

RULES AND REGULATIONS

This is a Baker Doubles Competition. Two bowlers make a team. All games are bowled on the same lane assigned to.

Both bowlers complete the same game.

Each bowler bowls a complete frame with the first bowler rolling frames 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and the other frames 2, 4, 6, 8, 10. Order is not changed during a game, but order can be changed to start the next game.

Handicap is based on the 2 bowlers the mean of their combined average

The average is based on the prior season book average for 12 or more games. If bowlers do not have a prior season average current highest average of 12 or more games will be used.

Average must be verified on the current league standing sheet as of date of this tournament.

HANDICAP & AVERAGE

1. Team handicaps shall be 100% of the difference between the bowler's team average and **220**.
2. Entrants must use their highest 2024-2025 BOOK average in any league (including traveling leagues). If no average as of this date, entrants must use their highest average, for 12 games or more, as of the time they bowl. All others bowl scratch (220 individuals).
3. All averages **MUST** be verified by the Youth Program Director or traveling league Secretary. **If there is no certified 2024-2025 average, a copy of all league standings sheets must be sent to the office prior to the deadline.**
4. Any falsification of average will result in disqualification of the bowlers, and all prizes and entry fees will be forfeited.

ENTRIES

OPEN to all USBC Youth members. If 18 years old youth, must have completed SafeSport to compete. USBC Card must be issued minimum of 30 days prior to reserved closing date.

If not a St Louis USBC card holder, you **MUST** pay an additional \$5 participation fee.

1. No reserved entries will be scheduled without payment in full by date of Tuesday, January 27, 2026
2. Entry fees will not be refunded after paid entry reserved date.
3. All entries will be scheduled according to date received by the Tournament Director.
No date or time changes can be made after January 27, 2026, unless done so at the Tournament Director's discretion. **Additional squads may be added, or deleted, if needed, at the Tournament Director's discretion.**
4. Bowlers may compete more than once in Doubles provided they change partners. Walk-in bowlers are permitted based on availability.
5. Doubles entries may consist of any combination of boys and girls.
6. **All bowlers must show their current USBC membership card at check-in. Duplicate cards can be printed from www.bowl.com**

Entry confirmations will only be sent if you do not receive your first squad choice.

CHECK-IN, LATE ARRIVALS & BLINDS

1. Check-in deadline for each squad is **45 minutes** prior to squad starting time.
2. Substitutes must be presented to the Tournament Director with written and signed verification of the averages. If available, the Coach can make substitutions; if not, the Tournament Director will. Substitutions made by Tournament

Director will be final.

3. Tardy bowlers will start to bowl in the frame in progress at the time of their arrival. No pins are awarded for missed frames.
4. You **MAY NOT** send an entry with a name missing and then use Blind score.

TIES

1. Only, one first place team winner will be awarded. In case of tie for first place, the winner will be the team with the highest total score of games 4, 5, and 6. If a tie still exists then the winner will be the team that bowls the highest score of games 4, 5, or 6.
2. Other placed positions awarded will be averaging the prizes to award for their given placement.

DRESS & CONDUCT CODES

1. Dress Code: No hats, tank tops or frayed blue jeans, please. No clothes with text or designs depicting alcohol, drug or tobacco products or obscene images.
2. No smoking or vaping by bowlers during tournament play. Adult spectators are allowed to smoke in designated areas. The USBC Code of Conduct will be observed.
3. Any bowler using abusive language or unsportsmanlike conduct may be removed by a tournament official.
4. **Conduct rules apply to spectators, also.**
5. Coaching is permitted from the Concourse area. Coaches must register with the tournament office prior to bowling and have their RVP badge with them.
6. **No flash cameras.**
7. **Bowlers MAY NOT:** Use cell phones, personal music devices, hand-held games or any other item deemed distracting during bowling; play any forms of gambling, including card playing. Score apps are allowed for tracking your games only.

PROTESTS

1. All rules not covered here will be covered by USBC tournament rules. All protests shall be handled by the Tournament Director. The decision of the Tournament Director shall be final unless an appeal is filed within 72 hours in accordance with USBC Rules.

SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Minimum of \$500 Scholarships will awarded to 1st place team winner.
2. Remaining scholarships will be awarded in 1 out of 6 ratio.

A \$30 service charge will be assessed on all returned checks.

*** Late fee charge will be assessed at \$5.00 after reserved deadline and for initial walk-ins.**

2026 St. Louis USBC Youth Championship Tournament

Rules Acknowledgement and Permission to use Pictures on St. Louis USBC Website or Facebook

Bowler Name Print	Bowler Signature	Parent Signature (If Bowler Under 18)