

2010 Missouri State USBC Youth Championship Tournament Rules

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** This tournament is certified by USBC, and only members of the Missouri State USBC Association bowling in certified youth leagues, are eligible to bowl in this tournament.
2. **ENTRY:** Coaches are responsible for completion of entry forms. Entry fees must accompany completed entries and be received in the tournament office by closing date. **No refunds after closing date. No partial fees accepted. If short a bowler, vacant spot must be paid.**
3. **EVENTS:** Four member team event, doubles and singles events are open to all bowlers under rule #1. If you bowl doubles, you must bowl singles. Optional event - can bowl singles only. Bowlers may enter each event only once. However, a bowler may participate multiple times as a sub in team or doubles, should the need arise. ****Please note: The first time you bowl will count toward your all events total.**
4. **OPTIONAL ALL EVENTS:** All Events will be offered for bowlers who participate in all of the events. (Teams, Doubles & Singles). Your singles division will determine your all events division. The cost for all events optional entry is \$1.00.
5. **RESERVATIONS:** Will be accepted at anytime but must be postmarked 60 days prior to opening date of tournament (January 12th). Tournament director has the right to refuse any reservation.
6. **AVERAGES:** Entering averages will be based on highest current youth certified league as of January 1 of the current year, with a minimum of 12 games or more in one league. If no January 1 average, they have until opening date of tournament and will use highest average in one league (12 games or more). All others will bowl scratch (200). Travel League averages must be included if enough games have been bowled to apply. **Standing sheets (as of January 1 of the current year) in each league in which bowler participates must accompany paid entries.**
7. **HANDICAP:** Individual method of handicapping shall be used, with 100% difference between the bowler's average and scratch figure of 200.
8. **SCHEDULING:** Entries shall be scheduled as near as possible to coach's request. Date and squad times are final after confirmations are accepted by coach. Additional squads may be added.
9. **YOUTH AWARDS:** Coaches are responsible for submission of regular awards. Honor scores will be done on site.
10. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORMS:** 2010 Missouri State USBC Youth Championship Tournament Rules Acknowledgement forms should be signed and returned with the entry.
11. **CHECK-IN:** All entrants must check in 1 hour before squad time. USBC Youth membership cards must be shown by bowlers. Duplicate cards can be printed from www.bowl.com.
12. **SUBS & ABSENTEE AVERAGES:** All sub forms shall be submitted to the tournament office with authorized signatures 2 hours before squad time. The tournament director must be notified as soon as possible that a sub will be needed. If a sub is available, they will be used. There will be a limit of two subs per team and one sub per doubles. However, if no sub is available, the absentee bowler's full average and handicap shall be used in the **Team Event only** - limit one. There will be no substitutes for singles.
13. No gambling is allowed while bowling. This includes, but not limited to playing cards, lotto, jackpots, pull-tabs, scratch offs, Keno and betting on pin counts (spares & strikes).
14. **RULES & PROTEST:** USBC Youth Rules governing tournament and these tournament rules shall apply. All protests shall be handled by the tournament director. Decisions of the tournament director are final unless an appeal is filed within 72 hours in accordance with USBC Rule 329.
15. **AWARDS:** All awards fees will be returned 100% in the form of symbolic awards (plaques). Ratio of the awards shall be at least 1 for every 10 entries, or major fraction thereof in each division and event. If there is a tie for any place, duplicate awards will be given.
16. All plaques will be mailed to the centers (or other specified on back of entry form) in September, 2010 at the start of fall leagues.
17. Scholarships won in the optional Single Scholarships Side Event shall be awarded through SMART account #9723. Cost for this event is \$5.00.
18. **IMPORTANT ~ DRESS CODE:** Requirements for entry into this Tournament--Nice jeans, slacks, fingertip skirts or shorts. No sleeveless shirts or tank tops. Any clothing depicting foul language or gestures, tobacco products or alcoholic beverages will not be allowed. Head gear (caps, hats, earphones, etc.) are forbidden. **Coaches:** Communicate this information to the parents and bowlers. Tournament Director shall make final decisions. Any exceptions must be pre-approved by the tournament director.