



**Handicap Individual AZ USBC State Youth
CHAMPIONSHIPS
2019-2020
CERTIFICATION #04919
RULES & FORMAT**

ENCLOSED: Arizona Sectional and State Rules and Format.

Coaches: Please make enough copies of these rules so that each parent or bowler wanting to participate has a copy.

ALL ATHLETES AND PARENTS must understand the rules, fees, requirements, deadlines and conditions of the tournament.

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LEAGUE LEVEL COMPETITION is not necessary this year as all Youth Bowlers are eligible to go to the Sectional Level Competition. Enclosed is a Summary Sheet for listing all who want to enter. Copy forms as needed.

SECTIONAL LEVEL OF COMPETITION

February 29th and March 1st, 2020

TWO SECTIONAL SITES:

Northern Site will be **Antelope Lanes, 6301 E. 2nd St. Prescott Valley, AZ 86314, 928-772-7331**

Southern Site will be **Lucky Strike Bowl, 4015 East Speedway Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85712, 520-327-4926**

THIS IS THE FINAL LEVEL OF COMPETITION FOR THE 11 and under.

- REFER TO SECTIONAL RULES FOR** – Closing Date for Reports – Average Cut Off Date 2/1/19

Entry Fees to Sectional Competition – Tournament Format. Closing date for entries 2/12/19

- STATE LEVEL OF COMPETITION IS FOR 12 and above**

March 21st, 2020 at **McRay Lanes, 3825 W. Ray Rd., Chandler, AZ 85226, (480) 899-2171**

- REFER TO STATE RULES FOR** – Entry Closing Date 3/15/19 (response back from advancers)

NOTE: Advancers will be notified by Their League Youth Director.

- FEES**

Sectional Fees: 11 and under - \$22.00

12 and Above - \$26.00

State Fees: \$30.00

Must be made by league check, money order or cashiers check made payable to:

AZ State USBC

Personal checks or cash will not be accepted.

Fee of \$20.00 for all returned checks

ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT FULL PAYMENT.

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ARE YOUR YOUTH BOWLERS & PARENTS AWARE OF THE RULES???

1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress and shall be governed by USBC rules.
2. Competition is open to all 2019-2020 – AZ State USBC Youth members. To compete, a bowler must be a regular member of a certified USBC League in Arizona and not be under suspension at the time of qualifying. League substitutes are allowed to participate in this tournament, if it is their only USBC Youth league.
3. Participants must be aware of each competition level in the state/zone and all associated rules, fees and deadlines. These items are contained in the specific state/zone rules from the State/Zone Handicap Individual Tournament.
4. Competition will be conducted in four divisions based on the participant’s age as of Aug. 1, 2019. Participation in the wrong age division will lead to automatic disqualification. Bowlers must stay in their given division in that particular league throughout the entire window:

DIVISIONS:	11 & Under Boys’ Handicap	11 & Under Girls’ Handicap
	12 & Above Boys’ Handicap	12 & Above Girls’ Handicap

Athletes must see these rules and choose their own Division

5. Competition will take place at 2 sectional sites on February 29th and March 1st, 2020
 Northern Site will be **Antelope Lanes, 6301 E. 2nd St. Prescott Valley, AZ 86314, 928-772-7331**
 Southern Site will be **Lucky Strike Bowl, 4015 East Speedway Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85712, 520-327-4926**
 Entry closing date is February 15, 2020. Tournament form containing qualifiers’ name, address, and telephone number, date of birth and Bowler Certification number and required fees must be submitted by this date to the tournament director.
6. Divisions are based on the participant’s age as of August 1, 2019. Competition shall be conducted in the following four divisions: 11 & Under Boys Handicap, 11 & Under Girls Handicap, 12 & Above Boys Handicap, 12 & Above Girls Handicap.
7. The tournament format shall be: 11 & Under Divisions will bowl 3 games on the same pair of lanes. Total pins plus applicable handicap will determine the winners of the 11 & Under Divisions from each sectional site. **THIS IS THE LAST LEVEL OF COMPETITION FOR AGES 11 & UNDER DIVISION.** 12 & Over Division will bowl 4 games on the same pair of lanes. Total pins plus handicap, where applicable, will determine who will advance to the state level of competition.

