


## 2026 – 2027 ALABAMA USBC YOUTH SCRATCH CHAMPIONSHIPS
## RULES AND FORMAT FOR ALABAMA STATE LEVEL

1. This tournament is certified (Cert. # 04575) by the United States Bowling Congress and shall be governed by the USBC Youth rules.

2. State level competition date is April 10-11, 2027. Advancement from Sectional Level to State Level is a one-time entry. If an individual who qualified cannot participate in the State competition, replacement will be eligible based on order of finish in previous Sectional competition.

3. Advancement ratio from Sectional competition to the State competition is at least one (1) for every two (2) entries per division, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties in the U12, U14, U16 & U18 divisions. In all cases at least one (1) person per division shall advance.

4. Entry closing date is Monday, March 13, 2027. Qualifier's name, address, telephone number, and **date of birth** must be submitted to the state tournament director by Sectional coordinators by this date.

5. Competition shall be conducted in the following divisions, based on their date of birth:

   U8 Born 8/1/2018 or later
   U10 Born 8/1/2016 – 7/31/2018
   U12 Born 8/1/2014 – 7/31/2016
   U14 Born 8/1/2012 – 7/31/2014
   U16 Born 8/1/2010 – 7/31/2012
   U18 Born 8/1/2008 – 7/31/2010

   The tournament format shall be:

   U16 & U18 Boys & Girls / April 10, 2027 @ 9:00 am

   Bama Lanes Montgomery **(334-272-5423)**
   **3020 Atlanta Hwy**
   **Montgomery, AL 36109**

   Will bowl 4 games across 4 pair of lanes on a designated sport shot. Total pin fall will determine the

top 6 that will return on Sunday. Total pin fall will carry over to Sunday's match play for top 6 bowlers in each division.

U12 & U14 Boys & Girls / April 10, 2027 @ 1:00 pm

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**On Sunday, April 11th at 9:00 am the top 6 in the U12 & U14 divisions will come back and bowl 6 games using a 6-team league schedule with a position round for game 6. Pinfall from previous games on Saturday will be used toward overall pin total. 30 bonus points (pins) will be awarded to each match play winner through all 6 games (in case of a tie, 15 points will be awarded to each bowler). Total pin fall will determine the champions.**
**On Sunday, April 11th at 12:00 pm (noon) the top 6 in the U16 & U18 divisions will come back and bowl 6 games using a 6-team league schedule with a position round for game 6. Pin fall from previous games on Saturday will be used toward overall pin total. 30 bonus points (pins) will be awarded to each match play winner through all 6 games (in case of a tie, 15 points will be awarded to each bowler). Total pin fall will determine the champions.**

6. Entry fee was included in the Sectional fees. All Scholarships held in Smart Program (SMART Acct. # 8508) Contact SMART 1-800-513-2695 ext. 8292).

## DRESS CODE

Dress code will state as follows:
**Shirts:**
Competitors shall provide their own: A bowling shirt with a butterfly collar or mock collar. Mock collar must be a minimum of ¾ of 1 inch. All shirts must have finished sleeves for all competitions. Females may wear sleeveless shirt with a butterfly collar only if the sleeves are finished.
**Pants:**
**Male participants** are required to wear slacks. Slacks must not contain drawstring waists or elastic bottoms. Slacks must have a zipper and button to be eligible. Jeans are not permitted.
**Female participants** are required to wear slacks, skirts, culottes, skorts or walking shorts. All of the above must be no shorter than one-half the distance from the inseam to the top of the knee in length and/or no shorter than the fingertips when the arms are at their sides while standing. Jeans and yoga pants are not permitted.

NO SMOKING PERMITTED BY USBC YOUTH PARTICIPANTS. PARENTS AND TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS NEEDING TO SMOKE MUST DO SO IN THE DESIGNATED AREAS.

7. Bowling balls cannot be cleaned with liquid substances or cleaning agents or have any foreign

materials on the ball including but not limited to powder, rosin, marker or paint. The surface of the ball cannot be altered by the use of any abrasive during competition. All bowling balls so altered or cleaned during competition must be removed from competition. **Commonly Asked Questions: refer to USBC rulebook, rule #18.**

8. No substitutes will be permitted, however; replacements may be used for bowlers not present 15 minutes prior to squad time as stated in Rule 2.

9. Competitors shall be allowed 10 minutes practice on their starting lanes.

10. If no replacement has been made, bowlers arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. Missed frames shall be credited with a zero for that frame.

11. Bowlers must have a minimum of 12 games as of January 26, 2027 **OR** as of date of their Sectional Competition.

12. Only bowlers and tournament officials will be allowed in the settee area.

13. **Headgear:** No covering or sunglasses can be worn while practicing or competing (hats, caps or bandanas, etc.). Male participants cannot wear any headgear while practicing or competing, unless a request is made in writing and approved prior to the event for medical or religious reasons only. No ear buds are allowed during competition. **No playing of handheld or any type of video games, and no listening of portable cassette/disc players or radios during the tournament. No Cell Phones.**

14. Ties will be broken by a 1 game roll-off. Should a tie still exist, it will be broken by a 9th & 10th frame roll-off. (Rule 326A).

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 30 minutes after the completion of competition. The tournament director shall decide upon questionable errors. All other protest must be confirmed in writing to the tournament director within 72 hours before the awards are presented. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.

16. Symbolic Awards will be given as follows:
    Top 6 in all Divisions Certificate

    Scholarships will be awarded as follows in each division:
    1st Place - $ 350.00 2nd Place - $ 250.00 3rd Place - $ 150.00.

17. The first place winners will receive a berth from USBC into the 2026 USBC Junior Gold Championships to be held on July 11-18, 2026 in Minneapolis, Minn. They must be a USBC Junior Gold member to advance or purchase a USBC Junior Gold membership prior to the Championship Tournament. USBC will waive the $250 (U18/U16), $200 (U14) and $150 (U12) entry fee for the advancers. These athletes will compete for additional scholarships available to all athletes at the championships, as well as other prizes and awards.

18. In the event that a qualifier needs to be replaced and there is a tie to determine who will advance to the Junior Gold Championships, the high game from the qualifying scores will determine who will advance. If the high score for each is the same, the next subsequent high score will be used until the tie is broken.

19. Advancers must agree to bowl in the Championship Tournament, or failing to do so, agree to Waive all rights. Replacements will be selected based on the order of placement in their division at the State level.

20. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Alabama USBC Youth Scratch Championships Committee and the National USBC Youth Championships Committee. The National USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.

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