



2023 OFFICIAL ENTRY

MASSACHUSETTS STATE USBC
YOUTH COMMITTEE

Presents the

56th ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Open to all certified bowlers in Massachusetts who have not reached
their 18th birthday by August 1, 2022

**ENTRY FEE \$40.00 for Teams, Doubles, Singles + All Events
or \$12.75 per event + \$1.75 A/E**
(Lineage \$7.50, Expenses \$3.00, Awards/Scholarship \$2.25)

SCRATCH AND HANDICAP IN DIVISIONS BY AVERAGES

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023 or MAY 6, 2023 (10:30 or 1:30)

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023 or MAY 7, 2023 (10:30 or 1:30)

Check In Time: 1 Hour before scheduled squad time

**AMF Somerset
231 Riverside Avenue
Somerset, MA 02725
(508) 672-3131**



ENTRIES CLOSE FEBRUARY 27, 2023

MAIL APPLICATION AND FEE TO:

**LAUREN ERAMO
TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR
12 SUZANNE TERRACE
NORTH GRAFTON, MA 01536
508-839-3509
perlman350@hotmail.com**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "MASS STATE USBC" – NO CASH ACCEPTED
NO ENTRY FEES WILL BE RETURNED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE**

MASSACHUSETTS USBC YOUTH COMMITTEE TOURNAMENT
Annual Championship Tournament Application—USBC Certified

