

VERMONT STATE YOUTH 2018 SCHOLARSHIP HANDICAP SINGLES TOURNAMENT

State Level Rules and Format

1. This tournament is USBC certified and shall be governed by USBC rules. Competition will take place **Sunday, March 25, 2018**, at:

**Up Your Alley
2 Chester Rd
Springfield VT 05156**

2. Competition is open to all 2017-2018 youth bowlers with membership in a certified USBC league in the State of Vermont. If a bowler is under suspension or has violated USBC Rule #400, the bowler is not eligible to participate in this tournament.
3. This is a handicap-based, scholarship tournament. Handicap shall be calculated on a per game basis as 100% of the difference between the bowler's average and 220. Bowlers with averages of 220 or higher shall receive 0 pins of handicap.
4. **Entry deadline for this tournament is March 9, 2018.** Entry forms, fees and any scholarship funds must be submitted to the tournament directors by this date. **Entries will not be accepted without payment.**
5. Competition in this tournament will be conducted in the following divisions at the indicated times. As this is a handicap based tournament, bowlers shall be required to participate in their age divisions without exception. The divisions are based on the participant's age as of August 1, 2017:

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Divisions</u>	<u>Bowler's Birth Date</u>	<u>Check-In</u>	<u>Competition Time(s)</u>
U8	Boys & Girls	08/01/2009 - Present	9:00 am	10:00 am
U10	Boys & Girls	08/01/2007 – 07/31/2009	9:00 am	10:00 am
U12	Boys & Girls	08/01/2005 – 07/31/2007	9:00 am	10:00 am & 1:00 pm
U15	Boys & Girls	08/01/2002 – 07/31/2005	9:00 am	10:00 am & 1:00 pm
U20	Boys & Girls	08/01/1997 – 07/31/2002	9:00 am	10:00 am & 1:00 pm

6. Competition in the U8 & U10 Divisions shall consist of three (3) games of bowling. Competition in the U12, U15 & U20 Divisions shall consist of six (6) games in two 3-game segments. The entry fee for the Vermont State Youth 2017 Scholarship Handicap Tournament is as follows:

<u>U8 & U10 Divisions</u>		<u>U12, U15 & U20 Divisions</u>	
Lineage (3 games)	\$10.00	Lineage (6 games)	\$20.00
Expenses	\$3.00	Expenses	\$3.00
Awards	\$2.00	Awards	\$2.00
Scholarship	<u>\$25.00</u>	Scholarship	<u>\$25.00</u>
TOTAL	\$40.00	TOTAL	\$50.00

AWARD & SCHOLARSHIP FEES WILL BE RETURNED 100% and held in the SMART FUND account at the USBC Headquarters.

7. Symbolic awards shall be available in the U8 & U10 divisions on a ratio of at least 1 in 5 entries. No symbolic awards will be presented in the U12, U15 & U20 divisions. Scholarship awards shall be available in each division on a ratio of at least 1 in 10 entries. The dollar amount of scholarship awards shall be determined by the number of eligible bowlers in each division.

**BOWLERS SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A BOWLING BALL
(UP TO \$150 RETAIL VALUE)**

**IF THEY RAISE A MINIMUM OF \$225 IN ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS
ABOVE AND BEYOND THE ENTRY FEE FOR THIS TOURNAMENT
BY THE ENTRY DEADLINE**

Youth league officials will have the bowling ball order form paperwork.

8. **Attire:** All bowlers must wear suitable attire. Bowlers will be required to change if their attire is deemed to be inappropriate by tournament officials.

**CAPS, HATS, SHORT SHORTS, MINI-SKIRTS, TANK TOPS OR BELLY SHIRTS WILL
NOT BE ALLOWED**

9. **Conduct:** All bowlers must conduct themselves appropriately. Each and every incident will be handled on an individual basis, up to and including removal from the tournament. The tournament director shall make the final determination.

POOR SPORTSMANSHIP WILL NOT BE TOLERATED

**NO ALCOHOL OR TOBACCO WILL BE ALLOWED DURING THE TOURNAMENT BY
ANY TOURNAMENT BOWLERS OR OFFICIALS**

SMOKING BY GUESTS MUST BE DONE IN DESIGNATED AREAS ONLY.

THE USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING COMPETITION IS PROHIBITED

10. Bowlers shall receive at minimum two (2) practice balls on each of their starting pair of lanes.
11. No substitutes will be permitted once athletes have started tournament play; however, replacements may be used for bowlers not present thirty (30) minutes prior to the squad time as stated in Rule #3.
12. If no replacement has been made, a bowler arriving late shall begin play and scoring shall begin with the frame currently being bowled. Missed frames shall be credited with zero score. Frames shall not be made up. Bowlers not present when it is their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
13. Bowlers shall use their highest 2017-2018 certified league average, minimum of nine (9) games as of **March 3, 2018**. If the minimum number of games has not been met, the bowler may participate using an average of 220. The league official must verify all averages. If a bowler's only average is from a Sport Bowling league, the average must be adjusted per the chart and in accordance with the USBC Rulebook.

14. Only tournament bowlers and officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
15. Bowlers who are tied in a position receiving a scholarship award shall receive equal scholarships.
16. Claims for 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. The tournament director shall rule on questionable errors. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the tournament director within 72 hours of the infraction. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
17. A state tournament participation award shall be given to each entrant.
18. The Vermont State USBC Youth Championship Tournament Committee shall determine all matters not covered by these rules and regulations. The Vermont State USBC Youth Championship Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.
19. Bowlers may pick up Sponsor Sign-Up Sheets from their league officials. Bowlers are encouraged to collect additional scholarship money up to the entry deadline.
20. **Up Your Alley will provide lunch to bowlers of this event. Please select items from the menu and return the completed form with the entry form.**

DEADLINES WILL BE ADHERED TO:

**LATE SUBMITTALS WILL DISQUALIFY
THOSE BOWLERS FROM COMPETING**

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