8. Entry fee is:	<u>Ages 11 & Under:</u>	<u>Ages 12 & Above</u>
	Lineage & Expense \$13.75	Lineage & Expense \$17.75
	Awards/Scholarship \$ 8.25	Awards/Scholarships \$ 8.25
	TOTAL \$22.00	TOTAL \$26.00

Awards and Scholarship fees shall be returned 100% to the bowlers. *Scholarships will be held in SMART Program. Account #08510. Contact person: Denise Lish, 817-385-8292
 (*USBC Rules 301 and 309 states that all scholarships must be deposited in the SMART Program.)

9. Appropriate attire worn will be neat, clean and proper fitting. Non-tattered blouses/shirts must have **Butterfly Collars or MOCK COLLARS** and must have sleeves and be hip length if not tucked in. Nice Pants/Jean with NO FRAYED HEMLINES, or **SHORTS may be worn if they go past the finger tips 2 inches while standing with arms relaxed by their side (NO SPORT SHORTS WILL BE ALLOWED)**, also, no sweat pants, gym pants, nor Leggings will be allowed). Bowlers will not wear hats/caps (unless medically approved). Youth are to be in bowling attire when checking in and stay in the approved attire until finish bowling. Youth participants will not wear apparel or use bowling equipment depicting alcohol, tobacco, gambling, an illegal substance, or inappropriate Language/gestures during competition (USBC Rule 301b). Athletes may not smoke or consume alcoholic beverages. The settee and concourse areas will be smoke and alcohol free. This includes E-Cigs. Smoking and alcohol consumption by non-participants will be in designated areas only. ***No electronic devices will be used by bowlers while bowling in the tournament.***

10. No substitutes will be permitted **once athletes have started tournament play**. However, replacements may be used for bowlers who are not present 15 minutes prior to the squad time. **Replacements must be from the same window, same league and same centers as to the “no-show” bowler. They must follow the order of advancement within that window/league. Once a replacement has been made, the original bowler cannot be placed back in the tournament.**
11. Competitors shall be allowed 10 minutes of practice time on their starting pair.
12. If no replacement has been made, bowlers arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. Missed frames shall be credited with a zero. **Frames may not be made-up.** Bowlers who are not present to bowl when it’s their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
13. Bowlers shall use their **highest current certified league average, as of February 1, 2020 of 15 games or more.** If no average with the 15-game minimum as of February 1, 2020 then a bowler history of a 15-game average bowled closest to the date of competition may be used. If a bowler has **ONLY** a sport league average, then USBC Rule 202D will be used. The average adjustment chart in the USBC Rulebook will determine the “correct” average to be used. Bowlers with no average will bowl scratch. Each league must provide an alphabetical list of their bowlers as of February 1, 2018 to include **ONLY** total pins, games and average. Bowlers with no verified average will bowl scratch.
14. Handicap shall be 90% of the difference between the bowler’s average and 220.
15. Only bowlers, tournament officials and, center staff shall be permitted in the settee area.
16. Ties for 10th place will all advance to state finals.
17. 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 30 minutes after the completion of competition. Questionable errors shall be decided upon by the tournament director. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the tournament director within 72 hours of the infraction. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
18. Symbolic awards will be given on a ratio of 1 in 10.
19. Scholarships will be awarded to the first place in each of the 11 & Under Divisions from each sectional site. Additional places will be given awards if entries warrant.
20. Advancement from each of the sectional sites to the state level of competition will be the first 5 places in each of the 12 & Above Divisions. In all cases at least one individual per division shall advance.

The state level of competition will be held on March 21, 2020 at McRay Lanes, 3825 W. Ray Rd., Chandler, AZ 85226, (480) 899-2171, Check-in at 12:30 PM

21. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the State/Zone Handicap AZ USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee. Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.

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1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress and shall be governed by USBC rules.
2. Advancement from league is a one-time entry. If an individual who qualified cannot participate in the state/zone competition, replacements will be eligible based on order of finish in previous competition. Replacements must be from the sectional site of the individual unable to compete.
3. Advancement from the sectional sites will be the first 5 places from the Northern site and the first 5 places from the Southern site from each of the 12 & Above Divisions. In all cases at least one person per division shall advance.
4. **Advancers out of the league level must remain in the division they qualified in during all subsequent levels. If a bowler advances out of league level in more than one state/zone, the bowler must declare one state/zone to continue competing before the next competition level. Participation in any level of competition past the league level in more than one state/zone will result in automatic disqualification.**

The state level of competition will be held on March 21, 2020 at McRay Lanes, 3825 W. Ray Rd., Chandler, AZ 85226, (480) 899-2171, Check-in at 8:00 a.m.