TOURNAMENT RULES- TO BE RETAINED BY ENTRANT

1. All entrants must be current USBC Certified youth members from a State of Massachusetts league or who resides in Massachusetts, who have not reached their 18th birthday by August 1, 2022.
2. All rules and regulations of the USBC Youth will govern this tournament.
3. All Youth Bowlers must abide by USBC Youth Code. This means NO foul language or gestures. NO chewing tobacco, NO playing video games and NO electronic devices may be used during squad time and competition. The Tournament Director has the right to disqualify any bowler for failure to comply. Only USBC certified products that meet the youth guidelines can be used.
4. Dress Code: Bowlers must wear a center or league issued shirt, collared shirt, USBC youth jersey, mock collared shirt or USBC apparel, slacks, jeans with no holes worn at the waist. Shorts or skirts/skortis must be below the competitor's fingertips when they are standing and their arms are hanging loosely at their sides. There will be no headgear allowed (unless medically necessary with a doctor's note). All bowlers meet the requirements of USBC rule 301b youth. Any bowler found not abiding by the dress code, will be removed from the tournament.
5. Deliberate falsification of average will result in disqualification, forfeiture of all fees and possible suspension from USBC.
6. The Tournament Director will settle all disputes and complaints. All protests must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Director or USBC Headquarters within 72 hours of such protested event. The tournament director will consult with the MASS STATE USBC YOUTH COMMITTEE.
7. The entrants whose names appear hereon or their authorized replacement hereby agree that the MASS STATE USBC YOUTH COMMITTEE, its officers and agents, shall be liable only to the extent of returning entry fees if and when these entrants shall be prevented from bowling any event in the tournament through, delay, unexpected yet necessary schedule change or premature termination of the tournament which may be brought about by war, strikes, lockouts, labor difficulties or other causes beyond the control of the MASS STATE USBC YOUTH COMMITTEE.
8. The Tournament Director reserves the right to add or delete squads if necessary. Squad dates and times are assigned on a first come first serve basis. The Tournament Director will assign lanes.
9. No one other than the bowlers, scorekeepers or Tournament Officials will be permitted in the bowling area. Bowlers must stay in the bowling area during the match unless permission to leave is given by the scorekeeper or Lane Marshall. NO food or beverage will be allowed in the bowling area. **NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY OR ELECTRONICS ALLOWED.**
10. Automatic foul detectors will be used and observed in every event. If there are any questions as to a foul, the Official Scorekeeper and/or Lane Marshall may make a decision otherwise shall contact the Tournament Director who shall be sole judge in a case of a dispute.
11. If within 30 days after the completion of the tournament the winner is disqualified because of an error or any reason, the bowler with the next highest pin fall will be awarded the award.
12. Awards will be given based on a ratio of at least 1:10. All awards shall be returned 100%.
13. All bowlers will receive a confirmation at least 5 days prior to the tournament. If you do not receive a confirmation 5 days prior, please call the tournament director.
14. Applications will only be accepted if completed in full and accompanied with the proper entry fee. **NO entry fees will be returned after the tournament closing date. All checks are payable to MASS STATE USBC. THERE WILL BE A THIRTY-FIVE DOLLAR (\$35.00) FEE CHARGED ON ALL RETURNED CHECKS.**
15. All matters not covered by these rules will be determined by the Tournament Committee
16. There will be five minutes of practice for doubles and singles and 10 minutes of practice for teams on each of the starting pair of lanes. Competition begins when the 1st ball is thrown and therefore no surface alterations from that point on will be allowed.
17. A late bowler, or one who leaves during a game, will be given ZERO for each frame missed; tardy bowlers shall begin in the frame then being bowled (no make-up allowed). **NO PACERS WILL BE ALLOWED. THERE WILL BE NO ABSENTEE OR VACANCY SCORES ALLOWED.** Entrants must bowl in the order shown on their form. A substitute must bowl in the position of the bowler being replaced. Substitutes must follow the same eligibility rules as the original entrant. No blind scores will be permitted. If a replacement is required it must be reported to the Tournament Director/or his or her designee **ONE HOUR BEFORE SQUAD TIME.** If a sub is required it will be done 15 minutes prior to squad time, and must be signed by the Program Director, Coach or team representative. If there is no authorized person to make the change, it will be up to the Tournament Director/or his/ her designee to make the change in order to make sure each registered youth bowler that has showed up has the opportunity to bowl. **The Mass State USBC Youth Committee is not liable to find subs without a signature verifying the change or changes.** *Once a Substitution or replacement is completed in any event, provided that the 1st ball has not been thrown in warm up, the original bowler may bowl in that event.* If the use of a substitute or replacement changes the classification of an entry, such entry will be reclassified. The tournament director or his/her designee will have the right to make changes. All decisions made at that time by the tournament director or his/her designee will be final.
18. **ENTRIES CLOSE—FEBRUARY 27, 2023.**
19. **FORMAT:** Total pin fall will determine the winners of each division, scratch and handicap. In the event of a tie for first place, co-champions will be declared and duplicate awards will be given.
20. **Handicap** for each event will be computed at 90% of the difference between the bowler's average and 220 for all entrants based on a 3 games series.
21. **Entering average** will be one of the following:
 - a) Entrants will use their January 1, 2023 highest USBC sanctioned average (min. 12 Games).
 - b) If entrant does not have a January 1, 2023 average, then their highest sanctioned current average for a minimum of 12 games as of tournament closing date may be used (must be verified from the coach prior to the start of the tournament)
 - c) Challenge and Sport averages will be converted using the USBC conversion table.
 - d) All others shall bowl scratch.
22. Multiple participation will be allowed in all of the events. You may only place once with your highest series, unless you change one player in TEAMS or DOUBLES. You may only place once with your highest series in SINGLES. You may only place once in ALL EVENTS using your first series in each event.
23. A bowler entering Singles must also enter Doubles and vice-versa. Doubles will be bowled first. Entrants must bowl Team and Double/Singles events to be eligible for All Events Awards. To be eligible for any All Event Awards the entrant must pay the All Events fee on the original application. Teams are composed of four bowlers. Each event shall be bowled on a pair of lanes; Singles will immediately follow Doubles. No more than one (1) Doubles/Singles team will be assigned to each lane. No practice will be allowed between Doubles and Singles.

24. Entrants will be classified according to **AVERAGES AS OF JANUARY 1, 2023** as follows:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Teams</u>	<u>Doubles</u>	<u>Singles/ All Events</u>
1	Combined average 360 & under	Combined average 180 & under	Average 90 & under
2	Combined average 361-480	Combined average 181-240	Average 91-120
3	Combined average 481-600	Combined average 241-300	Average 121-150
4	Combined average 601-720	Combined average 301-360	Average 151-180
5	Combined average 721+	Combined average 361+	Average 181+

If there are not at least 10 entries in a division, they may be merged with the next higher division.

