

NATION'S CAPITAL AREA USBC ASSOCIATION
53rd ANNUAL YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT
2016 TOURNAMENT RULES

1. All USBC Youth Tournament Rules and Requirements will govern this Tournament.

This tournament is certified through USBC under certification # 07424, Bumper Singles event is certified under certification # 07428

2. The tournament is open to all USBC Youth members participating in a USBC Youth certified league located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Nation's Capital Area USBC Association (NCAUSBCA). *Bumper Singles participants must be a certified bowler in a bumper league within NCAUSBCA.

3. **DRESS CODE** - Shirts must have a butterfly collar or mock collar. Mock collar must be a minimum of ¾ of one inch. All shirts must have finished sleeves for all competition. Bowlers may also wear their USBC Youth Jersey or League issued uniform shirt. No cotton t-shirts, sweatshirts, shirts with sleeves cut off, torn or ripped may be worn. No writing on or defacing of the bowling shirt will be permitted. All apparel shall be loose fitting and not made of fleece or Lycra/spandex-like material. All bowlers must wear full-length pants/slacks, jeans, shorts (no more than 3½ inches above the knees), skorts, skirts (no more than 3½ inches above the knees) or Capri pants during all levels of competition. No athletic shorts will be allowed. Jeans with holes, bib overalls, scooters, warm-up suits or clothes with elastic at the ankles are not allowed. No head covering (hats, caps, bandannas, etc.) or sunglasses may be worn during competition. Headphones must remain in the concourse area and cannot be used during competition. The Tournament Management must approve any/all exceptions prior to the event. All decisions of the Tournament Management will be final. *Bumper bowlers are exempt from this dress code

4. Entering Averages - entrants will use their highest league average as of December 16, 2015 with a minimum of 12 games bowled.

*Standing sheets should have already been submitted for this date through the Invitational Tournament.

** For those that do not have 12 games by December 16, 2015, then the highest current league average as of February 26, 2016, based on a minimum of 12 games, will be used. **A standing sheet must be brought to the tournament site on the day the member is scheduled to bowl.**

*** If none of the preceding applies, a tournament average of 200 will be assigned. Exception - Bumper bowlers will be assigned an average of 120.

4A. Falsification of average will result in disqualification of the bowler.

5. This is a Handicap tournament; the allowance shall be 100% and is figured on the difference between each individual's average and 220 scratch (100% of 220). Exception - Bumper Division shall use 100% of 120.

6. **Team Event** will consist of 4 bowlers on a team, regardless of age or gender, and division is determined by team average.

Doubles Event will consist of 2 bowlers, regardless of age or gender, and division is determined by doubles team average.

Singles Event, Handicap & Scratch All Events and **Bumper Singles Event** divisions will be determined by individual average.

7. The tournament will be divided into the following divisions:

	DIVISION 1	DIVISION 2	DIVISION 3	DIVISION 4
TEAM	680 & ABOVE	560 – 679	440 – 559	439 & BELOW
DOUBLES	340 & ABOVE	280 – 339	220 – 279	219 & BELOW
SINGLES & ALL EVENTS	170 & ABOVE	140 – 169	110 – 139	109 & BELOW
BUMPER	ALL AVERAGES			

*Bumper entrants are not eligible to bowl in Team, Doubles, Singles, or All Events

8. Bowlers will bowl 3 games in each of the following events: Team, Doubles and Singles. Bumper Singles bowlers will bowl 2 games.

*Singles and Doubles events will be bowled during the same squad -- Singles will be bowled first, followed by Doubles for a total of 6 consecutive games.

9. Bowlers **MUST** enter both Singles and Doubles to be able to bowl in either one. Singles and Doubles entrants are not required to bowl in the Team event. Team entrants are not required to bowl in the Singles and Doubles event. Bowlers must enter Team, Singles & Doubles to qualify for All Events.

10. Bowlers may participate in the Team Event multiple times, provided that no more than 2 bowlers remain the same. The *highest* Team event scores bowled will be applied toward the individual's All Events. Bowlers may participate in the Doubles & Singles Events multiple times. The *highest* Doubles & Singles events scores bowled will be applied toward the individual's All Events. The *highest* Singles event scores bowled will be used toward Singles division award placement. A bowler may only place once in the Singles Event. Bumper bowlers may enter Bumper Singles Event more than once.

11. Team and Doubles events will bowl in the bowler order listed on the original entry form. Substitutes will be permitted only in the same line-up position. Should the average of the substitute bowler change the division of an entry, the entry division will be reclassified automatically. No changes will be made except by the Tournament Committee.

12. Handicap All Events: This is an optional event, and to be entered into Handicap All Events, bowlers must register and pay the required fee of \$5. Bowlers may enter the Handicap All Events only once even if they participate in multiple Team, Doubles & Singles events. The scores of the *highest* event of Team, Doubles and Singles bowled will be used toward the Handicap All Events.

13. Scratch All Events: This is an optional event, and to be entered into Scratch All Events, bowlers must register and pay the required fee of \$10. Bowlers may enter the Scratch All Events only once even if they participate in multiple Team, Doubles & Singles events. The scores of the *highest* event of Team, Doubles and Singles bowled will be used toward the Scratch All Events.

14. Late bowlers shall receive a zero (0) score for any frames missed. This applies during a game as well as at the beginning of the competition.

15. The White copy of the recap sheet must be turned into the tournament office upon competition of scores being rolled. The recap sheet will be the official score record. Any missing scores will be entered as zero and any falsified scores will be disqualified.

16. A Coach or Instructor is responsible for verification of average and USBC Youth Membership for the current season and **MUST** sign the entry form.

17. All entries must be postmarked no later than **FEBRUARY 13, 2016**. No entry will be accepted without payment of the complete entry fee.

No refunds of entry fees will be made after the entry has been processed and squad times have been assigned, except in the case of emergencies, inclement weather and other reasons as determined refundable by the tournament committee.

18. No open bowling will be allowed on assigned lanes within 1 hour prior to assigned squad time.

19. Bowlers must report to the tournament office at least 30 minutes prior to assigned squad times. Bowlers must present their USBC Youth Membership cards at check-in if asked for by a Tournament Official. If any substitutions are to be made, the Team Captain or Coach must report to the tournament office at least one hour prior to the scheduled squad time. **Once a substitute has been entered and tournament competition has started, that substitute will not be removed should the original bowler arrive.**

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