

Rules and Regulations

1. This tournament is conducted in three stages: bowling center tournament, regional finals and state finals. Participating centers must register with the NYS BPA. There is no further advancement after the state finals for any of the six divisions. Qualifiers must bowl in the region where their bowling center is located unless otherwise authorized by Tournament Director.

Eligibility - Bowler must be a USBC Youth member and bowl in the league through which entry is made and must not be under suspension from the USBC Youth for bowling, substituting in any type of bowling where money, bonds or merchandise awards are offered to any participant on the basis of bowling score, bowling skill or position standing. Bowlers must be enrolled in school, including high school or college (unless a pre-schooler) and must hold a USBC Youth membership card. Any bowler holding USBC Adult membership is ineligible for this tournament regardless of age or school status.

Bowling Center Tournament - League scores during the period January 2-16, 2021 will be used to determine qualifiers to advance to the regional finals. All fees must be paid before league play begins. In addition to regular league fees, bowlers must pay \$3.00 per entry, ALL DIVISIONS. In order for bowlers in leagues that bowl only two games per session to have two qualifying opportunities, bowlers may use the last game from the session prior to the qualifying period and the first game from the session following the qualifying period. A bowler may enter as many times as his/her league meets (and entry fees are paid) during the qualifying period. A regular league substitute is allowed to enter providing they meet the eligibility requirements. All qualifying at the bowling center level must be held during regular league play (no pre/post bowling). All bowlers must indicate the division in which they will compete prior to bowling at the center level. Bowlers advance to the regional level only once, based on the highest score bowled. Scores for the entire two week qualifying period shall be compared with others in the same division from participating leagues in the center to determine advancement to Regional Finals.

Advancement to Regional Finals - bowlers from all **SIX DIVISIONS** who pay the required fees will advance to the regional finals based on a ratio of one for every three entries IN A DIVISION (not an individual league!). **The fee to advance to the Regional Finals is \$20.00 per bowler.** There is no further bowling cost. Advancement examples follow:

1 through 3 entries (**minimum of 1**) in a division – Send 1 qualifier

6 through 8 entries in a division – Send 2 qualifiers

9 through 11 entries in a division – Send 3 qualifiers

And so on, according to number of entries in each division.

2. Handicap - 90% of the difference between the entrants' average and 220.

3. Averages - Center level; bowlers will use their January 1, 2021 certified league average (minimum of 12 games) from the league where entry fee was paid. Bowlers not meeting the minimum game requirement will use last season's final certified league average. Average must be verified by coach. If no certified league average, bowler must bowl scratch (220). Regional finals; the center level average will be used unless the bowler has a higher certified or uncertified average in another league or high school program (as of 1/1/21, minimum of 12 games), then that average must be used. Written verification of all certified and uncertified 1/1/21 averages (i.e. league standing sheets) is required for regional finalists. State finals; The regional finals average will be used unless the bowler has a higher certified or uncertified league or high school average (minimum of 21 games in any league) as of March 15, 2021, then that average must be used. All bowlers are subject to possible average adjustment at the regional and state level (USBC Rule #319c). At all levels of competition, bowlers are responsible for verifying their scores before leaving the tournament site.

4. Entry Forms & Average Verifications for those bowlers who advance to the Regional Finals must be sent DIRECTLY to the appropriate Regional Director listed on the next page. Entry forms and average verifications must be received by January 31, 2021. Reserve entries close February 1, 2020. Additional entries will be accepted until February 25, 2021 if lanes and squads are available.

5. Entry Fees & Report Form must be sent to Scott McLaughlin, Lucky Strike Lanes, 36 Woodward Street, Malone, NY and received by January 31, 2021. Proprietor/Jr. Coordinator/Coach, please remit the following: a completed tournament report form and one check payable to the NYS BPA equal to \$3.00 for every bowler that entered the bowling center tournament AND \$20.00 for every bowler advancing to the Regional Finals.

6. Regional Finals - All bowlers will bowl three games. The top TWO bowlers in the Boys & Girls Handicap Grades 4 & Under and the Boys & Girls Handicap Grades 5 – 8 divisions from the TEN Regional Finals will advance to the State Finals. If there is a tie for first place, these are the two bowlers that advance. If there is a tie for second place, no rolloff is necessary, all will advance. The top THREE bowlers in the Boys & Girls Handicap Grades 9-12 divisions from the TEN Regional Finals will advance to the State Finals. If there is a tie for second place, the first place bowler and the two bowlers tied for second place will advance. If there is a tie for third place, no rolloff is necessary, all will advance. If severe weather (power outage, etc.) interrupts the regional finals, the regional director reserves all rights and if deemed necessary, will try to reschedule at the convenience of the director, bowling center and the bowlers involved. No refunds will be given. Medallions will be awarded in each of the six divisions to the first, second and third place finishers. In addition, partial tuition scholarships to the 2021 Summer Dick Ritger Bowling Camp will be awarded to interested bowlers on a random basis (two per region). **Eligible bowlers must be at least 12 years of age.**

7. State Finals – Boys & Girls Handicap Grades 4 & Under and Boys & Girls Handicap Grades 5 – 8 divisions will bowl 3 games. Boys & Girls Handicap Grades 9-12 will bowl two 3-game blocks and then the field in each division will be cut to four for a stepladder finals. In the event of a tie for fourth place after the 6 games of qualifying, a one game roll-off will be conducted. In the event of a tie in the stepladder, a two-frame roll-off will be bowled. Certificates will be awarded to all state finalists. Scholarships will be awarded, if entries warrant, to 1st – 10th place in the Boys & Girls Handicap Grades 4 & Under and Boys & Girls Handicap Grades 5 – 8 divisions and 1st – 15th place in the Boys & Girls Handicap Grades 9-12 divisions. Plaques for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places will be awarded in each of the four Grades 8 & Under divisions; and to all the stepladder finalists in the Grades 9-12 divisions.

8. Dress Code – 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 at the state finals. Female participants are required to 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 with their arms hanging loosely at their side. Jeans and Yoga pants are NOT permitted.