not reschedule any bowler who fails to show up for their scheduled squad without notice.

SQUAD REQUESTS: FIRST CHOICE # _____ SECOND CHOICE # _____ THIRD CHOICE # _____

MARK YOUR SQUAD REQUEST CHOICES BY NUMBER OF SQUAD (IN PARENTHESIS ABOVE). YOU **MUST** CHOOSE AT LEAST ONE 8 A.M. SQUAD

ENTRY FEE \$32 U12 OR \$40 U18. ENTRIES **MUST** BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN:

DEC. 5, 2023 FOR THE NOV. WINDOW AND FEB. 5, 2024 FOR THE JAN. WINDOW.

LEAGUE QUALIFIER WORKSHEETS MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY FORMS.

Advise of bowlers who will be traveling together.

Siblings who have qualified in both qualifiers, and siblings with different last names.

If this form has been given to bowler to fill out, please return it to your director when finished.





AVERAGE VERIFICATION FORM

If you have questions about how to fill out this form, please contact the tournament director at beachbowlyouth@aol.com.

YOUTH DIRECTOR AND/OR ASSOCIATION MANAGER

It is the responsibility of each youth director or association manager to provide verification if the averages for all entrants participating in the Florida Youth Handicap Finals. This will ensure your bowlers are assigned the correct averages and help to speed up the average verification process.

AVERAGE REQUIREMENTS

Please read carefully

The average to be used will be determined in the following order:

- A. Highest 2023-2024 USBC (NOT STRING PIN) average based on a minimum of 12 games as of 2/15/24. This their highest average in any NON STRING PIN Center that they bowl in.
- B. Bowlers that have both a USBC SPORT LEAGUE AVERAGE and a standard league average from the same season shall use the highest of the two averages.
- C. Bowlers who do not meet the above requirement will be entered at 210.

Please note that High School averages will not be accepted unless the participant was certified in a USBC High School league. Failure to report the highest average could result in disqualification.

CENTER _____ DIRECTOR _____

MAKE SURE TO NOTE IF YOUR BOWLER USES A DIFFERENT NAME IN YOUR LEAGUE THAN THE NAME GIVEN ON THEIR ENTRY FORM OR THEIR USBC MEMBERSHIP CARD.

	Bowler Name	23-24 Highest Average	23-24 Sport Avg. Adjusted	Youth Director or Association Manager Signature
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10				

Averages must be verified on or before February 24, 2024 or the bowler will be assigned a 210 average.

Completed forms can be mailed or emailed.

Mail: 1261 Penman Road, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250

Email: beachbowlyouth@aol.com