



## YOUTH SCRATCH CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

March 8, 2026 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM

Central Bowling Lanes, 3917 Central Ave, Hot Springs, AR 71913 (501) 525-1338

Entries must be postmarked no later than February 16, 2026

U8-U10 DIVISIONS ENTRY FEE - \$20.00 (Lineage \$9, Scholarships \$9, Award/Expense \$2)  
 U12-U15-U18 DIVISIONS ENTRY FEE - \$40.00 (Lineage \$18, Scholarships \$20, Award/Expense \$2)

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ARKANSAS STATE USBC (NO CASH)**

(Please place youth's name in memo line of the check) Note: \$25 return check fee if payment is returned

Name		USBC ID Number
Address		Telephone
Date of Birth	Division & Gender	Parent's Email Address
Association & Bowling Center		Name of League
Check#		Name on Check
Venmo payments will be accepted with a 2% fee. To pay by Venmo, please provide your Venmo acct. and an invoice for payment will be sent to you. VENMO:		

### DIVISIONS (Boys & Girls):

U8: Birthdate:8/1/2017 or later

U10: Birthdate:8/1/2015 – 7/31/2017

U12: Birthdate:8/1/2013 – 7/31/2015

U14: Birthdate:8/1/2011 – 7/31/2013

U16: Birthdate:8/1/2009 – 7/31/2011

U18: Birthdate:8/1/2007 – 7/31/2009

### SQUAD CHOICE (Circle One):

9:00 AM                    1<sup>st</sup>                    2<sup>nd</sup>

1:00 PM                    1<sup>st</sup>                    2<sup>nd</sup>

### MAIL ENTRIES TO:

Nancy Burrow, Tournament Director

3 Ann Loop

Conway, AR 72032

(501) 680-3607

Email: tournaments.arkansasusbc@gmail.com

(Please Print)

League Official / Parent:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone:

E-mail:

**Added scholarship money will be based on number of entries**

State/Zone: **ARKANSAS**

1. This tournament is certified by each state/zone and shall be governed by USBC rules.
2. Bowler must be a USBC youth member, and bowl in an AR USBC certified youth league during 2025-2026 season. Advancement from league is a one-time entry. The advancement ratio from league competition to state competition is 1 for every 1 entry per division.
3. **If a bowler advances out of league level in more than one state/zone, the bowler must declare one state/zone to continue competing before the next competition level. Participation in any level of competition past the league level in more than one state/zone will result in automatic disqualification.**
4. Competition will be held on **March 8, 2026, Central Bowling Lanes, 3917 Central Ave, Hot Springs, AR 71913 (501) 525-1338.**
5. **Entries must be postmarked by February 16, 2026.** Tournament entry form containing qualifiers' name, address, telephone number, date of birth and USBC ID number must be submitted by this date. Entries postmarked the first post office business day after entry closing will be accepted. Entries postmarked thereafter shall be returned.
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. ALL competition will be conducted as SCRATCH basis ONLY.** Competition shall be conducted in the following divisions: U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18 Boys and Girls. The upper age limit has been waived for those who are mentally challenged and current Special Olympic members.
7. The tournament format shall be: U8 and U10 divisions will ONLY bowl three (3) games and will NOT advance upon completion of the State Level competition. U12, U14, U16 and U18 divisions will bowl six (6) games. Lane skip pattern will be announced the day of the event with social distancing guidelines influencing the decision. Each bowler will bowl no more than 3 games on the same pair. Total pin fall will determine winners in each division.
8. **All divisions will use a USBC Challenge oil pattern.**
9. Entry fee by division:  
U8-U10 DIVISIONS ENTRY FEE - \$20.00 (Lineage \$9, Scholarships \$9, Award/Expense \$2)  
U12-U14-U16-U18 DIVISIONS ENTRY FEE - \$40.00 (Lineage \$18, Scholarships \$20, Award/Expense \$2)  
**PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH**  
If your check is returned, all entry and other fees must be paid in cash before the bowler will be allowed to compete.
10. Awards and Scholarship fees shall be returned 100% to the bowlers. **Scholarships will be held in SMART account number: 8511 USBC National Headquarters, 621 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011. (\* USBC Rules 301d and 309 states that all scholarships must be deposited in the SMART Program)**
11. All bowlers must wear suitable attire. **Please refer to the tournament dress code flyer.** No tobacco, beer or alcohol advertising allowed on wearing apparel or bowling equipment. No tobacco products or e-cigs by athletes will be permitted during competition.
12. Competitors shall be allowed 10 minutes practice on their starting lanes.
13. Bowlers arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame being bowled. Missed frames shall be credited with a zero. Frames missed may not be made-up. A bowler is not present to bowl when it's their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
14. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
15. Scholarships will be awarded as follows: at least 1 out of 5 entries or major fraction thereof per division. All other scholarships will be announced after the entry closing date and before the competition begins. Any ties in scholarship positions will result in the affected scholarships to be combined and divided between the recipients who will remain tied.
16. Medallions will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places.
17. 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.
18. 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 May 15, 2026. USBC 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. All U.S. citizens are vying for a spot on USBC Junior Team USA 2027 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/zone scholarship, but the berth to the Junior Gold Championships will be awarded to the next eligible athlete. Funds raised from the bowling ball giveaway will be split between the four male and four female U12, U14, U16 and U18 division advancers to defray their travel expenses to the Junior Gold Championships. In addition, the Arkansas State USBC will match up to \$100 per division advancers.
19. 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/zone level. Replacements will incur all cost 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 at the state level will be retained. 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, next subsequent high score will be used until the tie is broken.
20. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Arkansas State USBC Board of Directors. The National USBC Youth Scratch Championships Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.