

JACKSONVILLE JR BOWLING TOUR (JJBT)  
2025-2026 TOURNAMENT RULES

**TOURNAMENT Rule changes or additions are indicated in BOLD. Bold may also be used for emphasis.**

1. All tournament events are certified by the USBC and are sponsored by the First Coast USBC (FCUSBC).
2. USBC Youth membership is available to individuals who have not reached their 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday prior to August 1 of the current bowling season.
3. Entry is limited to certified USBC Youth bowlers, certified USBC Adult bowlers under the age of 20 (as for **8/1/2025**), and USBC Certified Special Olympics bowlers. Bowler ID certification cards must be shown at check-in of the bowler's first season tournament **or verified online**. Bowlers must be members of a current youth or Adult /Youth bowling league or have been a member of a Youth or Adult /Youth league that completed competition this season. Bowlers who have been or are currently members of an Adult league, or have forfeited their youth eligibility, are ineligible to enter.
4. Each tournament is a separate event from all other JJBT tournaments. Bowlers may choose to compete in any one or all the six tour events. All entries are walk-in.
5. There are three divisions based on entering average.
  - a) Divisions:
    - i. Gold: 185 and above. Gold Division will bowl Scratch.
    - ii. Silver: 160 to 184. Silver Division will bowl Scratch.
    - iii. Bronze: 100-159. Bronze Division will bowl Handicap. Handicap will be based on 100% of 200.
  - b) All bowlers averaging less than 100 will be ineligible unless the bowler has previously entered in the current season and average has fallen below 100.
  - c) All averages are based on a nine (9) game minimum. The Entering Average each event shall be the higher of the Highest current league average as of the day of the tournament or a JJBT Tournament average computed on a minimum of 3 events. The entering average shall determine division placement. If a bowler does not have the nine (9) game average, prior yearbook average (**May 31, 2025**) will be used. Summer averages will be used if the summer league average is 10 pins or more higher than the yearbook average or if no yearbook average exists.
  - d) All averages must be verified in writing by the league coach, or a current league standing sheet may be used. Bowlers who only bowl in a Sport Shot League or Challenge League shall have their average adjusted per USBC conversion charts to a Standard average. A League Standing Sheet must be provided at time of entry that states Sport Shot League or Challenge League.
  - e) A bowler may choose to bowl in a higher average division. Once a bowler voluntarily moves up during the same season he/she will not be able to move back down. Any Tournament of Champions qualification points accumulated shall move with the bowler.
  - f) A bowler must advance to the next higher division when his/her Current League or Tournament Average (3+ events) reaches the next higher division's minimum average. Moving from the Bronze Division to the Silver Division will require the bowler to bowl scratch in all subsequent events. Once a bowler moves up, he/she will not be able to move back down. Any Tournament of Champions qualification points accumulated shall move with the bowler.
6. Proper attire is required. Not allowed: Halters, tank tops, hats, bare midriffs, pants worn allowing underwear to show, or attire advertising gambling, alcohol, tobacco, drug products or anything of a sexual nature. Personal music devices/earbuds are allowed, but bowler must be ready to bowl at his/her turn. Failure to be ready may cause a bowler to receive zero.
7. No profanity or obscene gestures will be allowed.
8. Only entrants or tournament officials are allowed in the bowling circle. Coaching allowed from outside the bowling circle.
9. Each bowler is responsible for recording and the accuracy of his/her score prior to reporting it to the tournament scoring official. Once a score is reported, it cannot be changed by the bowler, but can only be changed due to an obvious error by the tournament officials, per USBC rules.
10. The tournament scoreboard is not Official until all scores are verified and declared Official by the Tournament Director.
11. All Standing Policies of FCUSBC will be in effect. Rules not specifically covered herein will be governed by USBC rules.
12. The Tournament Director has the final decision in all disputes unless an appeal is made in accordance with USBC rules.
13. The Entry Fee is \$50.00 per bowler per tournament and is not refundable once the tournament begins.

