



FORT WAYNE METRO USBC YOUTH TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

2026-2027 SCHEDULE

PLEASE MARK WITH ENTRY FEE DOLLAR AMOUNTS THE EVENTS YOU WISH TO ENTER

 PRO BOWL WEST QUALIFIER #1	 GEORGETOWN ENTERTAINMENT QUALIFIER #2	 RAINBOW LANES QUALIFIER #3
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25th, 2026 11:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15th 2026 10:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20th, 2026 10:00 A.M. (DIV 3 & 4) / 2:00 P.M. (DIV 1 & 2)
ENTRY	ENTRY	ENTRY
\$	\$	\$
 EZ BOWL QUALIFIER #4	 MAIN BOWL QUALIFIER #5	 MVP LANES QUALIFIER #6
SUNDAY, JANUARY 17th, 2027 10:00 A.M. (DIV 3 & 4) / 2:00 P.M. (DIV 1 & 2)	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21st, 2027 10:00 A.M. (DIV 3 & 4) / 2:00 P.M. (DIV 1 & 2)	SUNDAY, MARCH 21st, 2027 11:00 A.M.
ENTRY	ENTRY	ENTRY
\$	\$	\$



CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS
SUNDAY, APRIL 11th, 2026 = 11:00 A.M.

COMPETITORS MUST PARTICIPATE
IN A MINIMUM OF FOUR (4)
QUALIFYING EVENTS
TO BE ELIGIBLE
FOR FINALS

FINALS ENTRY FEES WILL BE PAID UPON CHECK-IN ON APRIL 11th, 2026

EVENTS CERTIFIED BY UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS

FOUR DIVISIONS	TOURNAMENT FEES PER EVENT
DIVISION 1 – AVERAGES 185+ (SCRATCH)	PRIZE FEE: \$12.00
DIVISION 2 – AVERAGES 155 -184	BOWLING LINEAGE: \$12.00
DIVISION 3 – AVERAGES 110 -154	ASSOCIATION EXPENSES: \$1.00
DIVISION 4 – AVERAGES 109 & BELOW	TOTAL ENTRY FEE: \$25.00

FINALS PRICING: ENTER FOUR QUALIFIERS = \$25 / ENTER FIVE = \$15 / ENTER SIX = FREE ENTRY

BOWLER'S INFORMATION (**ALL FIELDS ARE REQUIRED**)

BOWLER NAME:	25/26 AVG:
ADDRESS:	
CITY:	STATE:
PHONE:	ZIP:
HOME CENTER (LEAGUE):	
HIGH SCHOOL (IF APPLICABLE):	

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$

*****CHECK-IN BEGINS **60 MINUTES** BEFORE SCHEDULED SHIFT TIME*****

MAIL ENTRIES TO

FORT WAYNE METRO USBC, P.O. BOX 11645, FORT WAYNE, INDIANA, 46859
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 MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE: **FORT WAYNE METRO USBC**

2026-2027 FORT WAYNE METRO USBC YOUTH TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS - RULES

1 – ELIGIBILITY: This tournament is open to **ALL USBC YOUTH SANCTIONED BOWLERS**. Participant MUST have current sanction fees paid upon entry for competition.

2 – FORMAT / FINALS PROCEDURE: The Youth Tournament of Champions Series features SIX (6) QUALIFYING EVENTS during season which culminates in the CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS. **COMPETITORS MUST BOWL IN A MINIMUM OF 4 QUALIFYING EVENTS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FINALS.** For each Qualifying Event, bowlers will bowl three (3) games of qualifying. A cut will then be made in each division dependent upon field size. Those advancing from the qualifying round will then advance on to the Qualifier Finals which will see TWO rounds (**ELIMINATION ROUND = ONE GAME / FINAL ROUND = ONE GAME**). Finals will be a "Bracket Style Tournament" by each division. Seeding in the bracket will be determined based on the following criteria: **TOTAL POINTS / QUALIFIERS ATTENDED / TOTAL PINS (THE MORE QUALIFIERS YOU BOWL & THE BETTER YOU BOWL = BETTER SEEDING)**. Bowlers will be guaranteed an OPENING ROUND TWO (2) GAME MATCH. After Round #1, each division will be cut down to the FINAL EIGHT (8) and the Quarter-Finals which will be a SINGLE-GAME match, then down to the FINAL FOUR and another SINGLE-GAME match, and then the CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS with one last SINGLE-GAME match.

3 – AVERAGES / HANDICAPPING: AVERAGES WILL BE ESTABLISHED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

A – ALL BOWLERS will begin competition using HIGHEST SANCTIONED 2025-2026 average with a MINIMUM of 12 games (**NO RERATE/CONVERSION FOR HIGH SCHOOL AVERAGES**). The "10-Pin Rule" will be in effect if bowler's average is 10 or more pins higher for the current 2026-2027 season (**MINIMUM 9 games**).

