

PLEASE READ THESE TOURNAMENT RULES

1. USBC Certified Tournament Rules shall govern this Tournament. USBC Youth Bowlers from an association other than Greater Flint Youth must pay \$2.00 processing fee to be eligible to compete in these events.
2. Only Greater Flint USBC Youth league members may bowl in these tournaments. All bowlers must meet average qualifications (see tournament Rule 4). Bowlers may compete only once in Doubles & Singles. If bowl doubles, must also bowl singles. Bowlers may compete as many times as they wish in Team with a change of at least two bowlers. The first appearance in Team event shall count for All Events score and for Scholarship score.
3. Handicap will be 100% from 230 scratch for all divisions except where divisions are listed as OPEN.
4. If league session qualifications are met (NOTE: All current league averages are verified), tournament average will be determined by the following for those not in a high school league (***ALL bowlers from a high school league will use January 31 instead of December 31 for that high school league:***
  - 1.) Greater Flint USBC Youth highest yearbook average, 15 or more games, from previous season, unless –
    - a.) average as of December 31, 2011, (minimum 5 league sessions needed with a minimum of 10 games) is 15 or more pins above their highest yearbook average, or
    - b.) they do not have 5 league sessions, minimum 10 games in by December 31, 2011, then the average after completing the fifth league session (minimum 10 games) will be used if 15 or more pins above highest yearbook average.
  - 2.) Bowlers with no previous season Greater Flint USBC Youth yearbook average will use their highest average as of December 31, 2011, with a minimum of 5 league sessions (minimum 10 games), or must have bowled at least 5 league sessions (minimum 10 games) by the scheduled date of the Tournament.
5. One (1) league sheet from the first bowling day in January (February for all high school leagues) must be submitted from every youth league in the Greater Flint area. If any bowler does not have five (5) league sessions (minimum 10 games) by December 31, 2011, (January 31 for high school leagues) a second average sheet must be submitted. *Please include league name, league code, date scores are results of, and coach's name and phone number on all Standings Sheets.*
6. Falsification of average or any information will result in disqualification of bowler and/or team.
7. All entries received by **Thursday, December 22, 2011**, will appear on coach's full schedule and will be posted on-line for viewing. Final entries will be accepted through **Wednesday, February 8, 2012**, where needed to fill squad openings.
8. The Tournament will be divided into average classes as listed on each entry.

*Team Event:* four girls, four boys, or any combination of four bowlers. *Doubles:* two girls or two boys. NO mixed doubles teams.  
*Optional All Events:* All Events is the combined total scores rolled in Team, Doubles and Singles. Average class in Singles shall determine the All Events class. ***Singles, Doubles and All Events Champions will have scholarship opportunities.***  
All Classifications will bowl three (3) games in each of the events: Team; Doubles; and Singles and will have a nine (9) game total for All Events. The \$2.00 optional All Events fee = \$1.25 awards and .75 for banquet/expense.
9. Bowlers MUST check in 45 minutes before beginning of the scheduled squad. Any substitutions should be made at least one hour before.
10. Tardy bowlers will begin event in the frame being bowled at the time of their arrival. NO make-up frames are permitted. Teams arriving late will be permitted to bowl only at the discretion of the Tournament Officials.
11. Bowlers must bowl in order listed on entry. Substitutes will be permitted only in the same lineup position. Once a substitute has been put into play, the regular cannot enter the lineup, unless an emergency arises, at which time the Tournament Officials will rule. Substitutes must present proof of average.
12. Fees of \$12 per bowler per event must accompany the entry. No refunds will be issued.
13. Smoking, drinking of alcoholic beverages or unsportsmanlike conduct by bowlers WILL NOT be permitted while participating in these Tournaments. Please dress appropriately as a dress code will be in effect while bowling. If any bowler wears the following, they must change or will not be allowed to bowl. NO hats, NO short skirts or skorts (knee length), NO shirts advertising drinking and/or smoking. NO shirts with any sort of suggestive material printed on them and NO midriff shirts. Exposed midriffs and exposed undergarments will not be allowed. Team names cannot be suggestive and/or advertise drinking and/or smoking. *Cell phone usage, as well as MP3 player (etc.), will not be allowed from 10 minutes before the squad time until all bowlers have finished their competition.*
14. Award fund is returned 100% and will be given according to the number of entries in each class on a ratio of one in eight entries. First place is guaranteed. Champions will be guests of Greater Flint USBC Youth at the Annual Awards Banquet in June.
15. Awards earned MAY also include a scholarship opportunity with amounts to be determined following graduation from high school when required scholastic criteria is received and reviewed. Qualified applicants must submit the scholarship application along with a copy of their high school transcript and proof of acceptance to the accredited institution of their choice and have met the minimum academic requirements for admission. Scholarship opportunities by grades will be awarded to the nine (9) bowlers that bowl the most pins over their tournament average after competing in all three events (team, doubles, singles). Divisions, determined by the bowler's grade, are as follows: 5<sup>th</sup> grade & under, 6<sup>th</sup> - 8th grade; and 9<sup>th</sup> grade & over. Each scholarship division will award a 1<sup>st</sup> place, a 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and if enough entries (46) a 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Special scholarships can be earned by bowling the most pins over the tournament average after competing in all three events. *Graduating Senior* (must graduate in 2012); *Phil Pierson* (boy with 175+ average); *Fred Krawiec Memorial* (girl with 150+ average); *700 Club Memorial Scholarship* (Bowlers in 9<sup>th</sup> grade & above are divided into two groups, the top ½ averages and bottom ½ averages. The top bowler in each of the divisions will be eligible for a scholarship) and the *Al Teuber First Time Tournament Bowler* (a scholarship will be awarded per grade division if three entries in that division. If a division does not have 3 entries, no scholarship will be awarded for that division.) Bowlers can earn all scholarships eligible for. Scholarships awarded by Greater Flint USBC Youth may be applied for, following graduation from high school, on a Greater Flint USBC Scholarship Payment Request Form. At no time may scholarships be disbursed prior to high school graduation. In order to redeem scholarships, applicants must meet MHSAA (Michigan High School Athletic Association) regulations and Greater Flint USBC Youth Association guidelines.
16. ***No coaching will be permitted*** during the Tournaments. Only bowlers, monitors/scorekeepers, and Tournament Officials are allowed in the bowling area. A SMOKE FREE environment will be observed before and during tournament play. Smoking and drinking of alcoholic beverages by adults will be permitted in designated areas only.
17. Any exceptions of Tournament Rules listed above will be resolved at the discretion of Tournament Officials. Any appeal or protest regarding scores shall be made in writing to the Tournament Manager within 24 hours. Any protest regarding eligibility shall be made in writing to the Tournament Manager before the distribution of the awards is made.

