

USBC High School Membership

Q: What benefits are included in the USBC High School Membership?

- USBC Youth membership card
- USBC official average (minimum of 12 games)
- Eligible to bowl in USBC certified tournaments through July 31
- Eligible to apply for USBC Scholarships
- Eligible to be nominated for the Dexter/USBC All-American Team
- Eligible for USBC Youth Honor Scores (11 in a row, 300 game, 800 and 900 series), bowled during high school competition
- Eligible for USBC High School Coaches Registration Program awards (298, 299, 300 game, 700, 800, 900 series) letter jacket pins

Q: What is required for a USBC Youth Standard member to receive a USBC High School membership?

A: A student-athlete already holding a USBC Youth Standard membership can have their high school bowling competition scores recognized without paying the additional \$5 fee for the USBC High School membership. They must fill out the High School membership application and be entered into the processing system using NONE as the product choice.

Q: What is required for a USBC Youth Basic member to receive a USBC High School membership?

A: If the athlete has only participated in USBC Youth Basic leagues and has a USBC Youth Basic membership, they would be required to pay the \$5 USBC High School membership fee. They must fill out the High School membership application and be entered into the processing system as a Basic member.

Q: Can a USBC High School member participate in the Pepsi tournament?

A: In most cases, a USBC High School member will not be eligible to participate in the Pepsi USBC Youth Championships. In states where there is league level qualifying, the individual with only a USBC High School membership will not be eligible to participate because high school competitions do not hold Pepsi league level qualifying. In states where there is no league level qualifying, check the state rules or contact the state Pepsi Tournament Director with eligibility questions.

Q: When does the USBC High School membership expire?

A: USBC High School membership expires at the conclusion of the high school bowling season which includes all post-season playoff competition. The student-athlete can participate in USBC certified tournament competitions with this membership through the end of the current bowling season (July 31). If the student-athlete wants to join another USBC certified league, the appropriate dues (Standard or Basic) must be paid in that league(s).

Q: Can a bowler purchase a USBC Youth Standard membership through the USBC High School Program?

A: No. A non-USBC member who wishes to purchase a USBC Youth Standard membership must purchase that membership through a USBC certified league or through bowl.com at <http://bowl.com/joinusbc/youthstandard.jsp>. While the bowler who purchases a USBC Youth Standard membership would receive the USBC Youth Jersey and additional issues of the USBC Youth Bowler magazine, the awards available to participants in the High School Program would be limited to those

available in the USBC High School Program. USBC Youth Standard members can participate in the USBC High School Program with no additional membership charge. However, they must fill out the High School membership application and be entered into the youth processing system using NONE as the product choice.

Q: Does my entire high school team have to join for me to be a member?

A: No. The USBC High School membership is an individual membership, therefore your entire team does not have to join. Only those who choose to join would complete the application and submit any required dues.

Q: Will USBC High School averages be “official?”

A: Averages consisting of 12 or more complete games bowled exclusively by the student-athlete will be recognized as official. This means that any games where the player did not make ALL DELIVERIES cannot be included in his/her official average records.

Q: Will USBC High School averages be posted on bowl.com?

A: Yes, USBC High School members will have their averages posted on bowl.com.

Q: May I use practice games toward my average?

A: No, only games that count toward your school’s official season record and post-season games count toward the official average.

Q: May I use intra-team scrimmage games toward my average?

A: No, because scrimmages do not count towards a team’s seasonal record they cannot be counted for official averages.

Q: May I use scrimmage games, with other teams, towards my average?

A: No, scrimmage games of any type can be counted towards an official average.

Q: If during the middle of a game a substitute is brought in, who will get credit for the game?

A: Who will receive credit for games bowled by two or more players is determined by your state/conference rules. Games bowled through the efforts of two or more players CANNOT be counted towards the establishment of a USBC average for USBC High School members.

Q: If my team bowls in a tournament that does not count towards my team’s seasonal record, do those games count towards my average?

A: This is an issue that would need to be determined by USBC after reviewing the rules of the competition and how they relate to the high school conference standings.

Awards

Q: Can a USBC Youth Standard member bowling in high school competition earn honor score awards?

A: Student-athletes who hold USBC High School membership will be eligible to earn USBC High Score Awards listed in Rules 51a and 51b in addition to USBC High School awards listed in the High School Coaches Registration program.

Q: What awards are included in the USBC High Score Awards?

A: The USBC High Score Awards, also known as honor scores, are the 11 in a row, 300, 800 and 900. These are designated with an (*) in Rules 51a and 51b.