B – If bowler does NOT have a 2025-2026 average of record, the bowler will use their highest OR composite 2026-2027 average with a MINIMUM of 9 games in a sanctioned USBC Youth League (High School Bowling included).

C – Once bowler has competed in TWO Youth Tournament of Champions Qualifying Events, a "Tournament Average" will be established and used specifically for Tournament Series for the duration of the season (**MINIMUM 6 GAMES**).

D – A bowler's average & division can be **ADJUSTED AT TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S DISCRETION AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO THE START OF COMPETITION**.

Handicap will be figured at 85% from the top of each division **EXCEPT** for Division 1 which will be SCRATCH. Divisions are determined by AVERAGE, NOT BY GENDER in the following categories:

DIVISION 1 – AVERAGES 185+ (SCRATCH)	DIVISION 2 – AVERAGES 155 -184
DIVISION 3 – AVERAGES 110 -154	DIVISION 4 – AVERAGES 109 & BELOW

4 – POINTS STRUCTURE: QUALIFIER POINTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

CATEGORY	DIVISION 1	DIVISION 2	DIVISION 3	DIVISION 4
SHOW UP	5	5	5	5
QUALIFIER FINAL FOUR	36	27	18	9
QUALIFIER RUNNER-UP	39	30	21	12
QUALIFIER WINNER	42	33	24	15

QUALIFIER POINTS WILL BE USED FOR FINALS SEEDING PURPOSES (**SEE RULE 2**).

5 – ENTRY FEES / REGISTRATION: Fees are **\$25.00** per qualifying tournament per bowler. Pay **CASH/CHECK**. **\$12.00** will go directly into Fort Wayne Metro SMART Scholarship Fund. Register by contacting **Fort Wayne Metro USBC** by email a, by phone at 260-432-7278. Walk-ins are welcome however, competitors MUST check-in a minimum of :30 minutes prior to event.

6 – SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS: Each of the SIX (6) Qualifying Events will Award Scholarship Prizes to the QUALIFIER WINNER & QUALIFIER RUNNER-UP in the amounts of **\$50.00 & \$25.00** in ALL FOUR (4) DIVISIONS. The CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS will Award Scholarship Prizes to FINALS CHAMPION, FINALS RUNNER-UP, AND FINALS SEMI-FINALISTS in the amounts of **\$500.00, \$300.00, and \$100.00 (TWICE)** in ALL FOUR (4) DIVISIONS. **ALL SCHOLARSHIP PRIZE MONIES EARNED DURING THE TOURNAMENT WILL BE DISPERSED UPON THE COMPLETION OF THE FINALS IN APRIL.**

7 – ON LANE ETIQUETTE / GENERAL CONDUCT: NO electronic devices on the lanes while bowling (**PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES USED FOR LIVE STREAMING ARE PROHIBITED IN BOWLING CENTER! NO EXCEPTIONS**). NO food/drink will be permitted in the bowler's area. NO alcohol consumption will be permitted by adults behind the youth bowler's lanes. NO smoking/vaping permitted on premises or by bowlers during competition. **ALL OTHER YOUTH CONDUCT AND GENERAL PLAYING RULES WILL DEFAULT BACK TO THE 2026-2027 USBC NATIONAL RULEBOOK (Reference Rule 17d – PAGE 18).**

17d. Youth Conduct Individuals holding youth membership can be removed from competition/functions and/or suspended/denied membership for the following: 1. Conduct derogatory to the best interest of youth bowling including, but not limited to, the following in conjunction with youth competition and functions: a. Using tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages. b. Using foul language or gestures. c. Wearing clothing depicting foul language or gestures. 2. Prior adjudication of delinquency or conviction of a crime including, but not limited to, crimes involving physical or mental abuse or sexual assault.

8 – DRESS CODE: Proper attire & all necessary underclothes must be worn at all times. NONE of the following allowed: Hats, Halter Tops, Tank Tops, Obscene Slogans or Liquor Advertisements. **SWEAT PANTS AND BASKETBALL/MESH SHORTS STRONGLY DISCOURAGED. JEANS AND OR BLACK/KHAKI PANTS/SHORTS PERMITTED.** Any other clothing under question will be decided at the discretion of the designated tournament director.

9 USBC COMPLIANCE: ALL OTHER STANDARD USBC RULES WILL BE IN EFFECT. VIOLATION OF TOURNAMENT RULES CAN CARRY PENALTY OF DISQUALIFICATION WITH NO REFUND. (**USBC Rule 303 aka "Right to refuse entry" will be in effect**).