

# 30<sup>th</sup> 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, 2026.
3. Bowlers may enter the State Eliminations one time with a direct entry. The advance early bird entry deadline is December 15th 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.
4. All competition will be on a scratch basis. No handicaps will be used.
5. No substitutes will be allowed at any level of competition.
6. There will be 8 divisions by sex and the bowler's age as of August 1, 2025 for competition at all levels. These divisions are:
  - U18 Boys & U18 Girls      Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2007 thru 7/31/2009
  - U16 Boys & U16 Girls      Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2009 thru 7/31/2011
  - U14 Boys & U14 Girls      Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2011 thru 7/31/2013
  - U12 Boys & U12 Girls      Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2013 or later

## STATE ELIMINATION ROUNDS, SEMI FINALS AND FINALS

1. The State Eliminations & Finals will be held at Creole Lanes, Houma on February 21-22, 2026.
2. The U18, U16 and U14 divisions will bowl 4 games across 8 lanes for eliminations on Saturday. Shift times 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.
3. The U18, U16 and U14 divisions (top 8) will bowl on Sunday for the finals, which will consist of a single game double elimination bracket. The first alternate will be used if necessary. The U18 and U16 divisions will bowl at 9:00 am; U14 divisions bowl at 1:00 pm
4. The U12 divisions will bowl 3 games on a single pair of lanes on Sunday at 1:00 pm. The top 3 finishers will bowl stepladder finals immediately following. No alternates will be used.
5. 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.
6. Symbolic awards will be presented to the step ladder finalists in the U12 divisions and to all finalists and finalists in the U18, U16 and U14 divisions. More awards may be given based on entry in eliminations.
7. Scholarship point awards will be given to the top 3-8 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.

8. 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!** Girls may wear athletic skorts. 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.
9. 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.
10. Only bowlers and tournament officials will be permitted in the settee area or special designated area.
11. 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.
12. The Tournament Directors, whose decision shall be final shall determine all matters not covered by these rules and regulations.

<b><u>ENTRY FEES</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>Lineage</u></b>	<b><u>Expense*</u></b>	<b><u>Awards**</u></b>
U18/U16/U14 – Direct Entry by Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$45.00	16.00	28.00	1.00
U18/U16/U14 – Direct Entry after Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$50.00	16.00	33.00	1.00
Re-entry Squad (Includes Dr. Pepper Shootout)	\$25.00	16.00	8.00	1.00
U12 – Direct Entry by Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$30.00	12.00	17.00	1.00
U12 – Direct Entry after Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$35.00	12.00	22.00	1.00

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

\*\*All award fees shall be returned 100%.

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