



Hawaii USBC Youth Championships Tournament Rules

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- Rule 1: This USBC certified tournament is open to all youth members of the HAWAII USBC. All entries will be numbered in the order they are received and will be limited to the first **42** team entries.
- Rule 2: The team captain will check-in the entire team 30 minutes prior to the scheduled bowling time for the Team Event. All bowlers in the Doubles and Singles Events must check in 30 minutes prior to bowling time.
- **NOTE: If current membership cannot be verified, a membership card must be purchased (\$6) at the tournament site.**
- Rule 3: ENTRY FEE: **\$260** per team (**\$65** per bowler). *[Fee breakdown per bowler: Team Event: \$20, Doubles Event: \$20, Singles Event: \$20, All-Events: \$5.]*
- Rule 4: FORMAT: The tournament shall consist of a four-person Team Event, a Doubles Event, and a Singles Event. Three consecutive games shall be bowled in each event and total pins with handicap shall decide the winner. The Doubles Event will be bowled first followed by the Singles Event. The Doubles Event cannot be bowled without the Singles Event, and vice-versa. The total of nine games bowled with handicap shall determine the All-Events winner.
- DIVISIONS: There will be three (3) divisions per event; one scratch division and two handicap divisions. Bowlers must select either the scratch **or** handicap division when entering. The handicap division entries for the Team Event will be split based on the team's combined entering average after all entries have been received. The handicap division for the Doubles Event will be split based on the pair's combined entering average after all entries have been received. The handicap division entries for the Singles Event and All-Events will be split based on the individuals entering average.
- Rule 5: **No multiple participation will be allowed.**
- Rule 6: AVERAGES: Averages for the tournament shall be the highest average from sources A and B:
- A. Standard Composite average from Bowl.com of 12 or more games. For bowlers who only have sport or challenge averages the USBC adjustment scale will be used.
- B. Current average of 12 or more games as of **March 28, 2026**. (It is the bowler's responsibility to provide a current league standing sheet with the entry form to verify average).
- C. If neither A nor B applies, the bowler will enter with a scratch average of 200.
- **NOTE: Only current averages from USBC certified leagues will be considered.**
- The tournament committee reserves the right to re-rate any bowler entering this tournament. The USBC adjustment scale is not considered a "re-rate". The purpose of the USBC adjustment scale is to allow for a fair adjustment to what would be expected of the bowler on a standard condition. The USBC adjustment scale does not supersede the Tournament Director's ability to further adjust upward any bowler's tournament entering average per USBC Rule 319c.
- Rule 7: Handicap will be based on 100% of 200, using USBC tournament calculation format. Scratch Division will receive no handicap.
- Rule 8: No refunds will be made after entries have been received and dates assigned by the Tournament Director. Entry fees should be paid by cash, check, or money order. Make checks payable to "HAWAII USBC". **FULL ENTRY FEES MUST ACCOMPANY THE ENTRY FORM.** Any checks returned or not honored by a financial institution will be assessed a \$30.00 service handling fee. Full payment, including the assessed fee, must be made (cash or money order) within 10 days of notification.
- Rule 9: Substitutes will be allowed if necessary. The Tournament Director should be advised of any substitutes at least one hour before the scheduled bowling time, if possible. Substitutions may be permitted after a game has started for the Team and Doubles Events. However, once a player is removed, they cannot return to bowl for the remainder of the event. No substitutions may be made after the series has started for the Singles Event. Scores bowled through the efforts of more than one individual shall not qualify for any USBC or tournament individual awards, nor shall the score be included in the All-Events total.
- Rule 10: Entries will be scheduled according to requests, if possible, and in the order received. The Tournament Director reserves the right to assign bowlers to shifts to make an equal or balanced shift, and except for emergencies, will not change the schedule once published. In the event of a schedule change, bowlers will be notified via phone call. The Tournament Director will assign lanes for each event. Each event will be bowled on one pair of lanes. The lineup will be the same as shown on the entry form.
- Rule 11: Any player or team arriving after the game has started will be allowed to bowl and the score(s) will count beginning in the frame that's being bowled. **NO SCORE WILL BE GIVEN FOR FRAMES MISSED, per USBC Rule 322a. NO ABSENTEE OR VACANCY SCORES SHALL BE PERMITTED, per USBC Rule 322b.**
- Rule 12: The Doubles Event will be bowled first, followed by the Singles Event. Both events will be bowled on the same pair of lanes. If a scheduled bowler has not arrived in time for the Doubles Event and a substitute is not available, the scheduled bowler's partner will be permitted to bowl their games in the Doubles Event in order to qualify for All-Events.
- Rule 13: Any protest affecting eligibility or general playing rules must be confirmed in writing to the Tournament Director before the tournament prize distributions are made. Error in scoring must be reported to the Tournament Director within 24 hours.
- Rule 14: Each bowler is responsible to check, verify, and sign the score sheets before being turned in.
- Rule 15: Scholarships will be awarded with at least one (1) for every six (6) entries per division. The first-place winners in each division for the team event will receive a trophy prize in addition to the SMART scholarships. An additional \$100 SMART scholarship will be awarded to the first-place finishers in each event, for each division. An additional \$75 SMART scholarship will be awarded to the second-place finishers in each event, for each division. Trophies will be distributed through the participants' morning programs.
- Rule 16: Food and beverages may be consumed in compliance with the respective bowling center's guidelines. Any bowler who appears to use abusive language, obscene gestures, or who delays the normal process of the game shall be immediately removed from the tournament and the score will be zero (0) for any remaining frames of the game.
- Rule 17: **Bowlers are required to wear suitable attire.** Bowlers shall not wear apparel or use bowling equipment depicting alcohol, tobacco, gambling, illegal substances, or inappropriate language/gestures during competition per USBC Rule 301b. In addition, no tank tops, sleeveless shirts, or short shorts will be allowed.
- *The length of these items (shorts, skirts, culottes) must go beyond the fingertips when your arms are at rest along your sides.
- Rule 18: The use of an artificial hearing device (headphones, etc.) to listen to music or a broadcast is prohibited during competition.
- Rule 19: The tournament shall be conducted in accordance with the USBC rules governing local association tournaments and the USBC general playing rules in addition to the rules adopted by the association. The Tournament Director shall decide upon any questions not covered by these tournament rules.
- Rule 20: The Board of Directors of the HAWAII USBC Association shall have the power to hear and act on disputes, complaints or protests relating to the tournament. The decision of the board is final except when an appeal is made to the USBC. The entrants, whose names appear hereon or their authorized replacements, hereby agree that the HAWAII USBC, its officers and agents shall be liable only to the extent of returning entry fees if and when these entrants shall be prevented from bowling any event in the tournament through delay, unexpected yet necessary schedule change, or premature termination of the tournament, which may be brought about by war, national emergency or emergency of causes relating thereto or resulting therefrom, fires, strikes, lockouts, labor difficulties or other causes beyond the control of the HAWAII USBC.

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