



Louisiana State USBC

Youth Championship Tournament

61st ANNUAL YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT HOUMA, LOUISIANA OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM 2025

Note:
Team Event is on Sunday
Doubles & Singles Event
is on Saturday

March 2025						
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ENTRIES CLOSE JANUARY 31, 2025

Team, Doubles & Singles:

Creole Lanes, 1371 W. Tunnel Blvd, Houma, LA 70360 985-872-1203
(This is a Handicap Tournament based on 90% from 200 scratch)

Mail Entry Form to:
Louisiana State USBC
c/o Susie Brown, Tournament Manager
10643 Ranchwood Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70815

Make Checks Payable to: Louisiana USBC

Phone: (225) 939-0032

Email: Lwbasusie@cox.net

LOUISIANA STATE USBC YOUTH ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT RULES – 2025

1. **Tournament Rules:** The tournament shall be conducted in accordance with the USBC rules governing state association tournaments and the USBC general playing rules, in addition to the rules adopted by the association. Tournament management has the authority to make decisions regarding anything not covered by these rules.
2. **Age/Eligibility**
 - a. All participants must have a current USBC youth membership card and be a member of a local Louisiana association prior to bowling the tournament.
 - b. All bowlers must show a current USBC membership card when checking in for team and the doubles & singles events. Check in will occur one half-hour prior to each squad.
3. **Average Requirements** *Please read carefully*
 The average to be used will be determined in the following order:
 - a. Highest yearbook average (Regular or Sport) from the 2023-24 USBC winter season, based on 12 games or more.
 - b. If no 2023-24 yearbook average, then the highest 2024 USBC summer average (Regular or Sport), based on 12 games or more.
 - c. If no 2023-24 yearbook, or summer average, the current average (Regular or Sport) of 12 games or more as of December 31, 2024 shall be used. Youth Director is responsible for reporting current averages.
 - d. Bowlers who do not meet any of the above requirements must bowl scratch.
 - e. The tournament shall be handicap, based on 90% of 200.
4. **Cancellation and Refund Policy:** No team or individual shall be entitled to a refund after the entry form and fees have been received and processed for any reason whatsoever, unless the tournament is cancelled due to inclement weather or by the LA STATE USBC. Entrants failing to appear on scheduled dates will forfeit all fees.
5. **Fees**
 - a. Entry fee for Handicap Team, Doubles & Singles is \$30.00 per event per bowler. Prize Fund - \$10.00; Lineage - \$15.00; Expenses - \$5.00.
 - b. Approximate Prize Ratio for Handicap Team, Doubles & Singles – 1:10; Prize Fund will be returned 100% in form of SMART scholarships.
 - c. Optional Scratch All Events fee is \$5.00 per bowler.
 - d. **Louisiana State USBC WILL NOT ACCEPT AN ENTRY ACCOMPANIED BY PARTIAL FEES.** Entry fees for team, doubles and singles must be paid in full at the time the entry is submitted. **Fees for one person in the doubles and singles events does not constitute full fees.** Fees for two people for doubles & singles must be paid before Louisiana State USBC will schedule. Partial entries will be returned and not scheduled.
 - e. Remit by money order, certified check or personal check, made payable to Louisiana USBC. NSF check disqualifies person issuing check. A **\$30.00** service charge will be assessed for all returned checks. If the replacement fee and NSF check fee has not been received within 30 days, legal action will be taken.
6. **Format / Participation**
 - a. The tournament shall consist of a four-person team event, doubles, and singles, with an optional scratch all-events.
 - b. Three games will be bowled in each event.
 - c. A member may enter the team event **twice**. Not more than two members on a four member team can bowl together on a second team and place in the prize list.
 - d. A member may enter the doubles & singles events **once**. If you enter doubles then you must enter singles and vice-versa. Doubles event will be bowled first, followed by singles. Scores bowled by an ineligible player will be disqualified.
 - e. When a member is bowling two teams, it will be the member’s responsibility to schedule the team events so they are not bowled at the same time. Under no circumstance will you be allowed to bowl multiple teams on the same squad.
 - f. Your highest team series and your doubles & singles scores will count towards your all events provided the fees for all events have been paid.
7. **Divisions:**

