

2026 USBC Youth Scratch Championships

“USBC Certification #04399 – District Tournament”

“USBC Certification #04400 – State Tournament”

Guidelines & Suggestions

League level qualifying: Any two league sessions in October or November 2025.

Two qualification periods of one week each – weeks do NOT need to be consecutive.

All **CERTIFIED** bowlers are eligible to enter the Iowa Youth Scratch Championships.

September and October: Announce when you are holding local qualifying. I strongly suggest you hold your qualifying when most of your youth will be present. The first two weeks of November is a good time frame. This schedule gives you additional time to get entries completed, and still have a larger group able to participate. Postmark deadline for entries is December 5, 2025.

League sessions during competition: Remind bowlers they are competing in the Youth Scratch Championships. A copy of the rules covering league qualifying must be provided to all bowlers before competition. If a bowler wants to move up in age divisions, they must declare, before competition, which division they are entering (a U12 bowler bowling in the U14 division). The division change Waiver Form must be filled out and signed by BOTH the bowler AND a parent/guardian.

After each week (qualifying period): Notify the bowlers who are eligible to advance to District competition. Give them a deadline (I suggest one week) to decline or to have their entry fees submitted to you. Remember – all entries must be postmarked by December 5, 2025 or they will NOT be accepted.

**Furnish a copy of the District rules to all advancers.

** For each league, section 2 of the entry form will be the same for all bowlers. Fill in this information on one entry blank and make copies.

Give copies to a coach of that league and have them fill in section 1. This information is on each youth's certification application. Verify they are in the correct age group and MAKE IT LEGIBLE. **Also – no entry forms will be accepted with a division “crossed out”. If you make a mistake, make a new entry form for that bowler!

**Bowler needs to mark his/her choice of district bowling times. Please do not mark it for them.

**If a bowler qualifies from more than one league, she or he must advance from the league with the highest score (see rules). If a league bowls more than 3 games per session, you must use the first 3 games bowled for the Youth Scratch Championships qualifying score.

**If a bowler qualifies and declines, you must take the next qualifier IN THAT WEEK.

** Fill out financial recap. Double-check your figures for accuracy. **Sort entries alphabetically, by division.** Send one financial recap PER LEAGUE and one SUMMARY (combining all league numbers) financial recap.

Send ONE check or money order made payable to **Iowa Youth Scratch Championships Tournament – do not make it out to me! No Personal Checks!

SEND TO THE STATE DIRECTOR, POSTMARKED BY DECEMBER 5, 2025!

1. LEGIBLE and COMPLETE entry blanks of each district qualifier with no “corrections”.
2. Accurate financial recaps, one per league and one summary per center.
3. One check or money order for the total amount.

For additional information, please contact the State Director:

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