

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Participating bowling centers must be a member of the Bowling Proprietors Association of the Carolinas/Georgia in both 2023 and 2024.
- Call **Melanie Campbell, 910-520-5717** or **Renee Dennis, 919-201-9453** with questions or if certain rule(s) need clarification to prevent disqualifications.
- Scholarship money will be held and managed by Scholarship Management and Accounting Reports for Tenpins (SMART), a United States Bowling Congress program.
- Youth bowlers entered in the qualifying round must meet ALL eligibility requirements of tournament rule #1. Youth bowlers may not have dropped out of school at any time. If this incident occurs after the time of qualification and the state finals, he or she is disqualified from participating in ensuing rounds of this tournament.
- Three (3) bowlers from each league will qualify each week at the in-center level using pins over average except the **new ELITE (195 and above) average classification.** Youths in the **ELITE** division may simply enter the State finals directly by submitting a completed entry form and a **\$20 entry fee.** Average divisions in which the bowlers will compete at the state level will be determined by their average tournament rule #3.
- Pins over average for series determines the winners at every division at each level of competition, **except in the ELITE division where total pins, scratch is the determining factor.** – i.e. bowler's s average is 150 and he or she rolls a 480 series for three games, pins over average for that week is 30.
- Oil Pattern at all finals will be a house shot.
- See entry blanks for dates and site of state finals tournament.
- **Please note the new email address and mailing address.**

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"QubicaAMF RISING STARS YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT"

USBC Certified League

2023-2024 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 18th birthday prior to August 1st of the current bowling season.
Rule 400:USBC Youth membership is available to individuals who have not reached their 18th birthday prior to August 1 of the current bowling season and have maintained compliance with Item a below.

- 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 19, 2023 – March 02, 2024.
- 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 2023-2024 bowling season's highest verifiable average at least 12 games as of March 04, 2024.
 - b. The 2022-23 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 04, 2024 **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, 2023
 - b. In-center competition must be concluded by March 04, 2024.
 - c. ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MARCH 11, 2024.
 - d. Each week per league, the THREE (3) bowlers with the greatest number of pins over average for series qualify for the State Finals.
 - e. Elite Division see Rule #2.
 - 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

6. A participating center may run an end of season qualifier during the period of March 02-08, 2024 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. **NO REFUNDS**

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 (2023-24) average as of March 04, 2024, minimum of 12 games. high 2022-2023 verifiable average minimum of 12 games, OR re-rated average, whichever is higher (see rule #3.)
8. 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.**
9. Oil pattern will be a house shot at both semis and finals
10. 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.**
11. 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.
12. Approximately 32 scholarships 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.
13. 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

14. 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. 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 2nd squad each day.

State Finals Entry Fees

15. \$20 per bowler (Lineage + Expenses). **NO REFUNDS**

BPAC/GA Association Finals

16. 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 \$1200.
 - 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 2024 season, the highest verifiable average as of March 04, 2024, highest verifiable average from the 2022-2023 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.
 - d. FINALS will be held at Strikers Family Sports Center, Rock Hill, SC

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RULE CHANGES/CLARIFICATIONS 2023 – 2024

Average Divisions – There will be **SIX** average divisions --- **99 & under, 100-125, 126-150, 151 – 175, 176-194. Elite division for bowlers with 195 and higher averages.** To determine the division in which youth will compete at the state finals, bowlers will use the **HIGHER** of (1) their 2023-24 bowling season's highest verifiable league average as of March 4, 2024, minimum of 12 games, (2) their 2022-23 bowling season's highest verifiable average of 12 or more games or (3) their Sport Condition/Challenge league average if the USBC conversion chart results in an average higher than the bowler's regular league average(s). **At the Association Finals, bowlers will use their highest end of 2023-2024 season average, minimum of 12 games OR (1), (2), or (3) above, whichever is higher.**

You must record all leagues and centers you compete in and use the highest average.

Age Eligibility – Bowlers who have not reached their 18th birthday prior to August 1st of the current bowling season.

Entry Fee – The entry fee will be **\$20** for the state level. **NO REFUNDS**

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Number of Qualifiers – The number of qualifiers advancing from each state finals will be based on the number of entries per state. The final numbers will be publicized before the first state finals.

Cutoff date for current average state finals – March 4, 2024

Dates of State Finals -

So. Carolina- Paradise Lanes, Spartanburg, SC	April 06 - 07, 2024
Georgia - Southern Lanes Douglasville, GA	April 13 -14, 2024
NC East - Sandhills Bowling Center, Aberdeen, NC	April 20 - 21, 2024
NC West - Pla Mor Lanes, Statesville, NC	April 27 - 28, 2024

Multiple Qualifying – Bowlers may qualify once in each organized league in which they are paying members, but not more times than there are state finals squads provided all other eligibility requirements are met.

NOTE --Centers not qualifying bowlers weekly may NOT run an end-of-season sweeper.