

SOUTH CAROLINA USBC ASSOCIATION

ELEVENTH ANNUAL YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

1. United State Bowling Congress (USBC) Rules and Regulations will govern this tournament.
2. This tournament shall be open to all boys and girls who have been members of a USBC Youth Division league certified in South Carolina during the **2016-2017** season or were members of a **2016** summer league. Collegiate members are ineligible unless they are a member of a **2016-2017** youth division league or **2016** summer league and have not violated USBC Rule 400.
3. All participants in the South Carolina USBC Youth Association Bowling Tournament must be certified members of the United State Bowling Congress.
4. The tournament will consist of six (6) divisions in the team (4 people) and doubles events and may consist of all boys, all girls or mixed boys and girls. Handicap awards will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places with emblems to 1st place only. Scratch awards will be given to the overall high scratch Team, Doubles, Boys Singles and Girls Singles, with scratch chevrons. All bowlers will compete in their own average division in singles and all events and separate awards for these events will be given to boys and girls. Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for all events scratch within each of the six (6) divisions, with scratch chevrons to the 1st place only. **An individual may not win both a handicap and scratch award.** When an individual qualifies for both awards that individual will receive the highest award earned. If awards are equal the scratch award will be given. A center plaque will be given for each first place team.
5. The highest league average for a minimum of 15 games as of **15 February 2017** will be used. **If league bowls a split season and individual averages are not continued, use the highest average from either half minimum of 15 games or make a composite of both halves.** If such an average does not exist, then the highest **2016** summer league average minimum 15 games may be used. Bowlers unable to qualify under the above will be allowed to bowl scratch providing the bowler meets all other tournament requirements. An entrant with an average greater than the upper figure in division one will bowl scratch.
6. A bowler may bowl **once** in each event and may substitute **once** (Team and Doubles) but their first set in each event (Team, Doubles and Singles) will count toward All Events. **ALL BOWLERS WILL BOWL A 3 GAME SERIES IN EACH EVENT.** An entrant bowling in the Doubles Event must bowl in the Singles Event and vice-versa.
7. Falsification of average will result in disqualification of the bowler and/or team. An alphabetical list of all your bowlers including USBC Membership ID No., total pins, games and average as of **15 February 2017** and a standing sheet or statement of total pins, games, average and summer league name for **2016** Summer League Averages, must be submitted with the entry.
8. **ALL ENTRANTS MUST REPORT 45 MINUTES BEFORE SQUAD TIME.** Team, Doubles and Singles will bowl in the order listed on entry forms. Where feasible, bowlers will bowl Singles/Doubles three to a lane, six to a pair of lanes.
9. Boys and girls will wear appropriate attire, at the discretion of the Tournament Manager or designated representative. Those violating this rule will be required to change to appropriate clothing or will not be allowed to bowl. **USBC Rule 301b** states Youth Participants will not wear apparel or use bowling equipment depicting alcohol, tobacco, gambling, an illegal substance or inappropriate language/gestures during competition.
10. All entries must be postmarked on or before **28 February 2017**. No late entries will be accepted and **no entries will be accepted without complete entry fees.**
11. Telescope sheets will be official. A tournament committee appointed by the President prior to the start of the tournament, will decide on any protest regarding scores or eligibility. An appeal or protest shall be made in writing to the Tournament Manager within seventy-two (72) hours after the error or infraction has occurred. **See USBC Rule 329.**
12. Certified checks, money orders, league checks, associaton check or bowling center checks must accompany entry forms. **No personal checks will be accepted.**
13. *All participants must be accompanied by an adult chaperone and checked in by their coach or adult chaperone, or they may not participate in this tournament.*
14. Any questions pertaining to this tournament will be directed to the Tournament Manager, Sandy Wallace, 153 Sandy Lane Gaffney South Carolina, 29340 call (864) 490-3332 or email: sandywallace1266@aol.com.
15. Use of alcoholic beverages in the Tournament City or any use of tobacco products at the tournament site will be considered conduct derogatory to the best interests of the game and the USBC member(s) involved will be immediately disqualified from the tournament.
16. The travel authorization and Power of Attorney forms must be signed by the bowler's parent or legal guardian and must be in the possession of the coach or adult chaperone at all times.