

NEBRASKA USBC YOUTH STATE TOURNAMENT RULES

Please read rules carefully!

1. Every Entrant must be a NEUSBC Youth certified bowler. Federation Averages will count (send verification).
2. The USBC rules state that there will be no smoking, playing on electronics, etc., while participating in the State Tournament. Apparel advertising tobacco, alcohol, drugs or anything obscene will not be allowed. "Kick Butt" or other offensive sayings also are in this category. **No spaghetti strap shirts, midriff shirts or shorts shorter than mid-thigh. Also no spandex or leggings. No gym shorts and team jerseys (college or Pro). No Hats!! Parents are responsible for their child's appearance and conduct during tournament play. Preferred attire: Girls-proper Nice Jeans, shorts or skort, nice top or bowling shirt. Boys- Nice Jeans, Khaki shorts or Khaki pants, collared polo shirt, bowling shirt or nice T-shirt. The attire will be checked when you check-in.**
3. ENTERING AVERAGE RULE: in order of the following options.
BUMPER LEAGUE AVERAGES DO NOT COUNT.
 - A. Their highest 2018-19 certified fall/spring league average for 12 games or more as of midnight March 15, 2019 (send verification or bring signed sheet).
 - B. If no 12+ game average as of March 15, 2019, bowler may enter using their highest average for 12 games or more as of March 15, 2018 (Please bring verification)
 - C. If neither of the above, bowler may use their highest 2018 certified summer league average of 12 or more games, or 2017-2018 Fall or Spring league averages of 12 or more games whichever is higher.
 - D. If none of the above, the bowler will enter with an average of 215.**COACHES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CORRECT LISTINGS OF ALL AVERAGES.** Failure to not include the highest average may result in disqualification of the bowler. Coaches/Bowlers are responsible for providing league standing sheet(s) (including travel leagues, Federation and sport leagues) for all Sanctioned leagues bowler participates in. **A COPY OF ALL STANDING SHEETS, AS OF March 15, 2019 MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY or bring to State Tournament.**
4. Bowlers' averages meeting criteria in Rules 3 A, B or C **must be signed and verified by the coach before** sending in the entry. All averages are verified with association average books and or USBC.
5. All events will be scratch. To enter Handicap you need to check handicap division and pay the 10 dollar add on fee. Handicap will be 90% of 200. **All events will be scratch only.**
6. Three games will be bowled per event. Boys and girls may combine for the doubles and the team events.
7. A bowler is eligible for all events by bowling **all three** events. The appropriate box must be marked on the form.
8. Bowlers may compete twice in the doubles events only, but only once with the same person. The **first** doubles bowled is the score that will count for all events.
9. Teams will consist of four bowlers. Bowlers may bowl twice in the team event as long as no more than 2 of the bowlers on the team also bowl together on another team. The first team score bowled is the score that will count for all events.
10. Substitutions will be permitted in doubles and teams only. No Substitutions will be allowed once bowling is in progress, unless needed due to illness, injury or emergency.
11. All entries must be accompanied by payment in full. In the case of a returned check, a \$30.00 returned check charge must be paid prior to bowling. There will be no refund of entry fees once entries close.
12. The entire awards fund will be used for awards. Scholarship awards will be given out to the top 2 in each division (scratch and handicap). **If you win scratch you cannot win handicap in your division.** Duplicate awards will be given in the event of a tie. The following **special awards** will be given: High Scratch All Events per division, High Scratch Game and Series, one each to a girl and a boy. Scholarship funds are held in a SMART account under the management of USBC. (#10657)
13. **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NE USBC. There will be NO phone reservations.**
14. Rules not covered in the tournament rules will be covered by USBC Rules. **Only during practice can any alterations be made to the outer surface of the ball. Once practice is done any alterations to surface of the ball will cause the bowler to be disqualified.** If any issue has happened to the ball bring it to the Tournament Director and they will determine on how to handle the issue. Other rules will be announced before practice begins.