5. **Entry closing date is March 14, 2020.** Tournament entry form containing qualifiers name, address, telephone number and Bowler Certification number must be submitted to the tournament director per Sectional Rule 6.
6. Divisions are based on the participant's age as of August 1, 2018. Competition shall be conducted in the following divisions: 12 & Above Boys Handicap, 12 & Above Girls Handicap.
7. **Tournament Format:** The top 20 bowler's advancement is based on the Sectional sites as stated in rule 3. Bowlers will bowl 6 games across 6 lanes, moving 1 pair right after every 2 games. All previous scores will be dropped. Handicap to be applied. Bowler's 6 game score will determine their final standing.
8. **Entry fee is \$30.00.** Payable at tournament site.
9. No substitutes will be permitted **once athletes have started tournament play**; however, replacements may be used for bowlers who are not present 15 minutes prior to the squad time. **Replacements must be from the order of finish from prior level of competition. (I.e. the same window, same league and same center as to the "no-show" bowler if replacement is from the league level. They must follow the order of advancement within that window/league.)**

Competitors shall be allowed 10 minutes of practice on their starting lanes prior to the 6 game competitions. **Frames missed may not be made-up.** A bowler not present when it is their turn to bowl will be credited zero for that frame.

10. Appropriate attire worn will be neat, clean and proper fitting. Non-tattered blouses/shirts must have **Butterfly Collars or MOCK COLLARS** and must have sleeves and be hip length if not tucked in. Nice Pants/Jeans with NO FRAYED HEMLINES, or **SHORTS may be worn if they go past the finger tips 2 inches while standing with arms relaxed by their side (NO SPORT SHORTS WILL BE ALLOWED)**, also, no sweat pants, gym pants, nor Leggings will be allowed). Bowlers will not wear hats/caps (unless medically approved). Youth are to be in bowling attire when checking in, and stay in the approved attire until finish bowling. Youth participants will not wear apparel or use bowling equipment depicting alcohol, tobacco, gambling, an illegal substance, or inappropriate Language/gestures during competition (USBC Rule 301b). Athletes may not smoke or consume alcoholic beverages. The settee and concourse areas will be smoke and alcohol free. This includes E-Cigs. Smoking and alcohol consumption by non-participants will be in designated areas only. **No electronic devices will be used by bowlers while bowling in the tournament.**
11. Arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. Missed frames shall be credited with a zero. **Frames may not be made-up.** A bowler not present to bowl when it is their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.

12. Bowlers shall use their **highest current certified league average, as of February 1, 2019 of 15 games or more**. If no 15-game average as of February 1, 2019, a verified standing sheet or **bowler history** of a 15 game of average bowled closest to the date of competition may be used (Pre-bowl and post-bowl may not be used for advancement purposes). If a bowler has **ONLY** a sport league average, then USBC Rule 202d will be used. The average adjustment chart in the USBC Rulebook will determine the “correct” average to use. Bowlers with no average will bowl scratch. Each league must provide an alphabetical list of their bowlers as of February 1, 2019 to include **ONLY** total pins, number of games and average.
13. Handicap shall be 90% of the difference between the bowler’s average and 220.
14. Only bowlers, tournament officials and center staff shall be permitted in the settee area.
15. Ties will be broken by a one game roll-off. Should a tie still exist, it will be broken by an additional 9th and 10th frame roll-off, plus one/tenth of handicap per frame where applicable. (Refer to rule 326a).
16. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the tournament director no later than 30 minutes after the completion of competition. Questionable errors shall be decided upon by the tournament director. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the tournament director within 72 hours of the infraction. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
17. Symbolic Awards will be given on a ratio of 1 in 10.
18. Scholarships will be presented to finalists on a ratio of 1 in 10 of the Sectional Entries in each of the 12 & above divisions. The tournament director is responsible for submitting the scholarships and recipients to the SMART Program, who will administer the scholarships. Scholarships will be held in SMART Account #8510. Contact person: Denise Lish 817-385-8292
19. The First Place Winners and Runner up **of the 12 & Above Boys and Girls HDCP will receive paid entries into the 2020 Youth National Open in Las Vegas, NV on July 11—18, 2020, with entry fee paid by AZ State USBC Youth. Advancers will be required to be accompanied by a parent, guardian or coach. The national finals do not provide chaperones.**
20. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the State/Zone Handicap AZ USBC Youth Committee. Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.

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