



# 2026 USBC Youth Scratch Championship Tournament

Qualifying for 2026 Junior Gold Championships  
Co-Sponsored by SMART, ND USBC State Association, ND Charitable Bowling Council

**\$4,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED!**

State Tournament: Paragon Bowl, Dickinson, ND

April 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, 2026

Shift Times (MDT): Saturday: 10 AM, 12:30 PM or 4 PM Sunday: 9 AM, 11:30 AM or 3:00 PM

Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Phone:	
Email:	
<b>BIRTHDATE:</b>	
<b>USBC ID</b>	
<b>Shift Date</b>	
<b>Shift Time</b>	

SCRATCH	Check Division	Entry Fee
U8 BOYS		\$20.00
U8 GIRLS		\$20.00
U10 BOYS		\$20.00
U10 GIRLS		\$20.00
<b>BELOW DIVISIONS ARE JUNIOR GOLD QUALIFIERS:</b>		
U12 BOYS		\$45.00
U12 GIRLS		\$45.00
U14 BOYS		\$45.00
U14 GIRLS		\$45.00
U16 BOYS		\$45.00
U16 GIRLS		\$45.00
U18 BOYS		\$45.00
U18 GIRLS		\$45.00

**REGISTER ONLINE! PAY AND RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW! WWW.NDUSBC.COM**

**All checks to be made payable to: North Dakota USBC**

**Mail entries INCLUDING fees to:**

*Josh Kragh - 1646 Capitol Way Apt 202, Bismarck, ND 58501*

(Cell) 701-720-9390 - (Email) kraghjoshua@gmail.com

NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PAYMENT OF TOURNAMENT FEES.

**THIS IS A SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT - SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AWARDED. (see rule 17 on reverse)**

This travel form must be signed by the parent or guardian of each bowler participating in the North Dakota USBC Youth Scratch Championships Tournament. I hereby give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to enter and bowl in the North Dakota USBC Youth Scratch Championships Tournament to be held at Paragon Bowl, Dickinson, ND. I will assist in arranging transportation for my child and will also be responsible for his or her appearance or conduct while enroute to and from and also at the tournament. I will not hold the \_\_\_\_\_ (local assn.) or the ND USBC State Association responsible for any accident in the bowling establishment and enroute to or from the tournament or during the tournament.

Tournament date \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Parent or Guardian)

## 2026 NORTH DAKOTA USBC Youth Scratch Championships Rules & Format

1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (#05088) and shall be governed by USBC rules.
2. All bowlers must have a 2025-2026 USBC Youth membership. After competing at the league level, all members may bowl in the state finals event. One time entry.
3. Advancers out of the league level must remain in the division they qualified in during all subsequent levels. If a bowler advances out of the league level in more than one state/zone, the bowler must declare one state/zone to continue competing before the next competition level. Participation in any level of competition past the league level in more than one state/zone will result in automatic disqualification.
4. Entry closing date is April 26, 2026. Tournament entry form containing qualifiers' name, address, telephone number and USBC ID must be submitted to the tournament director by this date.
5. Divisions are based on the participant's age. Athletes must choose the division in which they will compete. Qualifying competition is held in divisions based on the bowler's date of birth as of August 1, 2025.

Division	Birthdate Range	Division	Birthdate Range
U8 Boys / Girls	Born 8/1/2017 or later	U14 Boys / Girls	Born 8/1/2011 – 7/31/2013
U10 Boys / Girls	Born 8/1/2015 – 7/31/2017	U16 Boys / Girls	Born 8/1/2009 – 7/31/2011
U12 Boys / Girls	Born 8/1/2013 – 7/31/2015	U18 Boys / Girls	Born 8/1/2007 – 7/31/2009

6. Competition will be conducted in twelve (12) divisions: U8 Boys / Girls, U10 Boys / Girls, U12 Boys / Girls, U14 Boys / Girls, U16 Boys / Girls, U18 Boys / Girls. (ALL DIVISIONS ARE SCRATCH) State Finals for U8 & U10 - total pins for the three game series will determine the state champions in the Boys and Girls U8 & U10 divisions. State Finals for U12 / U14 / U16 / U18 - total pins for the six-game series will determine the state champions in the Boys / Girls U12 / U14 / U16 / U18 divisions.
7. U8, U10 Boys/Girls - 3 Game Scratch Series. U12, U14, U16, & U18 Boys/Girls- 6 Game Scratch Series. All will be bowled on the same lanes.
8. ENTRY FEE: Awards and Scholarships  

	Fees returned 100%		
U8 / U10	Lineage \$ 14.00	U12, U14, U16, U18	Lineage \$28.00
Boys/Girls	Expense \$ 3.50	Boys/Girls	Expense \$15.00
	Awards <u>\$ 2.50</u>		Awards <u>\$2.00</u>
	Total \$ 20.00		Total \$45.00
9. Awards shall be returned 100% to the bowlers. Scholarships will be held and deposited in the SMART program under the North Dakota Account # 11210 (USBC Rules 301d and 309 states that all scholarships awarded during the USBC certified event must be deposited in the SMART program).
10. All bowlers must wear suitable attire. No hats/caps allowed. No smoking or drinking by guests or athletes on the concourse or in the settee area.
11. No substitutes will be permitted once athletes have started tournament play, however, replacements may be used for bowlers not present (5) minutes prior to the squad time as stated in rule 4.
12. Competitors shall be allowed 10 minutes of practice on their starting lanes.
13. If no replacement has been made, bowlers arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. Missed frames shall be credited with a zero. **Frames may not be made-up.** A bowler not present to bowl when it is his/her turn will be credited with a zero for that frame. (USBC Rule 322)
14. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
15. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to tournament director no later than the start of the next block or 30 minutes after competition of the tournament. Questionable errors shall be decided by the tournament director. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the tournament director within 72 hours or before the awards are presented. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
16. Winners of the U12, U14, U16, & U18 Boys/Girls divisions that agree to bowl at the Junior Gold Tournament, will receive a North Dakota Polo shirt to wear at the Junior Gold Tournament and a travel stipend award of \$150.
- 17. Scholarships will be awarded in the U8, U10, U12, U14, U16, and U18 Divisions on a 1:4 ratio. The total amount of scholarship awarded will be \$4,000.**
18. The first-place winners (or highest finishing athlete who has not already advanced) of the U12, U14, U16 and U18 divisions for both Girls and Boys will advance to the Junior Gold Championships. They must be USBC Junior Gold members to advance to the Junior Gold Championships. Bowlers without a current Junior Gold membership must purchase a Junior Gold membership prior to May 15. USBC will waive the \$250 (U18/U16), \$200 (U14) and \$150 (U12) entry fee for these athletes. These athletes will then compete for additional scholarships available to all athletes at the championships, as well as other prizes and awards. If the Division Champions are unwilling/unable to become a USBC Junior Gold Member and will not advance to the Championships, the athlete will still retain the state/zone scholarship, Polo shirt, and travel stipend, but the berth to the Championships will be awarded to the next eligible athlete.
19. Eligible advancers must agree to bowl in the Junior Gold Championships, or, failing to do so, agree to waive all rights. Replacements will be selected on the order of finish in their division at the State Finals Competition. Replacements will incur all expenses associated with changing the airline ticket, if applicable.
20. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the tournament director and/or ND State USBC Association. The USBC Youth Scratch Championships Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.