

**MIDLANDS SC USBC YOUTH
YOUTH SCRATCH TRAVEL TOURNAMENT
RULES & REGULATIONS
2022-2023**

1. The Youth Scratch Travel Tournament shall consist of teams from each of the recognized bowling establishments within the Midlands SC USBC Youth jurisdiction and the Junior Scratch League.

2. QUALIFICATIONS

a. Each bowler must be certified by USBC and must be a current member of a certified league in Midlands SC USBC Youth.

b. Each center can send up to 2 doubles team, if 2 teams are sent at least one girl is required. Bowlers will be selected based on highest average and conduct.

c. In the event a team is short one bowler, the lowest score in that division will be used male for male, female for female to complete the team score. This will be done on each game of the series.

d. Substitutes are allowed from another center in order to have a legal lineup. These substitutes will be allowed to bowl in a higher division but will be eligible to bowl with their division the next session.

e. In the event a bowler changes the bowling center they represent, a minimum of 12 games must have been bowled in the new center.

f. If a bowler qualifies at more than one bowling center, the bowler would choose which center to represent for the Travel Tournament season.

3. Each team shall bowl three consecutive games scratch on the scheduled dates, with bowling to begin promptly at 2:00 PM. Practice bowling will begin at 1:50 PM prior to bowling for score.

4. Actual pin-fall shall determine points awarded for games won with 24 points for the highest score, 22 for second, 20 for third, 18 for fourth, 16 for fifth, 14 for sixth, 12 for seventh, etc, for each game and series in each division. Ties will split place points.

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5. Late bowlers will not be allowed to make up any frame already bowled by their team after the first frame has been completed. They shall be scored a zero for each frame already bowled up to the point in the game when they begin bowling for score.

6. Coaching is allowed outside of the pit area while the bowling match is in progress. The coach of each team will be responsible for the conduct and deportment of each member of his or her team. Teams will not be allowed to bowl without a coach and/or adult chaperone present at each match.

7. Any and all disputes shall be resolved by the Travel Tournament Committee, after due notification of disputes has been placed in writing to the Tournament Manager, and mailed within seven (7) days of the actual bowling match.

8. A postponement can only happen in the event of an extreme emergency, (such as the unavailability of the lanes or inclement weather preventing safe travel to the match) to be determined by the Tournament Manager and Committee.

9. In case of a tie for the championship in a division, there will be an immediate 1 game roll-off to determine the winner. If a tie still exists, an additional roll-off game will be bowled until the tie is broken. The roll-off will be paid for by the Midland SC USBC Youth Committee.

10. No certification fees, entry fees, or award fees are applicable for these matches. Bowlers pay for bowling lineage only.

11. The matches will be held as stated on the schedule.

12. TEAM DIVISIONS

Division 1	Average 351 And above
Division 2	271 - 350
Division 3	270 and below

13. Coaches are responsible for filling out and submitting the information for any USBC awards.

COACHES ARE REMINDED THAT THE HIGH GAME AND SERIES SCORES ROLLED IN THE TRAVEL TOURNAMENT ARE NOW INCLUDED IN DETERMINING THE MIDLANDS SC USBC YOUTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA USBC YOUTH SUPERLATIVE AWARDS. COACHES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING TRACK OF THESE SCORES AND SUBMITTING THEM TO THE YOUTH COMMITTEE AT THE END OF THE BOWLING SEASON.

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14. Line ups are due for the Sunday matches by Saturday afternoon of the day before. Also required are the Latest Standing Sheets or average list to verify averages.

15 (a). No food or drinks are allowed in the pit area during the match.
(b). Use of tobacco products is not allowed during the tournament.
(c). All electronic devices including cell phones are to be turned off during competition by Travel Tournament Participant.

16. The house plaques will stay in the winning house until another house takes over the championship of that division. Individual awards will be given to each participating member of the winning Travel Tournament team. "Bowler of the Month" awards are presented to the High Game Scratch bowled (boy & girl) in each division per Travel Tournament session (bowlers can only win one award per season) Money for the Bowler of the Month will be added to their Smart account. Duplicate awards are presented for ties.

17. Any abuse, such as kicking the ball return, intentionally stepping on the foul line, or any unsportsman-like conduct will result in one (1) verbal warning. Should the bowler continue to be unsportsman-like, he or she will be disqualified for the rest the match, receiving a zero for the remainder of that game or games. No substitutes are allowed under this rule.

18. Failure to adhere to the above rules and regulations may result in forfeiture of the game(s) involved at the time of the rule(s) infraction.

19. The last scheduled match of the Travel Tournament will be a position round, with the first place team in each division bowling against the second place team, the third place team against the fourth, etc.

20. Dress Code: We will follow the Youth State Tournament dress code.

21. Any rule not covered here is covered by USBC rules.

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