



**2025 – 2026 ALABAMA USBC YOUTH SCRATCH
CHAMPIONSHIPS
SECTIONAL RULES & FORMAT FOR THE STATE OF
ALABAMA**

1. This tournament is certified (Cert. # 04936) by the United States Bowling Congress and shall be governed by USBC Youth rules. Only USBC Youth members may participate. All members must be certified through Alabama State USBC.
2. League level qualifying dates are November 1 - 16, 2025 and January 3 – 19, 2026. Advancement from league is a one-time entry. If an individual who qualified cannot participate in this competition, replacements will be eligible based on order of finish in previous competition.
3. Advancement ratio from league competition to sectional competition is at least one (1) for every two (2) entries per division, per league, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all eligible divisions.
4. Advancers out of the league level must **remain** in the division they qualified in during all subsequent levels. If a bowler advances out of 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.
5. Competition will take place at the Bowling Centers in the cities listed below on the dates and times indicated. A sport oil pattern will be used by all sectional centers during competition and will be determined by committee prior to competition. Sport oil pattern will be one of the recommended patterns by Junior Gold. A copy of the Sport oil pattern will be posted at each center for visual confirmation.

AUBURN / MONTGOMERY / PRATTVILLE / VALLEY

Bowlero Auburn
719 Opelika Rd.
Auburn, AL 36830
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U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 & U18 – Feb. 21, 2026 @ 2:00 pm

**COVINGTON COUNTY / DALE COUNTY / DOTHAN/FORT
RUCKER / ENTERPRISE**

Patricia Lanes
2208 Ross Clark Circle
Dothan, AL 36301
334-794-6636
February 28, 2026 @ 1:00 pm

Toni Kramer
tonikramer@comcast.net
204 Fox Hollow Way
Dothan, AL 36305
(334) 793-6458

**GREATER BIRMINGHAM / TUSCALOOSA / ETOWAH CO. /
ANNISTON / JASPER / LAMAR CO.**

Oak Mountain Lanes
300 Bowling Lane
Pelham, AL 35124
205-403-7466
U8, U10 & U12 - Feb. 14, 2026 @ 9:00 am
U14, U16, U18 - Feb. 15, 2026 @ 9:00 am

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MOBILE / BALDWIN COUNTY

Bowlero Mobile
125 North Schillinger Rd.
Mobile, AL 36608
251-639-1221
February 7, 2026 1:00 pm

Alvin Hanke
cjh304@bellsouth.net
304 Sioux Ave
Satsuma, AL 36572
(251) 463-4614

**MUSCLE SHOALS / ATHENS / CULLMAN / DECATUR/
HUNTSVILLE / MADISON / NORTHEAST AL/DEKALB CO.**

Bowl Madison
8661 US-72 W
Madison, AL 35758
256-722-0015
February 7, 2026 10:00 am

Rhonda Swaim
nannyswaim@yahoo.com
505 Smith Vasser Rd.
Harvest, AL 35749
(256) 990-6578

6. Entry closing date is Sunday, January 31, 2025. Qualifiers' name, address, telephone number, email address, **date of birth** and all entrants' tournament entry fees and forms must be submitted by this date to sectional tournament director.
7. Competition shall be conducted in the following divisions. These divisions are based on the participant's date of birth.

Division Birthdate Range: U8 Born 8/1/2017 or later

U10 Born 8/1/2015 – 7/31/2017

U12 Born 8/1/2013 – 7/31/2015

U14 Born 8/1/2011 – 7/31/2013

U16 Born 8/1/2009 – 7/31/2011

U18 Born 8/1/2007 – 7/31/2009

8. The tournament format shall be:
All Divisions will bowl 3 games on the same pair of lanes.

9. Entry Fee:

U8 & U10		U12, U14, U16 & U18	
Lineage:	\$12.00	Lineage:	\$23.00
Expense:	\$ 6.00	Expense:	\$ 6.00
Schships:	<u>\$17.00</u>	Schships:	<u>\$26.00</u>
Total:	\$35.00	Total:	\$55.00

10. **DRESS CODE**

Dress code will state as follows:

Shirts:

Competitors shall provide their own: A bowling shirt with a butterfly collar or mock collar. Mock collar must be a minimum of $\frac{3}{4}$ of 1 inch. All shirts must have finished sleeves for all competitions. Females may wear sleeveless shirt with a butterfly collar only if the sleeves are finished.

Pants:

Male participants are required to wear slacks. Slacks must not contain drawstring waists or elastic bottoms. Slacks must have a zipper and button to be eligible. Jeans are not permitted.

Female participants are required to wear slacks, skirts, culottes, skorts or walking shorts. All of the above must be no shorter than one-half the distance from the inseam to the top of the knee in length and/or no shorter than the fingertips when the arms are at their sides while standing. Jeans and yoga pants are not permitted.

NO SMOKING PERMITTED BY USBC YOUTH PARTICIPANTS. PARENTS AND TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS NEEDING TO SMOKE, MUST DO SO IN DESIGNATED AREAS ONLY.

11. Bowling balls cannot be cleaned with liquid substances or cleaning agents or have any foreign materials on the ball including but not limited to powder, rosin, marker or paint. The surface of the ball cannot be altered by the use of any abrasive during competition. All bowling balls so altered or cleaned during competition must be removed from competition. **Commonly Asked Questions: refer to USBC rulebook, rule #18.**
12. No substitutes will be permitted; however, a replacement qualifier may be used for bowlers 15 minutes prior to the squad time as stated in Rule #2. Replacements must be from same league, window, and division as the replaced/absent bowler based on standings.
13. Competitors shall be allowed 10 minutes of practice.
14. **Headgear:** No covering or sunglasses can be worn while practicing or competing (hats, caps or bandanas, etc.). Male participants cannot wear any headgear while practicing or competing, unless a request is made in writing and approved prior to the event for medical or religious reasons only. No ear buds are allowed during competition.
15. If no replacements have 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. Bowlers not present to bowl when it is their turn shall be credited with a zero for each frame missed.
16. Bowlers must have a minimum of 12 games as of January 26, 2026 **OR** as of tournament date in order to participate in the Sectional and/or State Competition.
17. Only bowlers and tournament officials will be permitted in the settee area.
18. Claims of errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the tournament director no later than the start of the next block or 30 minutes after the completion of competition. Questionable errors shall be decided upon 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.
19. Advancement ratio from Sectional level to the next competition level (State) is at least one (1) for every two (2) entries per division, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties for U12, U15 & U18 boys & girls. **U8 & U10 will not advance to the State Level.** In all cases at least one (1) individual per division shall advance. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all eligible divisions.

21. The next level of competition for the **U12 & U14 boys and girls** will take place on **Saturday, April 11, 2026 at 1:00 pm** at

Shindig FEC (205-650-7777)
5800 McFarland Blvd. E
Tuscaloosa, AL 35405

The next level of competition for the **U16 & U18 boys and girls** will take place on **Saturday, April 12, 2026 at 9:00 am** at

Shindig FEC (205-650-7777)
5800 McFarland Blvd. E
Tuscaloosa, AL 35405

22. **U8 & U10** will receive awards as follows:

1st Place – Scholarship & Certificate

2nd & 3rd Place – Certificate

Scholarships may be issued to 2nd & 3rd Place finishers based on number of entries in the Divisions.

23. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Alabama State USBC Youth Committee and the National USBC Youth Championships Committee. The National USBC Youth Championships Committee reserves the right to accept and reject any participant.

RESULTS POSTED ON:

<http://www.alabamabowling.com>

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