

USBC Scholastic Membership

Q: How is the USBC Scholastic membership different than the previous USBC High School Basic membership?

A: The USBC Scholastic membership is the same as the previous USBC High School Basic membership. The name of the membership has been changed which will allow USBC to provide a similar level of membership and benefits to participants in Middle School Scholastic competition.

Q: What benefits are included in the USBC Scholastic Membership?

- USBC Youth membership card
- USBC official average (minimum of 12 games)
- Eligible to bowl in USBC certified tournaments through July 31
- Eligible to apply for USBC Scholarships
- Eligible to be nominated for the Dexter/USBC All-American Team (High School level only)
- Eligible for USBC Youth Honor Scores (11 in a row, 300 game, 800 and 900 series), bowled during Scholastic competition
- Eligible for USBC High School Coaches Registration Program awards (298, 299, 300 game, 700, 800, 900 series) letter jacket pins (High School level only)

Q: What is required for a USBC Youth Standard member to receive a USBC Scholastic membership?

A: A student-athlete already holding a USBC Youth Standard membership can have their Scholastic bowling competition scores recognized without paying the additional \$5 fee for the USBC Scholastic membership. They must fill out the USBC Youth membership application and be entered into the processing system using NONE as the product choice.

Q: What is required for a USBC Youth Basic member to receive a USBC Scholastic membership?

A: If the athlete has only participated in USBC Youth Basic leagues and has a USBC Youth Basic membership, they would be required to pay the \$5 USBC Scholastic membership fee. They must fill out the USBC Youth membership application and be entered into the processing system as a Scholastic member.

Q: Can a USBC Scholastic member participate in the Pepsi tournament?

A: In most cases, a USBC Scholastic member will not be eligible to participate in the Pepsi USBC Youth Championships. In most states where there is league level qualifying, the individual with only a USBC Scholastic membership will not be eligible to participate because most Scholastic competitions do not hold Pepsi league level qualifying. In states where there is no league level qualifying, check the state rules or contact the state Pepsi Tournament Director with eligibility questions.

Q: When does the USBC Scholastic membership expire?

A: USBC Scholastic membership expires at the conclusion of the Scholastic bowling season which includes all post-season playoff competition. The student-athlete can participate in USBC certified tournament competitions with this membership through the end of the current bowling season (July 31). If the student-athlete wants to join another USBC certified league, the appropriate dues (Standard or Basic) must be paid in that league(s).

Q: Can a bowler purchase a USBC Youth Standard membership through the USBC Scholastic Program?

A: Yes. However, while the bowler who purchases a USBC Youth Standard membership would receive the USBC Youth Jersey, the awards available to participants in the Scholastic Program would be limited to those available in the USBC Scholastic Program. Youth who already hold a USBC Youth Standard membership can participate in the USBC Scholastic Program with no additional membership charge. However, they must fill out a USBC Youth membership application and be entered into the youth processing system using NONE as the product choice.

Q: Does my entire Scholastic team have to join for me to be a member?

A: No. The USBC Scholastic membership is an individual membership, therefore your entire team does not have to join. Only those who choose to join would complete the application and submit any required dues.

Q: Will USBC Scholastic averages be “official?”

A: Averages consisting of 12 or more complete games bowled exclusively by the student-athlete will be recognized as official. This means that any games where the player did not make ALL DELIVERIES cannot be included in his/her official average records.

Q: Will USBC Scholastic averages be posted on bowl.com?

A: Yes, USBC Scholastic members will have their averages posted on bowl.com.

Q: May I use practice games toward my average?

A: No, only games that count toward your school's official season record count toward the official average.

Q: May I use intra-team scrimmage games toward my average?

A: No, because scrimmages do not count towards a team's seasonal record they cannot be counted for official averages.

Q: May I use scrimmage games, with other teams, towards my average?

A: No scrimmage games of any type can be counted towards an official average.

Q: If during the middle of a game a substitute is brought in, who will get credit for the game?

A: Who will receive credit for games bowled by two or more players is determined by your state/conference rules. Games bowled through the efforts of two or more players CANNOT be counted towards the establishment of a USBC average for USBC Scholastic members.

Q: If my team bowls in a tournament that does not count towards my team's seasonal record, do those games count towards my average?

A: This is an issue that would need to be determined by USBC after reviewing the rules of the competition and how they relate to the Scholastic conference standings.

Q: In what tournaments is a USBC Scholastic member eligible to compete with this membership?

A: USBC Youth Scholastic members are automatically members of the state and local associations that have jurisdiction of the centers through which the memberships are purchased. This allows USBC Youth Scholastic members to compete in the local association championship events and state association championship events without the payment of any additional membership fees. USBC Youth Scholastic members are also eligible to compete in any other USBC Youth certified competition that allow USBC Youth Scholastic members to participate.

Awards

Q: Can a USBC Youth Standard member bowling in Scholastic competition earn honor score awards?

