



**NEVADA YOUTH SCRATCH CHAMPIONSHIPS
2025 - 2026
STATE LEVEL RULES AND FORMAT**

****WE ARE ADDING \$1,000 TO THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND****

1. The Nevada Youth Scratch Championship is certified by the United States Bowling Congress #06703 and governed by USBC rules.
2. RATIO for participants to the Nevada State Competition is a one (1) for one (1) from league level.
3. Competition is open to all 2025-26 USBC Youth members. To compete, a bowler must be a regular member of a certified USBC league and not be under suspension at the time of qualifying. League substitutes are allowed to participate if it is their only USBC Youth league. USBC Collegiate members are eligible if they are 2025-26 USBC Youth members, bowl in a USBC Youth league and have not violated USBC Rule 400.
4. Competition will take place at:

Sam's Town	Phone (702)454-8022
5111 Boulder Hwy	
Las Vegas, NV 89122	

March 28, 2026 @ 9:00 am and 1:00 pm

March 29, 2026 @ 9:00 am

5. ENTRY CLOSING DATE: March 19, 2026. Tournament entry forms containing qualifiers' name, address, telephone number and certification number must be submitted to the tournament director by this date. Only complete entries with total entry fees will be accepted and processed as received. A \$30.00 charge will be made for returned checks.
6. Divisions are based on the participant's age. **Athletes must compete in their proper age division in all levels of competition. Athletes must be Junior Gold Members or be eligible and buy membership prior to advancement to the Junior Gold Championships.** Competition will be conducted in the following 10 divisions:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> U8 Boys | Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2017 or later | <input type="checkbox"/> U8 Girls |
| <input type="checkbox"/> U10 Boys | Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2015 thru 7/31/17 | <input type="checkbox"/> U10 Girls |
| <input type="checkbox"/> U12 Boys | Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2013 thru 7/31/15 | <input type="checkbox"/> U12 Girls |
| <input type="checkbox"/> U14 Boys | Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2011 thru 7/31/13 | <input type="checkbox"/> U14 Girls |
| <input type="checkbox"/> U16 Boys | Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2009 thru 7/31/11 | <input type="checkbox"/> U16 Girls |
| <input type="checkbox"/> U18 Boys | Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2007 thru 7/31/10 | <input type="checkbox"/> U18 Girls |

*One way to think about this is...If a bowler turns 9, 11, 13, 16 or 18 during the bowling season he/she would be in the next highest age division. *

7. U8 and U10 divisions shall bowl three (3) games across three (3) pairs of lanes, moving one pair right after each game. Total pin fall will determine winner in each division.

U12, U14, U16 and U18 Divisions will bowl six (6) games across six (6) pairs of lanes, moving one pair right after each game. Total pin fall will determine winner in each division.

8. ENTRY FEE:	U8 and U10	U12, U14, U16 and U18
Lineage	\$ 9.00	Lineage \$18.00
Scholarship	\$14.00	Scholarship \$35.00
State Expenses	\$ 7.00	State Expenses \$ 7.00
TOTAL	\$30.00	TOTAL \$60.00

Scholarship Fees shall be returned 100% to the bowlers. **Scholarships will be held in SMART:**

SMART account #8533 (800) 514-2695 ext. 8968 Fax ext. is: 8266

(*USBC Rules 301d and 309 states that all scholarships awarded during a USBC certified event must be deposited in the SMART program.)

9. DRESS CODE: All bowlers must wear suitable attire. No hats/caps allowed. Bowlers may wear a shirt imprinted with their name, name of bowling team, league, club or center logo OR a collared shirt with sleeves. Boys shall wear pants or walking shorts. Girls shall wear pants, skirts or split skirts/walking shorts. All skirts/walking shorts must be no more than 2 inches above the knee. Apparel made of elastic or spandex type material will not be permitted. Clothes must be clean and in good repair. Parachute pants, warm-up suits or fleece garments are not allowed. Pants may not be sagged or dragging on the floor. No headgear of any kind may be worn; no electronic gear or cellular phones; no bare midriffs; no attire advertising liquor or tobacco products; no halter tops/muscle shirts and no attire with inappropriate language will be permitted (final determination by the Tournament Director). Bowlers will not be allowed to check-in at State Level unless properly dressed. No smoking or alcohol consumption by guests or athletes on the concourse or in the settee area, only in designated areas.
10. No substitutes will be permitted once athletes have started tournament play; however, replacements may be used for bowlers not present thirty (30) minutes prior to the squad time. Replacements must be based on the order of finish from prior level of competition. (I.e., the same window, same league and same center as the “no-show” bowler if replacement is from the league level. They must follow the order of advancement within the same sectional competition.)
11. Competitors shall be allowed ten (10) minutes practice time on their starting pair. Once practice has started, there will be no changes to the surface of any bowling ball used in the competition. Alteration of the ball’s surface by other than a ball towel may constitute disqualification.
12. 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 (0). Frames missed may not be made up. A bowler not present to bowl when it is their turn will be credited with a zero (0) for that frame.
13. Only bowlers, center employees and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
14. Ties will be broken by a one game roll-off. Should a tie still exist, it will be broken by an additional ninth and tenth frame roll-off. (Refer to 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. Questionable errors shall be decided

upon by the Tournament Director. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the Tournament Director within 72 hours of the infraction. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.

16. SCHOLARSHIPS will be given on a ratio of at least one for every five (5) entries in each division.
17. The first-place winners (or highest finishing athlete who has not already advanced) of the U12, U14, U16 and U18 divisions for both Girls and Boys will advance to the 2026 Junior Gold Championships. They must be USBC Junior Gold members to advance to the Junior Gold Championships. Bowlers without a current Junior Gold membership must purchase a Junior Gold membership prior to June 8. IBC Youth will waive the \$250 (U18/U16), \$200 (U14) and \$150 (U12) entry fee for these athletes. These athletes will compete for additional scholarships available to all athletes at the Junior Gold Championships, as well as other prizes and awards. (No travel reimbursement or stipend will be provided for these athletes.) All U.S. citizens are vying for a spot on USBC Junior TEAM USA 2026 to represent the United States in national and international competition. If the U12, U14, U16 or U18 Division Champion is unwilling to become a Junior Gold member, they will not advance to the Junior Gold Championships. However, the athlete will still retain the state scholarship, but the berth to the Junior Gold Championships will be awarded to the next eligible athlete.

If 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.

Eligible advancers must agree to bowl in the Junior Gold Championships, or, failing to do so, agree to waive all rights. Replacements will be selected based on the order of finish in their division at the state level. Replacements will incur all costs associated with changing the airline ticket, if applicable. If the eligible advancer decides not to attend the Junior Gold Championships, any stipends offered will be forfeited however any scholarships earned will be retained. This decision will be made by the state tournament committee.

All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Nevada Youth Scratch Championship Tournament Committee. The Nevada Youth Scratch Championship Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.

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