

# 13th Annual 2025 FSUSBC YOUTH HANDICAP FINALS SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT RULES



1. This scholarship tournament, sponsored by FSUSBC, certified by the USBC, is open to USBC Youth members, and shall be governed by the rules of the USBC. Tournament Competition #04606.

2. **League level qualifying will consist of two (2) one-week qualifying windows. The first window will be from November 2-8, 2024, and the second window will be from January 11-17, 2025.**

ONE TIME ENTRY. If an individual who qualified cannot participate in the Finals competition, replacements will be eligible based on the order of finish in the qualifying level.

If a bowler qualifies in more than one league (including travel leagues), the highest series bowled takes precedence.

**Bowlers are responsible to inform house/league coordinators if they participate in other centers or programs.** If we receive 2 entries for the same bowler, the 2nd entry will be forfeited if not replaced by an eligible replacement bowler.

3. Advancement ratio from League to State Qualifying is at least one (1) for every four (4) entries per division, per league, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties. The base number for each division is one (1) for the number of league members that would have participated in that division. In all cases, at least one (1) person per division shall advance. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all eligible divisions. Following is a guide to the 1 in 4 ratio per division:

Up to 6 bowlers .....	Qualify 1	7 to 10 bowlers.....	Qualify 2
11 to 14 bowlers .....	Qualify 3	15 to 18 bowlers.....	Qualify 4
19 to 22 bowlers .....	Qualify 5	23 to 26 bowlers.....	Qualify 6 etc.

4. State competition will take place at: **CAPITAL LANES**  
820 Capital Cir. NE, Tallahassee, FL 32301 • 850.422.2695

State finals dates are as follows (Squad #'s are in parentheses):

No bowling Easter weekend, April 19-20.

SAT. MAR. 15, 2025 (1)9:00 AM (2)2:00 PM	SUN. MAR. 16, 2025 (3)9:00 AM (4)2:00 PM
SAT. MAR. 22, 2025 (5)9:00 AM (6)2:00 PM	SUN. MAR. 23, 2025 (7)9:00 AM (8)2:00 PM
SAT. MAR. 29, 2025 (9)9:00 AM (10)2:00 PM	SUN. MAR. 30, 2025 (11)9:00 AM (12)2:00 PM
SAT. APRIL 5, 2025 (13)9:00 AM (14)2:00 PM	SUN. APRIL 6, 2025 (15)9:00 AM (16)2:00 PM
SAT. APRIL 12, 2025 (17)9:00 AM (18)2:00 PM	SUN. APRIL 13, 2025 (19)9:00 AM (20)2:00 PM
SAT. APRIL 26, 2025 (21)9:00 AM (22)2:00 PM	SUN. APRIL 27, 2025 (23)9:00 AM (24)2:00 PM

5. Entry closing date for the November window is Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and the entry closing date for the second window is Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Complete tournament entry forms containing the qualifier's name, **USBC Bowler ID (mandatory)**, address, **email**, and telephone number, High School graduation year, and House Director's information, must be forwarded to the Tournament Director by these dates. **Once the entry is processed there will be no refund of entry fees. INCOMPLETE ENTRY FORMS WILL BE RETURNED.**

6. **Divisions are based on participant's age.**  
Competition will be conducted in **FOUR** handicap divisions, as follows:

U12 Boys and Girls:	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2012 or later.
U18 Boys and Girls:	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2006 thru 7/31/12

7. The Tournament format shall be: U18 will bowl six (6) games, and U12 will bowl four (4) games. Total pinfall, plus handicap (where applicable), will determine the winners for each division. If a tie occurs in any division where scholarship monies are awarded, the amounts for all places involved in the tie will be combined and divided by the number of bowlers who are tied to arrive at an equal amount paid to each bowler involved in the tied position.

8. Entry fee is as follows:	<u>U12</u>	<u>U18</u>	
Lineage.....	\$12.80	Lineage .....	\$19.20
Expenses .....	\$10.00	Expenses.....	\$10.00
Scholarships .....	\$10.20	Scholarships .....	\$10.80
TOTAL.....	<del>\$33.00</del>	TOTAL .....	<del>\$40.00</del>

Scholarship fees will be returned 100%. Scholarships shall be held in the SMART Program at USBC-IBC Youth, 621 Six Flags

Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011. Phone contact for these funds is 1-800-514-2695. Our SMART Account number is 8516.

