

Youth Open FAQ's

Is there a dress code for the Youth Open? *Yes. However, we do have a relaxed dress code when it comes to the Youth Open. Bowlers may wear the following: Butterfly Collar style shirt, USBC Youth Jersey, (T-shirts are NOT allowed) Dress Slacks, Jeans (provided they are clean and have no holes or writing on them), Shorts (as long as they are no more than 3-3 ½ inches above the knee and have a finished hemline) If you still have questions about the dress code call or stop in at the bowling center and ask.*

What do I need to “check-in” on site for the Youth Open? *All bowlers will be required to bring their current USBC Youth Membership card for the 2011-2012 season. If you do not have your card you can go online at www.bowl.com and use the FIND A MEMBER function to reprint your current membership card.*

Who can bowl the Youth Open? *The Youth Open is open to ALL USBC Youth members.*

Can I bowl more than once? *You may only participate in the Youth Open once per event.*

Can I just bowl in Singles? *No, Singles and Doubles are a “combined event”. Therefore, when you sign up for Singles you also have to bowl Doubles.*

Can my partner and I just bowl Doubles? *No, Singles and Doubles are a “combined event”. Therefore, when you sign up for Doubles you also have to bowl Singles.*

Do I have to bowl Doubles and Singles? *No, some bowlers only bowl Team event. If you need a partner for Doubles though let us know ahead of time and we will try to get someone with similar age and average ability for you to bowl with.*

What is All-Events? *All-Events is your total pin fall from Team, Doubles and Singles competition (9 games). The cost for All-Events is \$5.00 and must be paid PRIOR to the first ball of competition by the bowler.*

Can I sign up if I don't have a team? *Yes, you will want to request information for the “Friendship Squad”. This is where we match bowlers up that are looking to bowl and need to form a team. Some “Friendship Teams” even bowl following years as regular teams!*

How can I register for Youth Open? *You can register online at www.bowl.com under the Youth Open Page. A \$100.00 deposit is required to register online prior to April 1st 2012. Any online registration after April 1st, 2012 must be paid in full. Online registration closes on July 9th, 2012.*

Do you re-oil the lanes for every squad? *No, lanes are oiled before the Team squads only.*

What is the handicap used for Youth Open? *The Youth Open is a SCRATCH tournament. All bowlers are placed in one of 4 divisions based on their averages. (129 & Under; 130 – 159; 160 – 189 and 190 & Above)*

What is the cost for Youth Open? *Entry fees for all divisions are \$120 per 4 person team, \$120 per doubles pair (includes singles event), All-Events fee (optional) is \$5.00 per bowler. Total cost of Team, Doubles/Singles and All-Events for a 4 person entry is \$380.00 (\$95.00 per bowler).*

What is the refund/cancellation policy? *No team or individual shall be entitled to a full refund after the entry form and fees have been received and definite dates assigned, unless a replacement is requested in writing and the vacated spot is filled. (See Rule #9 for complete cancellation fee information)*

What is the lane courtesy rule? *One lane courtesy is required and will be enforced for this tournament.*

What do I do if I need to replace a bowler? *If you get to the tournament and find out you are a bowler short you can check with registration and find the “sub board” to call a bowler to see if they’re interested.*

What average will I use? *(In order of acceptance) You will be using your highest 2011-12 USBC league average based on a minimum of 12 games, don’t have one? Then you will use your highest current USBC average of at least 12 games as of the date of participation, still don’t have one? You would then use your highest 2010-11 USBC league average based on a minimum of 12 games. If you do not have any of the above, you will be entered in the tournament with a 190 average.*

What if I only have a SPORT BOWLING average? *Any bowler who has only a USBC SPORT BOWLING league average must utilize the chart which will determine the adjusted average to be used during the Youth Open. (Chart can be found online at www.bowl.com or in the USBC PLAYING RULES book.*

What type of averages are used for the Youth Open? *Only USBC certified averages from USBC certified competitions will be allowed for use in the Youth Open.*

Who verifies my average? *It is the responsibility of the bowler to verify that they submitted average meets tournament rules.*

Is there a limit to how many balls I can bring to the tournament? *Yes, a maximum of 6 balls per entrant is permitted in the bowling center at one time. Tournament staff has the right to remove balls from tournament play that are deemed in violation of the rules.*