A: Student-athletes who hold USBC Scholastic membership will be eligible to earn USBC High Score Awards listed in Rules 51a and 51b in addition to USBC Scholastic awards listed in the USBC High School Coaches Registration program.

Q: What awards are included in the USBC High Score Awards?

A: The USBC High Score Awards, also known as honor scores, are the 11 in a row, 300 game, 800 and 900 series. These are designated with an (*) in Rules 51a and 51b.

Q: What are the responsibilities of the Scholastic members as they relate to Awards and Final Averages?

A: Since the USBC Scholastic membership is an INDIVIDUAL membership product, the member is responsible to make sure that all eligible scores, both for awards and final averages are provided to the processing agent.

Q: Will the USBC High Score Awards cause Scholastic eligibility issues?

A: USBC Youth members have the obligation to be aware of any restrictions that might be in place by his/her Scholastic athletic associations and might affect any outside competitions they could compete in or limitations on awards that they may earn. USBC has taken this issue into consideration and, by working with our vendors, can now provide youth awards that meet the eligibility limits of most states. In those limited instances where there might be a conflict, bowlers will have the option to decline the provided USBC Youth award for a given accomplishment to prevent an eligibility issue.

Q: If the student-athlete does not hold a USBC Scholastic membership, will a 300 game be recognized by USBC?

A: No. The student-athlete will only be recognized for USBC High Score Awards if he/she holds a USBC Scholastic membership. If the student-athletes team is registered only in the USBC High School Coaches Registration Program, he/she will receive only the USBC Scholastic awards available through that program.

Membership delivery and services

Q: How will USBC Scholastic memberships be processed?

A: Either centers or associations can process USBC Scholastic memberships. The first step is to secure a league application and membership applications from either the local USBC association or from USBC Headquarters. Please contact us at 1-800-514-2695 ext 3151 for your supplies.

Once the applications have been received and all forms filled out, a league can be formed in the Youth Processing System and any memberships collected can be processed. Each Scholastic league will designate whether it is Middle School or High School competition.

It is required that EVERY youth that wants to receive the benefits of the USBC Scholastic membership complete a USBC Scholastic membership application...even if they already have a USBC Youth Standard membership. Youth who already hold a USBC Youth Standard membership can participate in the USBC Scholastic Program with no additional membership charge. However, they must fill out a USBC Youth membership application and be entered into the youth processing system using NONE as the product choice in order to receive USBC Scholastic benefits.

Q: What program does the center/proprietor use to process Scholastic membership?

A: As part of the overall changes to the youth program, USBC created a Web-based Youth Processing System (not WinLABS) that allows USBC Youth membership, awards and averages to be processed. This system is available to make it easier for the bowling centers and the local associations to handle the required processing duties. However, USBC High Score Awards (11 in a row, 300 game, 800 and 900 series) MUST be processed through the local association using WinLABS.

Q: If the local association is the processor, will they use WinLABS to process membership?

A: No. All USBC Youth memberships are processed using the Youth Processing System. Awards and final averages should also be processed through the Youth Processing System. Failure to process this information through the Youth Processing System causes problems with the transmittal of bowler data for members competing in multiple associations. However, USBC High Score Awards (11 in a row, 300 game, 800 and 900 series) MUST be processed through the local association using WinLABS.

Q: If a proprietor decides to process memberships, what are their responsibilities?

A: The Processing Agreement consists of three (3) components:

- o Membership Processing. This will consist of the input of data into the Youth Processing System and the submission of membership dues to USBC.
- o Youth Awards Processing. This will consist of the input of data for all scores eligible for recognition under the USBC Youth Awards program into the Youth Processing System. This DOES NOT include USBC High Score Awards (11 in a row, 300 game, 800 and 900 series) which must be processed through the local association using WinLABS.
- o Final Average Submission. This will consist of the input of final average information for all participants in USBC Youth certified competitions into the Youth Processing System.

These three (3) responsibilities are the only duties that would be removed from the associations list of responsibilities for centers that choose to process directly with USBC. All other duties listed in the USBC Association Policy Manual remain.

Q: Who does the proprietor contact if a bowler has questions about services?

A: Support questions will go through the USBC Bowling Information Center at 1-800-514-2695 ext. 3151.

Q: What is required to authorize a change in the designated processing agent?

A: If the center is changing the individual they have designated as their processing agent, or is now having their youth leagues processed by the local association, the center must provide written notice to USBC HQ in order to facilitate a change in security settings. If the center used the local association the previous season and wants to process directly with USBC, there is no notice that needs to be provided to USBC HQ.

Q: How will the locals receive member information if a portion of membership in their association is processed by proprietors?

A: Local associations will have the ability to access the membership processing records of all the bowlers within their jurisdiction and create reports of this information as needed. All youth bowler data submitted through the Youth Processing System will be displayed in the local association's records.