Team		Doubles		Singles / All Events			
				Boys		Girls	
Division 1	651 & Over	Division 1	331 & Over	Division 1	171 & Over	Division 6	150 & Over
Division 2	561 – 650	Division 2	281 – 330	Division 2	146 – 170	Division 7	130 – 149
Division 3	471 – 560	Division 3	231 – 280	Division 3	121 – 145	Division 8	110 – 129
Division 4	381 – 470	Division 4	181 – 230	Division 4	96 – 120	Division 9	90 – 109
Division 5	380 & Under	Division 5	180 & Under	Division 5	95 & Under	Division 10	89 & Under

8. **Substitutions:** Must be made by phone or e-mailed 24 hours before scheduled squad (except in the case of emergencies). There will be no changes in line-up as originally accepted except for legal substitutions. Substitutes must take the place of the entrant they are replacing and use average rule # 3. Eligibility and average of the substitute must be verified by their coach and accompanied by a standing sheet prior to bowling at tournament site in any event (signed verification). If not verified the bowler will bowl scratch. **Louisiana State USBC will not provide substitutes! It is the youth director’s responsibility to secure substitutes for their entries.**
9. **Lost Scores:** In the event a game (or portion of a game) is irretrievably lost in the scoring process, the game (or portion thereof) shall be re-bowled at a time and date determined by the tournament manager. Should the time and date of re-bowling be refused by the participant, LA State USBC is liable only for the return of the entry fee paid for the event in which the loss occurred (including all events entry if applicable)
10. **Pacers:** Pacers shall not be permitted in the tournament.

11. Scholarship and Awards

- a. Scholarships will be submitted to SMART within 30 days after the conclusion of the tournament.
- b. The Boys' All-Events Scratch Champion will receive the Don Tebbe Memorial Award while the Girls' All-Events Scratch Champion will receive the Anna Belle Richard Memorial Award.
- c. Tournament scratch high games (boys and girls) will be awarded the NR Duff Memorial Award and Gilda Haynes Memorial Award, respectively.

12. Protests

- a. Any protest or appeal concerning scoring must be made in writing stating briefly the grounds of the protest or appeal and submitted to the LA STATE USBC tournament office not later than 24 hours after the game has been played.
- b. Any other protest must be filed in accordance with USBC Rule 329.

13. Tardy Bowlers: Bowling shall begin in accordance with a previously arranged schedule. Any player or team arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. At the discretion of the tournament manager, all games which a team refused to start because a full lineup is not present shall be forfeited. No absentee or vacancy scores shall be permitted, and a bowler must bowl on the same lanes and at the same time his/her team bowls. A bowler who misses one frame or more by not being present and ready to bowl when it is his/her turn shall not be credited with any pins for frames missed.

14. Bowling Alone: When players are scheduled alone on a pair of lanes, they must bowl all games as though they were actually contested. Each entrant must have completed his/her frame on one lane before the player bowling as lead-off commences his/her next frame on the adjoining lane.

15. Squad Times / Tournament Dates / Scheduling

TEAM EVENT (Sunday)	
<u>DATES</u>	<u>TIMES</u>
March 9 & 16, 2025	9:00 am and 1:00 pm

DOUBLES & SINGLES EVENTS (Saturday)	
<u>DATES</u>	<u>TIMES</u>
March 8 & 15, 2025	9:00 am & 1:00 pm

- a. Entries will be scheduled in the date order received. No changes will be made except for extreme emergencies. However, any scheduled squad with less than eight teams or eight doubles/singles entries may be cancelled and rescheduled at the discretion of the Tournament Manager. If rescheduling is necessary, youth directors will be notified.
- b. Youth Directors will receive a confirmation giving the date and time of bowling via email. It is the youth director's responsibility to inform all bowlers listed on entry of times and dates scheduled to bowl. Louisiana State USBC will not furnish team members or doubles partners. Incomplete entries will be returned. The Louisiana State USBC does not take reservations for entry dates, nor will dates be held for entries. No exceptions.

