

2010 WSUSBC Youth Masters Tournament Rules

1. This event will be a USBC certified scratch tournament open to all USBC youth bowlers plus nonmembers who pay a \$14 USBC associate membership fee. USBC members who have not reached the age of 22 by August 1, 2010 and carried a USBC youth card in the 2009-2010 season may also participate. Tournament is limited to the first 120 entries. Tournament management reserves right to reject any entry.
2. USBC rules and regulations will govern the tournament. USBC Youth Division Code will be enforced.
3. The tournament will have 5 scratch divisions as follows: Division 1 (120 and under); Division 2 (121- 140); Division 3 (141 – 160); Division 4 (161–189); Division 5 (190 and up)
4. **Division 1 & Division 2** bowlers pre-registering for the tournament by October 8, 2010 will pay an entry fee of **\$30** (\$20 lineage and expense, \$10.00 awards). Online registration with credit cards will be \$32.00. **Division 3,4 and 5** bowlers pre-registering for the tournament by October 8, 2010, will pay **\$60.00** per person (\$40.00 lineage and expense, \$20.00 awards) cash/guaranteed payment discount or \$62.00 per person for online registration with credit cards. Prepaid entries must be made with a guaranteed payment (cashier's check or money order). **NO PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Any entries paid after the deadline of October 8, 2010 will pay an additional \$15.00 for cash/guaranteed payment or \$17.00 to \$18.00 for credit cards. All award fees will be returned 100% to participants.
5. At the end of the early registration period, if there are less than 10 entries in a division, that category may be stricken at director's discretion. If stricken, any bowler registered in that division will be given the option of bowling in the next higher division or obtaining a refund of the entry fee.
6. All entrants shall use their highest certified league average as of May 1, 2010 for 21 games or more unless a 2010 spring or summer league average of at least 21 games is 10 pins higher. Then bowlers must use higher average. If no book average from previous season, entrant may use their highest current season USBC average based on eighteen (18) games or more at the time of bowling. All others will be placed in Division 5. Bowlers are responsible for verifying their own average, whether submitted by the bowler or others. If the submitted average is lower than stated and results in a lower classification, the bowler's score is disqualified. If the submitted average is higher than required, prize winnings will be based on the submitted average.
7. Qualifying rounds for Division 1 & 2 bowlers will consist of two 4-game blocks of competition on Saturday on different lanes. Top 40% of qualifiers in each division will advance to step-ladder finals with a minimum of 2 finalists and a maximum of 5. Any ties in the semi-finals will be decided by a one-game roll-off immediately following semi-finals. Scholarships will be awarded to all qualifiers advancing to final competition
8. Qualifying rounds for Divisions 3-5 will consist of two 6-game blocks of competition on Saturday on different lanes. Top 50% of bowlers or a minimum of 5 bowlers will advance to semi-final round of 6 games on Sunday. Ties will advance. Scores will carryover. **Lane conditions will be compliant with Sport Condition Rules.**
9. A Junior Gold Qualifying event for USBC Youth members will be run in conjunction with this tournament using the scores from the Saturday qualifying rounds. A separate entry form and \$65 entry fee must be completed before tournament starts.
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11. Prizes to be awarded to winners only. Scholarship brackets will be available. All tournament scholarships will be sent to SMART Account #8815.
12. Any appeal or protest regarding tournament scores shall be made in writing to the on-site Tournament Director within 72 hours. Telescores used in play shall not be discarded for 72 hours following squad times. Tournament official decides disputes occurring on the lanes.
13. There will be no smoking, gambling or consumption of alcoholic beverages by participants or spectators sitting behind the bowlers during the tournament.
14. Dress attire must be neat, clean and proper fitting. Collared shirts or USBC official youth jersey and slacks or knee-length skirts must be worn.
15. Poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated including undue displays of temper and disturbing other bowlers. No electronic items are allowed on the approach and cell phones must be silenced while in the settee area. Violation of rules will be grounds for disqualification, without warning or refund, by the Tournament Director.
16. Deliberate fouls on any delivery shall result in a zero for the entire frame.
17. Qualifying squads will begin at 12:00 pm on Saturday. Semi-finals will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday. Check-in will begin 60 minutes before the start of the squad. Tournament entries close on Saturday, October 16th at 10:30 a.m.