2026-2027 ST. CHARLES COUNTY USBC YOUTH TOURNAMENT RULES

All USBC Youth rules will be observed. All entrants must hold a current USBC Youth Association Card or Jr Gold card. Non St. Charles Youth USBC Members may bowl by paying an additional 5 dollar participation fee.

The tournament will have three events:, Doubles and Singles. In order to bowl doubles, bowlers must bowl singles. Bowlers can bowl singles without bowling doubles. Bowlers may participate multiple times in the doubles events.. Additional doubles entry must be with a new partner. Bowlers can only qualify for one award in each event. When a bowler participates in multiple sessions and the bowler qualifies for multiple awards, the bowler will receive the higher of the scholarships being paid based on final standings. Cost per St. Charles USBC member per event is $23.00 Total for two events is **$46.** Re-entry fees are $23 per event event. Non St .Charles USBC Members add $5.00

All bowlers must have bowled a minimum of 12 games in a certified league to be eligible for handicap events. Averages as of Nov 27, 2026 will be used. Anyone not having 12 games by that date will have until Nov. 27th, 2026 to establish an average. All averages must be verified by a league official / league coach. If the bowler does not have 12 games in the 2026/27 winter season by Nov. 27th 2026 they must bring a signed league sheet to the Tournament Director at the time of bowling their first event. If the bowler does not have 12 games by Nov.27th the Tournament Director will determine whether last year average is used or they bowl scratch. If determined that they can use last year's highest minimum 21 game avg. the order in which the averages would be used is the highest 2025/26 summer league avg., followed by the 2025/26 winter league highest avg. followed by the highest 2025/26 sport league avg. after USBC adjustment. If the bowler cannot establish a 21 game average by using the above list they will bowl scratch.

There will be one (1) award in each division/class combination for every seven (7) entries. In case of a tie, duplicate awards will be given. These will be given in compliance with the USBC agreement with the National Federation of State High School Athletic Association (Rule 400). All award fees will be returned 100% in the form of awards and emblems.

All substitutions must be submitted to the tournament director at least 30 minutes before the scheduled time to bowl. This must be accompanied by written verification by a league official. NO BLIND OR ABSENTEE SCORES, NO PACERS. Tardy bowlers will start in the current frame being bowled with zero being given for each frame missed. The Tournament Manager will hold the official time.

If equipment failure delays the progress of the series, tournament officials can authorize the completion of a game and series on another pair of certified lanes. The interrupted game and series must be resumed from the point of interruption (USBC Rule 321.)

No one is permitted in the bowler's area except participants, scorekeepers and tournament officials. No eating/drinking in the bowler's area. No use of tobacco products during competition. Bowling shoes are required. Proper attire is required. Any bowler who disregards these rules or willfully delays the normal progress of the game, or any bowler whose conduct on the lanes is considered objectionable, shall be removed immediately from the lanes and tournament, regardless whether a qualified substitute is available or not.

Entry Confirmations will only be sent if you do not receive your 1st choice of squad times.

Entrants whose names appear hereon or their authorized replacements hereby agree that the St. Charles County USBC Association, its officers and agents shall be liable only to the extent of returning entry fees if and when these entrants shall be prevented from bowling any event in this tournament through delay, unexpected yet necessary schedule change, or premature termination of the tournament.

No entry form will be accepted unless accompanied by the correct fees and all requested information. Check or money order should be made payable to St. Charles County USBC and mailed to the address on the front of entry form. Entries close 30 minutes before the last squad on Dec **6th,2026**.No checks will be accepted after Nov.30th 2026 Can paid by Venmo.(You must add a surcharge of 4% added to total.)

Bowlers May Not use cell phones, personal music devices, hand held games or any other items deemed distracting during the tournament, which includes any form of card games

Events will be handicapped, mixed gender and classified as follows:

	Team	Singles	Doubles
CLASS 3	701 and over	176 and over	351 and over
CLASS 2	501-700	126-175	251-350
CLASS 1	0 – 500	0 – 125	0 – 250
Handicap	90% from 800	90% from 200	90% from 400

By signing below, I authorize and give permission, to the St Charles County USBC Association Board and its members, to publish any pictures taken during the tournament or award presentation on the local and state association websites or any other Social Media outlet (FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM, TWITTER, ETC.)

1._____ _____ _____
Signature (bowler) *Signature (Parent/Guardian)* *Date*

2._____ _____ _____
Signature (bowler) *Signature (Parent/Guardian)* *Date*

3_____ _____ _____
Signature (bowler) *Signature (Parent/Guardian)* *Date*

4._____ _____ _____
Signature (bowler) *Signature (Parent/Guardian)* *Date*

5._____ _____ _____
Signature (bowler) *Signature (Parent/Guardian)* *Date*

6._____ _____ _____
Signature (bowler) *Signature (Parent/Guardian)* *Date*

All rules not covered here will be covered by USBC Tournament rules