16. Dress Code:

- a. Tops - Competitors shall provide their own bowling shirt with a collared, V-neck, rib-lined or banded necklines. Mock collar must be a minimum of three-quarters of one inch. All shirts must have finished sleeves for all competition. Females may wear a sleeveless shirt with a butterfly collar only if the sleeves are finished.
- b. Bottoms - **Male participants are required to wear slacks.** Slacks must not contain drawstring waists or elastic bottoms. Slacks must have a zipper and a button to be eligible. Jeans are not permitted. Female participants may wear slacks, skirts, capris, skorts or walking shorts. All skirts, capris, skorts, or walking shorts must be below the competitor's fingertips when they are standing and their arms are hanging loosely at their side. Jeans and yoga pants are not permitted.
- c. Headgear - No covering or sunglasses can be worn while practicing or competing (hats, caps, or bandannas, etc.), unless a request is made in writing and approved prior to the event.
- d. Electronics – No electronic devices shall be worn or used during completion, i.e. iPads, Walkmans, cellphones, earphones, radios, etc.

17. Other Rules:

- a. Youth Directors must ensure entry form is completely filled out (to include team name) and sign entry form (not parents or youth bowlers) verifying bowlers' gender, USBC ID #, and average. Entries not signed by a youth director will be returned.
- b. Only tournament participants are allowed in the bowling area and seating area. The Tournament Manager has the right to remove any spectator that interferes with participants bowling in the championship tournament.
- c. Anyone using offensive language or acting in an unsportsmanlike manner, may be disqualified from the championship tournament at the discretion of the tournament manager.
- d. The use of tobacco (in any form) or alcohol will not be allowed by bowlers or spectators associated with this tournament.
- e. Lanes will be oiled between all squads.

Questions or Changes
 Tina Hixon
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 tinahixonlsusbcyouth@gmail.com

Tournament Director
 Christopher Floyd
 (985) 213-9582
 LABowlingCoach@verizon.net



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ENTRIES WITHOUT PROPER FEES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

TEAM / DOUBLES/ SINGLES EVENTS Creole Lanes 1371 W. Tunnel Blvd Houma, LA 70360 (985) 872-1203
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Youth Director Information

Name:		Phone:		Email:	
Address:		City:		Zip:	
Center:		Association:		Signature:	

Team Information			Team Name:							
Pos	Last Name, First (In order of Line-up)	USBC ID#	Average	Gender		Team \$30	Doubles \$30	Singles \$30	All Events \$5	Total Fees
	Address	City/Zip		Phone #						
1										
2										
3										
4										

Note: Lanes will be re-oiled for each squad

Total All Entry Fees:

DOUBLES & SINGLES	
	List Doubles Partners (Please Print)
Bowler	Last Name, First
1	
2	

Dbls & Sgls Dates & Times
SATURDAY
March 8, 2025
March 15, 2025
9:00 AM
1:00 PM

Team Event Dates & Times
SUNDAY
March 9, 2025
March 16, 2025
9:00 AM
1:00 PM

Team Dates & Times	
Date	Time
1st	
2nd	

1	
2	

Breakdown of Entry Fees	
Prize Fund:	\$ 10.00
Bowling Fee (Lineage):	\$ 15.00
Expense Fee:	\$ 5.00
Total Cost Per Event:	\$ 30.00
Optional Events	
Scratch All Events	\$ 5.00

Doubles & Singles Dates & Times	
Date	Time
1st	
2nd	

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
Entry No: _____
Date Received: _____
Remit Amount: _____

Make checks payable to LA USBC
A \$30.00 fee will be charged on return checks

MAIL ENTRIES TO:
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10643 Ranchwood Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70815