9. All bowlers must wear suitable attire **AT CHECK IN**. No halters, tank tops, spaghetti straps or head apparel (with the exception of ear buds) will be allowed. **Shorts, skorts or skirts MUST be longer than the end of your fingertips when placed by your side**. All pants will be worn at waist level with no underwear or bare skin showing. Holes (torn or purchased) in clothing are not allowed. *Youth participants will not wear or use bowling equipment depicting alcohol, tobacco, gambling, an illegal substance or inappropriate language/gestures during competition (rule 301b)*. Tournament Officials will determine proper attire. Tournament Director has the right to ask any bowler to change their clothing or equipment. If the bowler refuses he or she will NOT be permitted to bowl and the entry fee will be forfeited. In accordance with USBC rules and Florida Statutes, no alcohol products can be consumed or used on the concourse where the tournament is bowling. No substance of **any kind** may be placed on score tables or ball returns, only dry towels and pads. USBC approved ball cleaners may only be used before tournament play.
10. No substitutes will be permitted. Replacement bowlers must be from the original league worksheet sent in by the House Director at the time of qualifying in their center. Bowlers may be replaced anytime until the start of tournament play. If no replacement has been made, a bowler arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. Frames missed shall be credited with a zero. A bowler not present and ready to bowl when it is his/her turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
11. Bowlers will be provided ten (10) minutes of practice time on their starting pair of lanes only.
12. **Average for the state finals will be the bowler's highest average as of JAN. 1, 2025, min. of 12 games, in ANY league from which they bowl. Averages must be verified by STANDING SHEETS and mailed to the Tournament Director WITH completed Bowler Average Form(s) on or before Jan. 15, 2025. Final Standing sheets from any Short or Split Season leagues must also be included. Bowlers not having an average as specified above will use highest average of 12 games or more as of Feb. 15, and must be RECEIVED by Tournament Director by March 1, 2025.** A composite average may not be used. Failure to report all certified averages, or falsification of averages, before the start of your squad may result in re-rate or disqualification with no refund of fees. Average's from a Sport Shot League MUST be adjusted using the chart provided in the USBC rule book, in accordance with USBC rules. Bowlers with entering average of 211 or higher cannot bowl in this event, and MUST participate in the Pepsi Tournament only. Certified STRING PIN center averages may be used.
13. *Handicap for state qualifying will be 100% of the difference between the bowlers' average and 210.*
14. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the bowling circle (settee area).
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 thirty (30) minutes after completion of the competition. Questionable errors shall be decided upon by the Tournament Director. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the Tournament Director within seventy-two (72) hours of when the participant bowled. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
16. Symbolic awards will be given as follows:
  - Awards for 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners, each Division
  - Bowling Towels for all athletes competing in the Handicap Finals.
17. Scholarships will be awarded to the U12 and U18 Divisions on a ratio of **1:7**, based on the number of entries per division.
18. FSUSBC will enter a team of 4 bowlers into the USBC Youth Open Championships in Green Bay during July, 2025 representing the State of Florida. First and Second place finalists in each division, boys and girls U18 will be offered positions on the team. If the Division Champions are unwilling/unable to attend the USBC Youth Open Championships, the athlete will still retain the state scholarship, but the berth to the USBC Youth Open Championships will be awarded to the next eligible athlete. FSUSBC will provide a **MAXIMUM \$500 REIMBURSEMENT STIPEND** to each advancer to assist with the expense of travel, meals and housing upon return from the Youth Open Championships. Advancers will be required to be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or coach. USBC Youth Open Championships will not be providing chaperones. In order to accept any stipend money from the FSUSBC the individual athlete must be willing and able to represent the FSUSBC at all tournament events.

Ties for advancement to the USBC Youth Open Championships, or in the event that a qualifier needs to be replaced and there is a tie to determine who will advance, 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. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the FSUSBC Pepsi/FL Hdcp. Tournament Committee. The Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.
20. All individual bowlers need to check-in thirty (30) minutes prior to their scheduled squad time, wearing suitable attire (see rule 10).

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**MAKE LEAGUE CHECK, CASHIERS CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO:**

FSUSBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

**SEND ONLY ONE CHECK PER LEAGUE OR BOWLING CENTER.**

**INDIVIDUAL PERSONAL CHECKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

**SEND NO MAIL REQUIRING SIGNATURE.**

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