



TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS: MAY 18, 2025

The Tournament of Champions (TOC) will be limited to those who have qualified to attend. Qualification is earned in two ways:

1. Earn your paid entry by winning a regular tour stop event. If the bowler who wins the division at any tour stop has already qualified, the bowler in 2nd place **ONLY** will earn a paid entry. The entry will not be passed down to 3rd place or beyond even if both 1st and 2nd place stop divisions winners have already earned their TOC berth.
2. Bowl at least 5 of the 9 tour stops. These bowlers will have the option to pay the TOC entry fee of \$100. Upon completion of the April event, bowlers who have participated in at least 5 tour stops and have not earned their berth will be notified of the option to pay for the TOC event.

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS FORMAT

Each TOC division requires at least four (4) bowlers. **All dress code/sportsmanship rules of the regular season will apply.** Bowlers will compete in their 2024-2025 USBC age-appropriate division for their Division Championship title. **Bowlers will be limited to 6 balls for the day. Ball cards will be provided, and bowlers are responsible for completing and turning in the ball card prior to the start of practice.** Bowlers will bowl four (4) games for both the 2026 Junior Gold Qualifier and TOC Bracket Finals qualifying on one pattern.

2026 JUNIOR GOLD QUALIFIER

All bowlers competing in the TOC are automatically entered in the 2026 Junior Gold Qualifier. Bowlers will compete in their 2025-2026 USBC age-appropriate division for their Junior Gold Qualifier. Any bowler who will age out of youth for the 2025-2026 season will not be included in the Junior Gold Qualifier as they will not be eligible to compete in the 2026 event. The TOC will award Champion only advancement in each 2025-2026 division to the 2026 Junior Gold Championship event at the conclusion of the four (4) games.

TOC BRACKET FINALS

The top 8 bowlers per division will then bowl a two-game total pinfall single elimination bracket. If a division has less than 8 competitors, only the top half will advance to the bracket finals. The elimination bracket will be on a different pattern. Bowlers will get 10 minutes of practice on their first pair. During this practice time only, bowlers can make surface changes but all surfacing materials must be put up upon conclusion of the practice time. After the first game, bowlers will get 2 shots only on each lane when advancing in the bracket.

The finals will be a two-game total pinfall single elimination bracket. 1st placed player versus 8th placed player, 2nd placed player versus 7th placed player, 3rd placed player versus 6th placed player, 4th placed player versus 5th placed player. The winners of each match will go forward and round 3 will be the title match. Pinfall will not be carried forward from match to match. All matches will be played from scratch. These matches will be played match play style play, i.e.: player on the left lane bowls 1 frame, player on the right lane bowls 2 frames, each player will continue to bowl 2 frames. The highest seed player will have the choice of starting lane.

TIES

In the event of a tie for the 2026 Junior Gold Qualifier Champion, a two-frame roll-off consisting of a 9th and 10th frame will be held to determine the winner.

In the event of a tie for finals bracket seeding, the bowler with the highest game will be the higher seed. All four games can be used to break this tie as needed.

In the event of a tie during the final elimination bracket matches, a two-frame roll-off consisting of a 9th and 10th frame will be held to determine the winner.

SMART

SMART will be awarded in accordance with our season ratio minimum of 1:10 per division. TOC 1st and 2nd places are guaranteed SMART scholarship.