\$ 0.50	FCUSBC Youth Scholarship Fund
\$13.00	JJBT Scholarship Fund: 100% of this amount will be awarded each event.
\$ 5.50	JJBT Scholarship Fund: 100% of this amount will be awarded at the Tournament of Champions.
\$ 1.00	Prize Fund - Awards and Trophies. 100% of the Prize Fund will be returned each event.
<u>\$30.00</u>	<u>Lineage and expenses. Excess/Unused Lineage &amp; Expense funds will be awarded at the TOC.</u>
\$50.00	Total Entry Fee

14. Check-in time is 12:00 - 12:45 p.m. Bowling will begin at 1:00 p.m. Tournament Director has the discretion to accept or refuse late entries on a case-by-case basis.
15. All monies will be deposited in the JJBT account within the FCUSBC bank account. The amount of lineage will be posted the day of the event. Any remaining funds at the end of the tournament season will become part of the JJBT Scholarship Fund. Any JJBT Scholarship Funds not awarded shall remain in the FCUSBC JJBT savings account to be awarded at a future date.
16. All Scholarship Funds awarded will be deposited in the JJBT account, account # 9786, in the National USBC SMART Program and will be managed by SMART. Each Scholarship recipient will receive a certificate indicating the amount of the Scholarship awarded.

### **FORMAT**

1. Challenge Round:
  - a) Entrants shall bowl five (5) games, moving one pair of lanes to the right each game.
  - b) Bowlers with the highest total pins, within in each division, advance to Match Play Rounds based on entries.
 

Entries	Advancers	Byes	Round 1 Matchups	Round 2 Matchups
4 to 6	Top 4	All	<b>Stepladder finals: 4 vs 3, then winner vs 2, then winner vs 1 seed.</b>	
7 to 12	Top 6	Top 2	3 <sup>rd</sup> vs 6 <sup>th</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> vs 5 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> vs 4/5 winner; 2 <sup>nd</sup> vs 3/6 winner
13 to 16	Top 7	Top 1	2 <sup>nd</sup> vs 7 <sup>th</sup> ; 3 <sup>rd</sup> vs 6 <sup>th</sup> ; 4 <sup>th</sup> vs 5 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> vs 4/5 winner, 2/7 winner vs 3/6 winner
17+	Top 8	None	1 vs 8; 2 vs 7; 3 vs 6; 4 vs 5	W 1/8 vs W 4/5; W 2/7 vs W 3/6
  - c) Challenge Round scores shall not be carried forward.
  - d) All ties shall be broken by a 9th & 10th frame roll-off.
2. Match Play Rounds: Lanes will be assigned before each round begins.
  - a) Each bowler shall be seeded based on Challenge Round performance. Seeding carries throughout Match Play.
  - b) Match Play is single-elimination, head-to-head matches. The winners of each match will advance to the next round. All non-advancers shall be assigned placement by total pinfall for the specific round.
  - c) All ties shall be broken by a 9th & 10th frame roll-off.

### **AWARDS/EMBLEMS/MEDALS/SCHOLARSHIPS**

1. All bowlers are eligible to earn Awards provided by FCUSBC and USBC.
2. Match Play Rounds - 1st through 4th Places: SMART Certificates will be presented. Amounts of awards are based on the number of entries in each division. The top seed after the Challenge Round, in each division, is guaranteed to receive a SMART scholarship award that is at least equal to the entry fee amount, regardless of finishing position.

### **TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS**

1. The entrants to each monthly qualifying tournament shall be awarded Tournament of Champions qualifying points based on final placement: 1st - 500 points, 2nd - 50 points, 3rd - 40 points, 4th - 30 points, 5th - 20 points, 6th - 10 points, 7th - 8 points, 8th - 6 points, 9th - 4 points, 10th & under 2 points.
2. The top 12 bowlers per total qualifying points for the season per Division shall advance to the Tournament of Champions. All ties will advance. The Tournament of Champions event is only open to bowlers who have entered in at least 2 of the regular monthly events.
3. A bowler must bowl in the division he/she qualified in. His/her average as of **May 1, 2026** may require him/her to move up to the next higher division; however, any bowler who has bowled in at least 5 events in the same division cannot be moved up to the next higher division. All bowlers must bring average verification.
4. The format of the Tournament of Champions shall be the same as the monthly events.
5. Awards shall be presented to 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> Places in each Division. The JJBT Committee may expand the number of places paid, and determine the amounts of each scholarship award payout, at their discretion by no later than the start of the Tournament of Champions.

NOTE: There will not be a Junior Gold Qualifying event as part of the JJBT Tournament.

### **JJBT TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE**

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