

5. **All entries must be filled out completely on the official entry form** and submitted with full payment along with standing sheet as of November 15, 2024 showing bowler's full name, number of games, total pins and average. Check or money order should be payable to Cleveland Ohio USBC (COUSBC). Checks returned for non-sufficient funds (NSF) will be charged a \$35.00 fee plus the amount of the check. Only cash will be accepted for NSF checks. Reserved entries mailed to the COUSBC office (14950 Snow Road, Suite 100, ATTN: Youth Department, Brook Park, Ohio 44142) must be postmarked by Wednesday, November 20, 2024. There will be no refunds (exception for COVID-19; see Rule #14).
6. Walk-ins will be accepted 30 minutes prior to the qualifying squad based on lane availability (8:00 AM – 8:30 AM).
7. **Scratch awards** will be given to the top five (5) places in each division (girls & boys). **Handicap awards** will be given to first (1st) place in each division (girls & boys) at a ratio of at least 1 in 5 entries or major fraction thereof (i.e., 2nd place awarded with 8 entries, 3rd place awarded with 13 entries, etc.). All award fees will be returned 100% in the form of an award.
8. **Scratch Event:** Scholarship money will be awarded to the top five (5) places in each division (girls & boys). **Handicap Option:** Scholarship money will be awarded to first (1st) place in each division at a ratio of at least 1 in 5 entries or major fraction thereof (i.e., 2nd place awarded with 8 entries, 3rd place awarded with 13 entries, etc.). NOTE: Scholarship money is not awarded in the Special Olympics division because scholarship funds are not allocated in their entry fee, resulting in a lower entry fee; see Rule #4. 100% of all scholarship funds collected from entry fees and additional scholarship resources will be deposited in the USBC SMART Program (Account #10843) for management and disbursement. No cash awards will be given to any bowler. Bowlers can confirm the deposit of scholarship awards by visiting their SMART account statement at www.bowl.com.
9. All bowlers are expected to be appropriately attired. All bowlers must wear a sleeved shirt. Shorts/skorts are permitted; however, length of skirts, dresses, skorts or shorts must be below the competitor's fingertips when they are standing and their arms are hanging down at their side. Length MUST be long enough to not see your bottom area (even if covered by under shorts) at any time, standing or bent over. Apparel with reference to tobacco, alcohol and drugs is prohibited.

The use of non-medical headgear (hats) and/or artificial devices (headphones, AirPods, etc.) to listen to music or a broadcast is prohibited during competition. Cell phones are also not allowed during any competition and includes texting, checking messages, talking on cell phone and listening to music on a device. Bowlers will receive a verbal warning for the first offense; a second offense could lead to disqualification from the event.

Bowlers are responsible for their own conduct during tournament competition. Abuse of equipment and foul or disruptive language/behavior by bowlers or spectators is prohibited. Apparel and behavior violations may result in the non-refundable dismissal from participation or attendance at the tournament. The decision of the tournament director is final. One lane courtesy will be observed by bowlers and enforced throughout the tournament.
10. Bowling equipment must meet USBC specifications. No balance holes will be permitted. All holes drilled must be used for gripping purposes on every delivery. NOTE: House balls are exempt from this rule. The use of any powder or foreign substance on shoes, on the approach, on the facility floor, on the carpet, or on a bowling towel is not allowed. **Use of all liquids, sprays and sanding pads must be done prior to the first ball of tournament competition.** NOTE: Any cleaner that is used prior to the start of competition must be approved by USBC (refer to the "Approved Cleaners" list in the Equipment Specifications manual on www.bowl.com) and in its original container which displays the USBC Approved Before/After logo. **Once competition has begun, the outer surface of the bowling ball may only be cleaned with a dry towel (USBC Rule 18). (Competition starts once any bowler throws a ball for score in the tournament.)** If a bowler is seen altering a ball surface during the tournament, the ball will be disqualified for the remainder of the tournament as soon as this is discovered. If the bowler incurs a second equipment offense, the bowler will be disqualified from the current event with NO refund of entry fee. NOTE: Should a foreign substance appear on the outer surface of a bowling ball which cannot be removed with a dry towel, an approved cleaner may be used with consent from the tournament manager.
11. If a lane malfunction occurs during tournament competition that requires participants to be moved to a new pair of lanes, the participants will start their tournament competition from the point of interruption with no practice/shadow balls on the new lanes.
12. The entrant, by signing his/her name, hereby agrees that the COUSBC, its officers and agents shall be liable only to the extent of returning the entry fee if and when this entrant shall be prevented from bowling in the tournament through delay, unexpected yet necessary schedule change, or premature termination of the tournament, which may be brought on by war, national emergency or emergencies caused by unexpected weather conditions or causes relating thereto or resulting therefrom fires, strikes, lockouts, labor difficulties or causes beyond the control of the COUSBC.
13. Decisions of the tournament director are final unless an appeal is made in accordance with Rule 329 and is filed within 72 hours of the infraction and/or decision.
14. **COVID-19 Precautions:** If you are feeling sick, have a fever over 100 degrees or have come in contact with someone who has had a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the last 14 days leading up to this tournament, please contact the COUSBC Office to withdraw from the event. You will receive a full refund.
15. All participants agree to allow his/her name and likeness to be used on social media in regard to this event.
16. Questions should be directed to the COUSBC office (216-898-9115).

**CLEVELAND OHIO USBC ASSOCIATION
SCRATCH SINGLES STEPLADDER TOURNAMENT with HANDICAP OPTION**

**Yorktown Lanes – December 1, 2024
6218 Pearl Road ♦ Parma Heights, Ohio 44130 ♦ 440-886-5300**

***** OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM. PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION CLEARLY AND COMPLETE ENTRY IN FULL. *****

YOUTH'S FULL NAME _____ USBC ID# _____

ADDRESS _____ BUMPER BOWLER _____ YES _____ NO

CITY/ZIP CODE _____ PHONE # _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ CENTER _____

MALE/FEMALE (Circle one) BIRTHDAY _____ AGE (as of 08/01/24) _____

HIGHEST 2023-2024 BOOK AVERAGE (12 games or more) _____ # OF GAMES _____

CURRENT HIGHEST 2024-2025 AVERAGE (12 games or more) _____ # OF GAMES _____

DIVISION (Circle one): Divisions are determined by the seasonal age and gender of the youth bowler prior to August 1, 2024.

	BUMPER BOWLERS - GIRLS			BUMPER BOWLERS – BOYS	
GIRLS	U10	U12		U15	U18
BOYS	U10	U12		U15	U18
	SPECIAL OLYMPICS – GIRLS			SPECIAL OLYMPICS – BOYS	

HANDICAP SINGLES OPTION: Yes / No (Circle one)

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For Office Use Only:				
DATE PAID	CH / MO / CASH	AMOUNT PAID	HANDICAP OPTION	DIVISION
_____	_____	\$ _____	Yes / No	_____