

# "QubicaAMF RISING STARS YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT"

## USBC Certified League

### 2018-2019 RULES AND REGULATIONS

Conducted by the Bowling Proprietors Association of the Carolinas/Georgia  
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#### Eligibility & Participation

1. Participation in this tournament is open to any youth bowling as a regular member in an organized league who qualifies under ALL parts of Rule 1. Bowlers who have not reached their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday prior to August 1<sup>st</sup> of the current bowling season.
  - a. Youth bowler must be currently enrolled in school at time of participation in all levels of the tournament or have graduated and still participates in a youth league. Youth cannot have dropped out of high school for any reason.
  - b. Bowler must be a regular member in good standing of an organized youth league and have qualified in a BPAC/GA member center during regular league play sessions between the period August 18, 2018 – March 10, 2019.
  - c. Youth bowler is eligible to participate at the in-center level after completing nine (9) games of league play.
  - d. Substitutes are NOT permitted.

#### Pins Over Average & Elite Division

2. At the In-center, State and Association Finals, pins over average for series determine the qualifiers and winners in all divisions **except the new ELITE division. Bowlers in the Elite Division may enter their respective State Finals directly by submitting a completed entry form and paying a \$20 entry fee.**

#### Averages

3. All averages used must be "USBC" league averages (Rule 319a). Averages used at the state finals will be the HIGHEST of the following:
  - a. The 2018-2019 bowling season's highest verifiable average at least 12 games as of March 10, 2019.
  - b. The 2017-18 bowling season's highest verifiable average of 12 or more games.
  - c. Youths with Sport Condition/Challenge league averages must use this average if the USBC conversion table results in an average higher than the bowler's regular league average(s).
  - d. Any bowler whose average has been adjusted by any association or in any tournament must inform director of his/her average adjustment. If bowler refuses adjustment or has been disqualified must report this before bowling and will be subject to re-rating or denial of entry into this tournament. These instances must be reported to the director at every level of competition in this tournament.
  - e. The Tournament Director reserves the right to adjust any bowler's average at the State and Finals based on tournament scores previously bowled in the QubicaAMF Rising Stars event. If average is not accepted by the bowler, entry fee will be refunded (Rule 319c).
  - f. **Each completed entry form must be accompanied with an average sheet from your league. If you qualify more than once you MUST attach an average sheet with each form and must be dated with at least 12 games as of March 10, 2019. Any incomplete form or missing average sheet will result in the bowler not being scheduled or confirmed to bowl.**

#### Multiple Participation

4.
  - a. Bowlers may qualify once per organized league in which they are paying members, but not more times than there are state finals squads.
  - b. A bowler may advance to the Association Finals only once.

#### In-Center Format

5.
  - a. In-center competition may begin starting August 19, 2018.
  - b. In-center competition must be concluded by March 10, 2019.
  - c. ENTRIES IS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MARCH 18, 2019.
  - d. Each week per league, the **THREE (3)** bowlers with the greatest number of pins over average for series qualify for the State Finals. **However, bowlers in the ELITE division may enter their respective State Finals directly by paying a \$20 entry fee and submitting a completed entry form.**
  - e. Average used for in-center qualifying is the current league average minimum 9 games
  - f. In the case of a tie for a qualifying spot, each of the bowlers involved in the tie will qualify for the State Finals.

#### House Roll-off

5. A participating center may run an end of season qualifier during the period of March 10 -18, 2019 for any youths who had not qualified for the state finals,

provided this center had qualified youths weekly through league scores.

Advancement ratio will be at least 1:4 entries. A \$20 entry fee will be submitted to the tournament office for any one qualifying for the state finals.

#### State Finals Format

7. All eligible bowlers advancing from their respective in-center qualifying round will compete in the State Finals. There will be SIX average divisions in all state finals – 99 & under, 100 – 125, 126 – 150, 151 – 175, 176 – 194, **Elite Division for 195 averages and above.** Averages for determining division at the state finals will be high current (2018-19) average as of March 10, 2019, minimum of 12 games, high 2017-18 verifiable average minimum of 12 games, OR re-rated average, whichever is higher (see rule #3).
  - a. Three State Finals will be conducted – North Carolina, **(EAST & WEST)**, South Carolina, and Georgia. Finalists must participate in the State Finals in which their center is located. **North Carolina centers will be assigned by tournament director according to your location.**
  - b. **The State Finals for Georgia is the weekend of April 6-7, 2019, at Gold Cup Warner Robbins. South Carolina the weekend of April 13-14, 2019 at Wade Hampton Lanes, North Carolina East, at B & B Lanes weekend of April 27-28, and North Carolina West, at Victory Lanes, weekend of May 4-5, 2019.**
  - c. Each State Finals will consist of three games with pins over average for series, **except the ELITE division where total pinfall (scratch) will be determining factor for advancing to the Association Finals.**
  - d. At least one bowler from each of the SC and GA Finals and the top two bowlers from NC Finals in each division (based on the number of entries in each division at each of the state finals) advance to the association finals.
  - e. Approximately 32 scholarships of at least \$200 will be awarded in the state finals based on the number of entries at each of the state finals. The exact number of additional scholarships will be posted before competition begins in the first of the three state finals. These scholarship winners will NOT advance to the association finals, but receive at least a \$200 scholarship.
  - f. If there is a tie for the last qualifying spot at the State Finals, it will be broken at the discretion of the tournament director.

#### General Playing Rules

8. The Bowling Proprietors Association of the Carolinas/Georgia will administer the tournament through a Tournament Director appointed by the BPAC/GA Tournament Committee.
  - a. All matters not covered by these rules will be determined by the Tournament Director. All decisions will be final unless an appeal is made in accordance with Rule 329. Once starting times have been assigned, no entry fees will be refunded. Tournament will be conducted in accordance with the playing rules of the USBC where QubicaAMF rules are not specified.
  - b. Lanes will be re-oiled after the 2<sup>nd</sup> squad each day.

#### State Finals Entry Fees

9. \$20 per bowler (Lineage + Expenses).

#### BPAC/GA Association Finals

10. Format will be three games, pins over average for series determining the order of finish, **except in the ELITE division where total pinfall (scratch) will be the determining factor.** All youths who bowl in the Association Finals will earn scholarships for college and recognized technical schools ranging in value from \$400 to \$1500.
  - a. **A BOWLER QUALIFYING FOR THE ASSOCIATION FINALS WHO FAILS TO COMPETE IN THE FINALS FOR ANY REASON WILL FORFEIT ANY SCHOLARSHIP WON.**
  - b. Averages used for the QubicaAMF Finals will be the bowlers highest current verifiable average as of the end of the 2019 season, the highest verifiable average as of March 10, 2019, highest verifiable average from the 2017-2018 season, **OR adjusted or re-rated average after completion of the state finals,** whichever is higher.
  - c. Scholarships earned will be administered by USBC SMART Program and will be issued to the school of the winning bowler at time of entry into college/ technical school.