25. **COACHES AND BOWLERS (OR PARENTS) ARE TO SIGN FORM VERIFYING AVERAGES, AGES, USBC MEMBERSHIP AND GRADUATION YEARS.**
26. **Scholarships will be held in the SMART FUND account number 10735 program at the USBC Headquarters.**
27. There will be five divisions by average. Please see above #24 for breakdown of divisions by event. There must be at least 10 entries for any division to run. If there are fewer than 10 entries in the division, the MASS STATE USBC YOUTH COMMITTEE may combine the divisions. If divisions are combined the bowler may decide to bowl in the combined division or receive a refund.
28. All award fees will be returned 100% in awards on a ratio of at least one (1) award in ten (10) entries divided equally between Scratch and Handicap Winners for teams, doubles and singles. Awards shall be given for All Events winners in at least 1 in 20 ratio. Tournament winners can only place once in the Singles & All Events award categories. If an entry is tied for scratch and handicap, scratch award will be given. Handicap will take precedence if an odd number of awards are given. We will give a scholarship for the High Single Handicap game in each division. Special individual Scratch Awards for Highest Game and Highest Series will be given to a boy and girl in each division.
29. **ALPHABETICAL AVERAGE REPORT** from each center, listing all bowlers ,bowler ID #, first and last names, total pins, number of games and average as of 1/1/23 is required to be sent to the Tournament Director, Mrs. Lauren Eramo, either by mail or e-mail. Lauren's e-mail is perlman350@hotmail.com. This list must be received before any application will be processed, including giving dates and times.
30. **No entry** will be accepted unless entry form is completed with NAMES, AVERAGES, Graduation Year, Bowler ID #, Complete address and complete entry fee for each event (NO CASH PLEASE) applicant will sign the entry form stating they have read, understand and agree to abide with the rules of the tournament. **PLEASE LIST ZIP CODE**. If the same people are bowling on the team as well as the doubles/singles, on the same entry form, you don't need to write in address information twice.

**WRITTEN CONFIRMATION OF THE ENTRY WILL BE MAILED
ONCE AVERAGE HAS BEEN VERIFIED.**

**Tournament Date:
Saturday, April 29 or May 6, 2023
Sunday, April 30 or May 7, 2023**

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**MAIL ENTRY FORM ALONG WITH THE ENTRY FEE
(Checks Payable to Mass State USBC)**

Lauren Eramo
Tournament Director
12 Suzanne Terrace
North Grafton, MA 01536
(508)839-3509
perlman350@hotmail.com

Opening Ceremonies will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, April 29, 2023

Tournament Entry Fees:

\$12.75 Team event per each bowler
\$ 25.50 Singles/Doubles event per each bowler
\$ 1.75 A/E
\$ 40.00 All 3 Events per each bowler

ANNUAL YOUTH STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS APPLICATION

ENTRY DEADLINE: 2/27/23

Entry Fee per bowler /per event

Check here for special needs
Please include explanation

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT IN PEN

Lineage	\$ 7.50
Awards	\$ 3.00
Expenses	\$ 2.25
	\$12.75
A/E	1.75
All 3 Events + A/E	\$40.00

Rec'd		Code		
TM	SG	DB	AE	AMT

**All Sections below MUST be Completed
or Entry will be returned.**

Mail App & Entry Fee to: Lauren Eramo, Tournament Director,
12 Suzanne Terrace, N. Grafton, MA 01536

TEAM Squad Times: Saturday Apr 29 or May 6 10:30AM 1:30PM
 Sunday Apr 30 or May 7 10:30AM 1:30PM
 Date Preferred Circle 1st Choice – Underline 2nd Choice

TEAM NAME: _____ **Captain:** _____

USBC # Required	Name Address	Phone	Boy/ Girl	Grad Year	Avg. 1/1/23	Sport or Challenge League? S/C	A/E	Leave Blank
	1. Name Address	Phone						
	2. Name Address	Phone						
	3. Name Address	Phone						
	4. Name Address	Phone						

SINGLES/DOUBLES Squad Times: Saturday Apr 29 or May 6 10:30AM (not 4/29/23) 1:30PM
 Sunday Apr 30 or May 7 10:30AM 1:30pm (not 5/7/23)
 Date Preferred Circle 1st Choice – Underline 2nd Choice

USBC # Required	Name Address	Phone	Boy/ Girl	Grad Year	Avg. 1/1/23	Sport or Challenge League? S/C	A/E	Leave Blank
	1. Name Address	Phone						
	2. Name Address	Phone						
	3. Name Address	Phone						
	4. Name Address	Phone						

**** (Section below MUST be Completed) I certify that the above averages and graduation years are correct. Your signature acknowledges you have read and will abide by the rules listed above)****

****Signature of BOWLER OR PARENT submitting application**

 Phone

****Signature of Coach**

 Phone

 Bowling Center

 Phone