

RULES OF THE COLORADO STATE USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Call 970-523-6550 for reservations until March 6, 2017. All reservations must be paid in full by March 13, 2017. Reservations not paid in full by this date are not guaranteed and may be given to waiting paid entries. **Entries close Midnight April 8, 2017. Entries must be postmarked no later than April 8, 2017 to be accepted.**

1. **DRESS CODE** – All bowlers must wear suitable attire. Shirts or blouses with collars and sleeves. Sponsor T-shirts and the USBC Youth Jersey are acceptable. Bowlers must wear FULL LENGTH SLACKS, JEANS, and OR SHORTS PROVIDED THEY ARE AT THE KNEE. **(No ragged, torn, holey, or sagging jeans)**. No headwear of any kind can be worn. **Rule 301b** – prohibits youth bowlers from wearing apparel or using bowling equipment depicting alcohol, tobacco, gambling, illegal substances or inappropriate language/gestures during youth tournament competition. **NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES ALLOWED DURING COMPETITION. THE DRESS CODE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**
2. **ELIGIBILITY** - Open to all Youth bowlers who have not reached their 20th Birthday prior to August 1, 2016. If you don't have a membership card, you will have to purchase one for \$4.00.
3. **AVERAGES – THE HIGHEST AVERAGE**, USE HIGHEST 2015-2016 Colorado USBC certified league AVERAGE OF 21 GAMES OR MORE and if your average of 21 games is higher as of March 1, 2017 you will use that for your tournament entering average. If you have neither of the above, then you can use a 12 game average as of the May 6, 2017 the start of the tournament.
4. **COACHES** – It is the **COACH'S** responsibility for certifying the completeness of the entry form, to include: **SEX, AGE, ID NUMER, and ADDRESS AND PHONE #** of each bowler submitted; making necessary substitutions and signing the entry form. **COACHES MUST SUBMIT A 2017 AVERAGE SHEET AS OF MARCH 1, 2017. IF YOU HAVE NONE OF THE PREVIOUS, THEN SEND AN MAY 6, 2017 STANDING SHEET WITH 12 GAMES OR MORE IMMEDIATELY.**
5. **TEAM EVENT** – All divisions will be 4 member teams, which may be of any combination of bowlers. Bowlers may enter the Team Event only Once. Check-in starts 1 hour prior to the event. **ALL 4 TEAM MEMBERS WILL CHECK IN TOGETHER. MEMBERSHIP CARDS MUST BE PRESENTED.**
6. **DOUBLES** – will be any combination of entrants, Boys, Girls, or Mixed. Entrants must entry both doubles and singles. Entrants may only bowl doubles/single **ONCE and will be bowled on the same pair of lanes. DOUBLES WILL BE BOWLED FIRST.** Doubles partners will check in together. Check-in starts 1 hour prior to the event. **MEMBERSHIP CARDS MUST BE PRESENTED.**
7. **SINGLES** – There will be a Boys Division and a Girls Division in the event. Bowler may enter the Singles Event **ONCE.** Singles will immediately follow doubles.

<u>8. DIVISIONS</u>	<u>Division 1</u>	<u>Division 2</u>	<u>Division 3</u>	<u>Division 4</u>	<u>Division 5</u>	<u>Division 6</u>	<u>Division 7</u>
TEAM	300 - Under	301-400	401-480	481-560	561-640	641-720	721-Over
SINGLES	75 - Under	76-100	101-120	121-140	141-160	161-180	181-Over
DOUBLES	150 - Under	151-200	201-240	241-280	281-320	321-360	361-Over

9. **ALL EVENTS** – There will be a Boys Division and a Girls division in All Events. The bowlers Singles Division will determine the All Events division assigned. The total of Team, Singles, and Doubles will be used for the All Events Score. Bowler must have registered **PRIOR** to the closing date to be eligible for ALL EVENTS. Plaques/Trophies will be awarded to the First Place All Events winners in each division.
10. **HIGH SCHOOL HANDICAP EVENT (OPTIONAL)** – This event is open to all bowlers who are in the 9th – 12th grade on March 1, 2017 and pay the \$6.00 High School Event Fee (\$1.00 Expenses & \$5.00 Scholarships). There will be a Boys Division and a Girls Division. Handicap will be 90% of 220. The Bowler's Singles Events Scores will be used for this event and a total of Four Scholarships will be awarded to High Series (Handicap) for both Boys and Girls. **MUST BE PAID WITH ENTRY FORM.**
11. **SUBSTITUTION** – After an entry has been received and processed, substitutions may be made for emergency only and must take place 1 hour PRIOR to the squad starting time. Subs must take the place of the bowler they are replacing. **NO REARRANGING OF TEAMS WILL BE ALLOWED, IF A SUBSTITUTE CANNOT BE FOUND FOR THE TEAM EVENT THEN THE ABSENT BOWLERS AVERAGE MINUS 10 PINS WILL BE USED. (USBC rule 322b).** The coach submitting the entry should notify the Tournament Manager (970-523-6550) as soon as possible when they are aware they will need a substitute. It is the **COACH'S** responsibility to arrange for the substitute and bring necessary information.
12. **SCHEDULING** - Lane assignments are made by the Tournament Manager. Additional squads may be added during the course of the tournament. However no squad may be added after the final squad at 1:30 on Sunday May 14, 2017 without approval from USBC Headquarters.
13. **REFUNDS** – USBC Rule 314. After an entry has been received, and the dates assigned by tournament management are not refused before preparation of the schedule, the entry fee cannot be refunded after April 8, 2017.
14. **AWARDS** – State Championship Trophies/Plaques will be given in each division to first and second place only in Team, Doubles, and Singles.
15. **LATE BOWLERS** - A bowler arriving late for any event will be allowed to bowl, their scores to start with the frame when they are ready to bowl. If one bowler is late for the Doubles event, the bowler present will bowl their Singles event first. If their partner has not arrived by the time the Singles event is finished and a substitute cannot be found, they will be permitted to bowl their games in the Doubles event to qualify for All Events. In the Team event, when an emergency substitute has been entered in the line-up with the consent of the team captain, and has officially begun the game, they cannot be replaced, except by illness, injury or other necessity.
16. **SCHOLARSHIP** – Scholarships will be awarded in each event on the basis of 1 scholarship for each 7 entries in each division. Scholarships are held in the USBC SMART Program Scholarship Fund.
17. **PROTESTS** – Any protest affecting eligibility or Tournament Rules must be confirmed in writing to the Tournament Manager, with a copy to the United States Bowling Congress, within 72 hours of the occurrence.
18. **OTHER RULES** – Only tournament officials, center staff, and bowlers will be allowed in the bowler's area, except with the approval of the tournament director.
19. **USBC YOUTH RULES WILL APPLY IN ALL INSTANCES NOT SPECIFICALLY COVERED BY THESE RULES.**