



USBC Youth Tournaments

There are key differences tournament managers must be aware of when conducting a USBC Youth tournament. All USBC Youth tournaments must comply with Rule 400 and the Special Eligibility Rules.

Entry fees and reimbursement of actual travel expenses (receipts must be presented for reimbursement) into the next higher level of youth competition or any youth tournament or event are permissible. Bowlers may not transfer his/her entry. The entry fee must be paid directly to the tournament director/manager, not to the youth member.

USBC Youth members may participate in PRO-AMS as long as they bowl in a separate division and youth awards comply with Rule 400. They may also participate in Team USA competitions with adult competitors provided youth awards comply with Rule 400.

Youth members may participate in side competitions/brackets, provided that all the entries be returned 100% and in the form of scholarships or awards comply with Rule 400.

Other key differences:

1. One absentee score is allowed for four- or five-player teams, unless otherwise stated in tournament rules. (See Rule 322b)
2. Protests and appeals must be filed in writing within 72 hours (See Rule 329).
3. USBC Youth membership fees/participation fees may or may not be required for non-members. (See Rule 300c)
4. All scholarship funds must be deposited with SMART within 30 days of the completion of the tournament.
5. Rules 319a, 319d and 319e do not apply unless stated in the tournament rules.

Note: Any special eligibility requirements pertaining to scholarships must be clearly stated in the tournament rules.

Rule 400

For youth membership in USBC, individuals shall not have reached their 20th birthday on or before August 1 of the current bowling season. Individuals who purchase Youth membership in a summer league and turn 20 on or before August 1 will receive the current season membership. The age limitation is waived for those authorized as mentally challenged.

- a. Except as provided in Item b, a youth may not bowl, substitute or pace in any bowling activity which offers any of the following as prizes:
 1. Cash or bonds.
 2. Merchandise exceeding \$500 in value.
- b. Youth may bowl in singles competitions (including side competitions/brackets) offering such prizes, provided, prior to bowling:
 1. The competition agrees to award the youth's prize in the form of a scholarship; or
 2. The youth signs the USBC Singles Competition Prize Waiver waiving his/her rights to any prize in violation of this rule.

In youth competition, youth members may participate in side competitions/brackets provided all entries are returned 100% in the form of scholarships only and awards comply with Item a above.

Buying or selling of earned prizes is prohibited.



Any youth bowler deemed in violation of this rule is subject to disciplinary action including the potential loss of youth membership.

NOTE: There are no limits on scholarship amounts or entry fees (must be paid directly to the tournament director/manager) and reimbursement of actual travel expenses into the next higher level of competition or any tournament or event. (Receipts must be provided upon request.) The prizes authorized by a state high school athletic association or a collegiate athletic association recognized by USBC and USBC Collegiate are not subject to the limitations of this rule.