



**\*\*SCRATCH\*\*** USBC# 04945  
2026 USBC YOUTH SCRATCH CHAMPIONSHIPS

*Suburban Lanes, 735 Chestnut Ridge Rd, Morgantown, WV*  
Entries must be post marked midnight March 2, 2026

**Squad Dates & Times Please circle requested:**

**Sat. March 21 @ 2 PM      Sun. March 22 @ 10 AM**

**Sat. March 28 @ 10AM**

**Tournament finals: SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026**

**Divisions are determined by your D.O.B. as of 08/01**  
**Please see Rule 5 for age divisions and Circle Below**

**U8 U10 U12 U14 U16 U18**

**Bowling fee      \$25.00**

**Scholarship fee   \$10.00**

**Expense fee      \$5.00**

**\$40.00 per bowler**

**\* Additional Scholarship money will be added from existing SMART funds**

**First** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last** \_\_\_\_\_ **USBC #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last 4 SSN \*** \_\_\_\_\_  
Required\* U12-U14-U16-U18

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ph.** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home Bowling Center:** \_\_\_\_\_

Month

Day

Year

**Check division: M** \_\_\_\_\_ **F** \_\_\_\_\_

**FORM MUST BE COMPLETELY FILLED OUT**

**SEND ENTRY FORM, ENTRY FEE, STANDING SHEET AS OF FEB 1,2026 to:**

**West Virginia State USBC; Kim Chapman**  
**2620 Orchard Ave, Huntington, WV 25704**

**304-638-1211**

**Make Checks payable to: West Virginia State USBC**

## 2026 USBC Youth Scratch Tournament Rules

1. **WV State USBC Youth Scratch Championship is certified, all USBC rules and regulations will be in effect.**
2. **Bowler must be a USBC youth member, and bowl in a WV USBC certified youth league.**
3. Competition: March 21 @ 2 PM, March 22 @ 10 AM, March 28 @ 10 AM. Finals March 29.
4. **Squads times will be added if needed.**
5. Qualifying competition is held in divisions based on the bowler's date of birth as of the dates below:
  - ▶ U8 Boys whose birthdate is 8/1/2017 or later ▶ U8 Girls
  - ▶ U10 Boys whose birthdate is 8/1/2015-7/31/2017 ▶ U10 Girls
  - ▶ U12 Boys whose birthdate is 8/1/2013-8/1/2015 ▶ U12 Girls
  - ▶ U14 Boys whose birthdate is 8/1/2011-8/1/2013 ▶ U14 Girls
  - ▶ U16 Boys whose birthdate is 8/1/2009-8/1/2011 ▶ U16 Girls
  - ▶ U18 Boys whose birthdate is 8/1/2007-8/1/2009 ▶ U18 Girls
6. Symbolic awards 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in all divisions (U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18).
7. **All bowlers must wear proper attire. Dress code: NO shorts above the kneecaps, NO pajamas, Girls Skorts or Shorts must come to mid thigh, NO wearing of clothing depicting foul language or gestures. NO hats allowed. NO smoking, vaping or drinking of alcohol in the center. You will be disqualified if not in proper attire!**
8. Bowlers must have a minimum of 21 games as of February 1, 2026 for the current season. If minimum games not reached, bowler must have a minimum of 21 games for the previous season. All others will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
9. No entry fee will be returned after tournament closing date.
10. **Tournament Format:** Bowlers in U8, & U10 will bowl a 3-game series without advancement.
11. Divisions U12, U14, U16 & U18 will bowl a 3-game series.

For Divisions U12, U14, U16 & U18, if we have a minimum of 8 bowlers in that division, 50% of the bowlers will go onto the finals, with a maximum of 24 moving onto the finals. If we have less than 8 bowlers in the division, 4 bowlers will move to the finals. All pin fall from the previous games will be dropped each round. Bowlers will bowl 3 games, then the top 5 will move onto the step ladder finals to determine the champion.

The top qualifier in Divisions U12, U14, U16 & U18 will be awarded additional scholarship money in their SMART account.
12. **Finals are on March 29, 2026. Times for finals for each age group will be announced once the number of bowlers have been determined.**
13. Scholarship fee returned 100% Scholarship will be awarded as follows: all divisions 1 out of 10. Scholarship will be held in the **USBC SMART FUND #08552**
14. Competitors will be allowed 10 minutes of practice. Practice will start 10 minutes before the start time of the shift. Bowlers and officials only allowed in the seating area. **Coaching is permitted but BOWLER must come back to the coach or parent on the carpet area.**
15. Bowler(s) arriving late shall begin play and score shall count beginning with that frame then being bowled. Missed frames shall be credited with a zero. Bowler(s) not present to bowl when it's their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
16. Only bowlers, score keepers and tournament officials will be allowed in the immediate bowling area.
17. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be given to the tournament director no later than the start of the block or 30 minutes after the completion of competition. Questionable errors shall be decided by the tournament director. All other protests must be submitted in writing to the tournament director before the awards are presented. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
18. If a bowler cannot finish their game(s), they will receive a score of zero for the remaining frame(s)/game(s).
19. The First-place winners of the **U12, U14, U16 and U18** divisions for both Males and Females will advance to the 2026 Junior Gold Championships on July 11-18, 2026, held in Minneapolis, MN They must be **USBC Junior Gold** members to advance to the Junior Gold Championships.
20. Bowlers without a current Junior Gold membership **MUST** purchase a Junior Gold membership prior to June 1st., USBC will waive the \$200 U18 and U16, \$150 U14 and \$100 U12 entry fee. These athletes will compete for additional scholarships available to all athletes at the championships, and international competition.
21. If the **U12, U14, U16 and U18** Division Champion is unwilling or unable 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 spot to the Junior Gold Championships will be awarded to the next eligible athlete. Travel expense for 1<sup>st</sup> place winners will come from the ball raffles, and fund raisers. 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 occur all costs associated with changing airline ticket, if applicable. 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, the next subsequent high score will be used until the tie is broken.
22. **Tournament Director is responsible for verification of memberships.**
23. The tournament director has the right to disqualify a bowler if he or she violates **USBC RULE 17d.**
24. **All Bowlers in the Host Zone MUST bowl the FIRST squad!**
25. The WV State USBC board of directors will decide any questions not covered by these tournament rules.

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