



TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS:

MAY 17, 2026

The Tournament of Champions (TOC) is limited to those who have qualified in one of 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. There will be no BVL scholarship option.

DIVISIONS: Bowlers will compete in their 2025-2026 USBC age/gender appropriate division. SATX YBT dress code & sportsmanship rules apply.

BALL LIMIT: Bowlers will be restricted to a maximum of six (6) balls for the day. Ball cards will be provided, and bowlers must complete and turn in the ball card prior to the start of practice. The TOC will adhere to the most recently published USBC and Junior Gold rules for approved balls.

FORMAT: Bowlers will bowl five (5) Qualifying games on one pattern. The top eight (8) bowlers in each division will then bowl four (4) Advancer Round games on a different pattern. Pinfall for all nine (9) games will be used to make a final cut to the top three (3) for the Stepladder Finals in each division. Surface changes are allowed during practice for both the Qualifying and Advancer Round.

STEPLADDER FINALS: The Stepladder Finals will begin as soon as all qualifying scores are verified. No pinfall carries into the Stepladder. The top three (3) bowlers per division will bowl in a single elimination Stepladder. The 3rd place qualifier (3rd seed) to compete against the 2nd seed. The winner of that game will face the 1st seed. There will be no re-oil. Surface adjustment between Advancer Round and the Stepladder Finals are **NOT** permitted.

Pins will not be carried forward from match to match. Matches will be bowled match play style, 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. All division matches will be bowling at the same time on division dedicated pairs. A warm-up pair will be available for the top seeds to use during the first match. Once on the assigned match pair, the incoming bowler will have 3 minutes of practice.

TIES: If a tie occurs for the 3rd seed at the conclusion of all nine (9) Qualifying and Advancer Round games, a single game roll-off of all bowlers tied will break the tie. Any subsequent ties will be broken by 9th and 10th frame roll-off. If a tie occurs within the top 3 for Stepladder seeding, the bowler with the highest game will be the higher seed. All nine (9) games can be used to break this tie as needed. If Stepladder Finals tie occurs, a 9th and 10th frame roll-off will decide the winner.

SMART: SMART will be awarded per our season ratio minimum of 1:10 per division. TOC Stepladder participants are guaranteed SMART scholarship.