Q: What are the responsibilities of the High School members as they relate to Awards and Final Averages?

A: Since the USBC High School membership is an INDIVIDUAL membership product, the member is responsible to make sure that all eligible scores, both for awards and final averages are provided to the processing agent.

Q: Will the USBC High Score Awards cause high school eligibility issues?

A: USBC Youth members have the obligation to be aware of any restrictions that might be in place by his/her high school athletic associations and might affect any outside competitions they could compete in or limitations on awards that they may earn. USBC has taken this issue into consideration and, by working with our vendors, can now provide youth awards that meet the eligibility limits of most states. In those limited instances where there might be a conflict, bowlers will have the option to decline the provided USBC Youth award for a given accomplishment to prevent an eligibility issue.

Q: If the student-athlete does not hold a USBC High School membership, will a 300 game be recognized by USBC?

A: No. The student-athlete will only be recognized for USBC High Score Awards if he/she holds a USBC High School membership. If the student-athletes team is registered only in the Coaches Registration Program, he/she will receive only the USBC High School awards available through that program.

Membership delivery and services

Q: How will USBC High School memberships be processed?

A: Either centers or associations can process USBC High School memberships. The first step is to secure a league application and membership applications from USBC Headquarters. Please contact us at 1-800-514-2695 ext 8422 for your supplies. We ask that you only use league applications provided through USBC High School for control purposes.

Once the applications have been received and all forms filled out, a league can be formed in the Youth Processing System and any memberships collected can be processed. It is required that EVERY youth that wants to receive the benefits of the USBC High School membership complete a USBC High School membership application...even if they already have a USBC Youth Standard membership.

Q: Will the proprietor use WinLABS to process membership?

A: No. As part of the overall changes to the youth program, USBC created a Web-based system (not WinLABS) that allows USBC Youth membership, awards and averages to be processed. This system is available to make it easier for the bowling centers and the local associations to handle the required processing duties. USBC High Score Awards (11 in a row, 300 game, 800 and 900 series) MUST be processed through the local association using WinLABS.

Q: If the local association is the processor, will they use WinLABS to process membership?

A: No. All USBC Youth memberships are processed using the Web-based system. Awards and final averages however, are also to be processed through the Web-based system. USBC High Score Awards (11 in a row, 300 game, 800 and 900 series) MUST be processed through the local association using WinLABS.

Q: If a proprietor decides to process memberships, who will handle all the other association-based responsibilities for those bowlers once those memberships have been processed?

A: The Processing Agreement consists of three (3) components:

- Membership Processing. This will consist of the input of data into the Youth Membership Processing Program and the submission of membership dues to USBC.
- Youth Awards Processing. This will consist of the input of data for all scores eligible for recognition under the USBC Youth Awards program into the Youth Membership Processing Program. This DOES NOT include USBC High Score Awards (11 in a row, 300 game, 800 and 900 series).
- Final Average Submission. This will consist of the input of final average information for all participants in USBC Youth certified competitions into the Youth Membership Processing Program.

These three (3) responsibilities are the only duties that would be removed from the associations list of responsibilities for centers that choose to process directly with USBC. All other duties listed in the USBC Association Policy Manual remain.

Q: Who does the proprietor contact if a bowler has questions about services?

A: Support questions will go through the USBC Bowling Information Center at 1-800-514-2695 ext. 3151.

Q: What is required to authorize a change in the designated processing agent?

A: If the center is changing the individual they have designated as their processing agent, or is now having their youth leagues processed by the local association, the center must provide written notice to USBC HQ in order to facilitate a change in security settings. If the center used the local association the previous season and wants to process directly with USBC, there is no notice that needs to be provided to USBC HQ.

Q: If most/all proprietors in an association process their own memberships and the local youth association shuts down, who will service the remaining bowlers?

A: In the past, if a local youth association chooses to discontinue operations, USBC would seek to transfer the responsibilities of the local association to another association within the area. This policy remains the same.

Q: Is the local association still required to run a championship tournament if most or all of the centers in its jurisdiction process directly with USBC?

A: Yes. USBC tournaments are designed to be self-sustaining through the funds generated by the entry fees. Many associations subsidize their local events through their fundraising efforts. The importance of being able to raise funds through other means will increase and associations will be encouraged to be innovative in their efforts to raise funds to support the programs they seek to offer.

Q: How will the locals receive member information if a portion of membership in their association is processed by proprietors?

A: Local associations will have the ability to access the membership processing records of all the bowlers within their jurisdiction and create reports of this information as needed. All youth bowler data is transmitted.