

28th ANNUAL LOUISIANA GRAND PRIX YOUTH BOWLERS SCRATCH SINGLES TOURNAMENT

GENERAL RULES

1. This tournament shall be governed by the rules of USBC.
2. All participants must be current registered members of the USBC and the Louisiana Grand Prix Scholarship Program, registered by January 15, 2024.
3. All competition will be on a scratch basis. No handicaps will be used.
4. There will be 8 divisions by sex and the bowler's age as of August 1, 2023 for competition at all levels. These divisions are:
 - U18 Boys & U18 Girls Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2005 thru 7/31/2008
 - U15 Boys & U15 Girls Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2008 thru 7/31/2011
 - U12 Boys & U12 Girls Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2011 thru 7/31/2013
 - U10 Boys & U10 Girls Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2013 or later
5. No substitutes will be allowed at any level of competition.
6. No carryover of pin fall at any level of tournament.

IN-HOUSE QUALIFIER RULES & STATE DIRECT ENTRY RULES

1. There is no fee to participate in the in-league qualifier. Each league is allowed one two-week qualifying session in October through November 5. All centers must submit dates chosen to the State Tournament Directors.
2. Advancement ratio from league level to the state level is one for every (3) entries in each division, including last place ties. Only Grand Prix participants who bowled league at least 1 of the 2 weeks count as an entry. Pre-bowl and post-bowl scores do not count. In all cases, at least one person per division shall advance if there was at least one entry. To advance additional individuals, the division must have at least 1 entry to the next multiple of 3.
3. Center Directors shall submit the results of the in-house qualifiers along with the state entry fees (see below) to the State Tournament Directors by December 1st for the center's youth to be eligible for participation at the state level. Names, dates of birth, addresses, phone numbers, and choice of shift time (if applicable) for all state participants shall also be submitted. A copy of the league qualifying worksheet must accompany entries.
4. Bowlers may qualify to the State Eliminations only once. If qualified through more than one league or bowling center, the bowler shall advance from the league where the highest score was bowled.
5. State entrants not wishing to participate at the state level may be replaced by alternates up until 4:00 pm on the Monday prior to the elimination round. It will be the responsibility of the league coach to make the substitution based on the order of finish from that particular division of that particular qualifier. The tournament will transfer the entry fee to the new participant and will make no refunds to bowlers who are not replaced or do not show to bowl.
6. Bowlers not qualifying through league may enter the State Eliminations directly. The advance early bird entry deadline is December 1st and the walk-in entry deadline is one hour before the appropriate shift subject to lane availability (**cash only**). Do not mail entries later than 10 days prior to tournament; bring them to the tournament site. The Tournament Director may refuse any and all entries.

STATE ELIMINATION ROUNDS AND FINALS

1. The State Eliminations & Finals will be bowled at All Star Lanes-Baton Rouge on January 27-28, 2024.
2. The U15 and U18 divisions will bowl 4 games across 8 lanes on Saturday. Shift times for these eliminations are 9:30 am and 12:00 noon. A re-entry squad will be held at 3:30 pm. No first-time entries will be allowed on this squad. Finals and one-game tiebreakers (if necessary) will be held on Sunday @ 9:00 am for the U18 boys division and @ 10:00 am for the U15 boys and both girls divisions. A minimum of 4 bowlers in each division will advance from the eliminations to the finals, which will consist of a bracketed single game double loss elimination. More bowlers may advance based on number of entries in the eliminations. The first alternate will be used if necessary.
3. The U12 & U10 divisions will bowl 3 games on a single pair of lanes on Sunday at 1:30 pm. The top 3 finishers will bowl stepladder finals immediately following. No alternates will be used.
4. In all divisions, tie breakers from eliminations will consist of a one game roll-off. If the tie is just for seeding to start the finals, highest last game in the eliminations will be the highest start seed in the finals. Once in finals, tie breakers will consist of a 2 frame (9th & 10th) roll-off. In all cases, it is the bowler's responsibility (not that of the tournament committee or bowling center) to determine if he/she is tied for, or has advanced to, the State Finals.
5. Symbolic awards will be presented to the step ladder finalists in the U10 and U12 divisions and to all finalists in the U15 & U18 divisions. More awards may be given based on entry in eliminations.
6. Scholarship point awards will be given to the top 3-12 places (based on historical participation) in each division at the state finals. In all cases, awards on a minimum 1:10 entry ratio will be given. **ALL SCHOLARSHIP POINT AWARDS WILL BE PLACED IN WINNERS' GRAND PRIX ACCOUNTS. ALL APPLICABLE GRAND PRIX RULES FOR RECEIVING SCHOLARSHIPS BASED ON CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN USBC YOUTH BOWLING IN GRAND PRIX PARTICIPATING CENTERS WILL APPLY.** The "Scholarship Use Policy" will be given to all scholarship winners.
7. All participants must wear suitable attire. **SHIRTS WITH COLLARS OR AN OFFICIAL USBC / BOWLING JERSEY AND DRESS SLACKS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ALL ELIMINATION SQUADS AND FINALS!** The following **will not** be allowed: jeans, shorts, muscle shirts, halter tops, caps, hats, electronic listening devices, cellular phones, etc. **NO ALCOHOLIC, TOBACCO, SEXUAL, OR PROFANE ADVERTISEMENT WILL BE ALLOWED ON ANY ATTIRE OR EQUIPMENT. The tournament directors reserve the right to enforce suitable dress requirements.** No alcohol, non-prescription drugs, smoking or tobacco use of any kind will be allowed. Any conduct detrimental to the best interest of the program will result in first a warning, and then for the second time, suspension and immediate dismissal. The tournament officials will make decisions on revealing, inappropriate and/or obscene attire or conduct and their decision will be final.
8. Bowlers arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. Missed frames shall be credited with zeros. A bowler not present to bowl when it is their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
9. Only bowlers and tournament officials will be permitted in the settee area or special designated area.
10. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the Tournament Directors no later than the start of the next block or 30 minutes after the completion of competition. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the Tournament Directors within 30 minutes after completion of competition and before the awards are presented. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
11. The Tournament Directors whose decision shall be final shall determine all matters not covered by these rules and regulations.

ENTRY FEES

	Total	Lineage	Expense*	Awards**
U15/U18 – In House & Direct by Dec 1 st	\$40.00	16.00	23.00	1.00
U15/U18 – Direct Entry after December 1 st	\$45.00	16.00	28.00	1.00
U15/U18 – Re-entry (Includes Dr. Pepper Shootout)	\$25.00	16.00	8.00	1.00
U10/U12 – In House & Direct by Dec 1 st	\$25.00	12.00	12.00	1.00
U10/U12– Direct Entry after Dec 1 st	\$30.00	12.00	17.00	1.00

*Lineage for stepladder and bracket finals shall be paid from expense fee.

**All award fees shall be returned 100%.

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