

**HELENA USBC ASSOCIATION  
YOUTH MASTER/MASTERETTES SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT  
USBC SANCTIONED  
\$1000 ADDED MONEY FROM HARRINGTON BOTTLING COMPANY (PEPSI)**

**WHEN: JANUARY 17 & 18, 2026**

**WHERE: SLEEPING GIANT LANES HELENA MONTANA**

This is a scratch and handicap tournament. The tournament is open to all USBC Youth members only. Your USBC Youth coach or association manager must verify averages. USBC Youth membership cards are required at check-in time. All USBC Youth rules will apply and be enforced in this tournament. Tournament Manager and Committee decisions are final UNLESS AN APPEAL IS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 329.

Entries will close ½ hour before the last shift on Saturday. Re-entries will be accepted up to ½ hour before the last shift starts. You may bowl all qualifying shifts. Your highest score will be used for placement.

In the scratch division, boys and girls will be matched against each other, bowling all games scratch. In the handicap division boys and girls will be matched against each other, with handicap for boys and girls being 90% of 200.

JR GOLD RULES: See attached Rules

AVERAGES: January 1, 2026 sanctioned league averages with a minimum of 21 games will be used to determine the handicap for the handicap division bowlers. If no January 1, 2026 sanctioned league average exists, the highest 2024/2025 year end average of at least 21 games will be used. If no established sanctioned league exists, bowlers must bowl scratch.

TROPHIES: Trophies or plaques will be awarded to the first five places in each division. A high game and high series plaque will be awarded for Saturday only.

SCHOLARSHIPS: There will be a \$500 scholarship for the first place finisher in each division, a \$400 scholarship for the second place finisher in each division, a \$300 scholarship for the third place finisher in each division, a \$200 scholarship for the fourth place finisher in each division, and a \$100 scholarship for the fifth place finisher in each division. A \$100 Scholarship will be given to the highest placing girl in the scratch division if there is not a girl in the top 5. (The highest placing girl must bowl in the scratch division on Sunday).

FORMAT: Qualifying rounds will be Saturday at 9:00 AM (fresh oil) and at 12:00 PM (fresh oil). All bowlers will bowl 4 games. The top 16 bowlers from each division will advance to finals on Sunday in their respective divisions. Each bowler will be responsible for checking his or her own standings. QUALIFIERS WILL NOT BE NOTIFIED BY TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS.

DRESS CODE: All bowlers must have suitable attire. Clothing should be neat and clean. NO caps, hats, tank tops, or jeans with holes in them will be worn while bowling. Walking shorts, jeans (with no holes), slacks, or skorts may be worn. The walking shorts or skorts must be below the bowlers fingertips when arms are straight down the side. Any bowler wearing clothing deemed offensive or inappropriate (i.e. logos, pants hanging off the hips, mid-drift shirts, etc.) will be asked to change. Cell phones and music devices will not be allowed during the competition. Youth participants will not wear apparel or use bowling equipment depicting alcohol, tobacco, gambling, an illegal substance or inappropriate language/gestures during competition. Penalty: First offense will result in a verbal warning and apparel change or removal of equipment. Failure to comply will cause the bowler's scores to be disqualified and the bowler to be removed from the competition.

**TIE BREAKERS:** If a tie exists between the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> place following qualifying on Saturday, in each respective divisions, it will be settled by a 1 **GAME** roll-off at 8:00 AM prior to the start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> qualifying round on Sunday morning. If a tie in the top 8 exists after the 2<sup>nd</sup> qualifying round, placement will be decided by a 1 **game** roll-off. During match play on Sunday all ties will be settled by a 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll off between the tied bowlers.

**FINALS:** the finals will begin at 8:45 AM on Sunday. Check in time no later than 8:30 AM, Sleeping Giant Time, and if a bowler is not checked in at that time, the alternate will bowl in your place. All 16 qualifiers in both divisions will all bowl 3 games. The top 8 for each division after 3 games will advance to Match Play. Scores from Saturday do not carry over to 2<sup>nd</sup> qualifying round on Sunday.

**MATCH PLAY:** The first match play round will match the # 1 qualifier with the # 8 qualifier, and continue with the # 2 qualifier bowling against #7 and so forth in each division. Each round thereafter will match winners against winners and losers against losers in 2 separate brackets. Bowlers will continue to bowl until they lose twice. Match play continues until champions are crowned in both divisions. Match Play will be 1 game matches.

<b>ENTRY FEES: \$65.00</b>	<b>RENTY: \$50.00</b>	<b>PLEASE SEND ENTRIES TO:</b>
Bowling: \$36.00	\$21.00	<a href="mailto:helenausbc@msn.com">helenausbc@msn.com</a>
Scholarships: \$25.00	\$25.00	-or - Nancy Collick
Prizes: \$3.00 (trophies)	\$ 3.00	314 N. Fee St
Expenses \$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	Helena MT 59601
Prize fund will be returned 100%		

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **USBC #** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail** \_\_\_\_\_  
(will be used for entry confirmation)

### **SHIFTS & DIVISIONS**

(Please check one)

**9:00 AM** \_\_\_\_\_ **12:00 PM** \_\_\_\_\_

**SCRATCH** \_\_\_\_\_ **HANDICAP** \_\_\_\_\_ **Jr Gold Qualifier: Yes / No**  
(Please check one)

**JANUARY 1, 2026 AVERAGE** \_\_\_\_\_  
(21 Games Minimum) (Handicap Bowlers Only)

**END OF 2024/2025 SEASON AVERAGE** \_\_\_\_\_  
(If no January 1, 2026 average) (Handicap Bowlers Only)

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**Coach or Association Manager Verification of Average**

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**Junior Gold Qualifier:** The Junior Gold Qualifier is an optional additional qualifier for athletes who are Junior Gold Members. Jr Gold Membership may be purchased online or with the tournament director at check-in prior to the qualifying squad on Saturday. Athletes may only enter the Jr Gold Qualifier one time but does not necessarily have to be their first squad if the athlete re-enters. Only the scores for the squad the athlete paid the Jr Gold Fee for will be used regardless of if the scores are higher or lower than other squads bowled by the athlete. The athlete's 4-game scores during their Saturday squad are their Jr Gold Qualifier series total. Each Jr Gold Division will be ranked from the highest 4-game qualifying series to the lowest. Jr Gold Spots in each division will be awarded based on the 1:5 ratio.

**Junior Gold Divisions and Cost:** Two Jr Gold Qualifying Divisions will be available: U12/U14 Mixed, and U16/18 Mixed. Jr Gold Qualifying Cost for U12/U14 Athletes = \$40, and for U16/U18 Athletes = \$50. Athletes will be entered into the Jr Gold Division that their age puts them in regardless if they are bowling in the scratch or Handicap division. Only an Athletes scratch score will be used.

**Junior Gold Qualifying Ratio:** If there are more entrants over the 1:5 ratio but not enough to qualify another spot, the next-place finisher will be given the opportunity to fund any remaining shortfall between the entry money collected and the appropriate division entry fee and claim a spot in the Junior Gold Championships. This option is available only to the next player in line. If that player declines to exercise this option, the option is not available to other finishers down the line in the standings. Any excess Jr Gold funds beyond the qualifying spots paid for will be included in the tournament prize fund. For example, if there are 13 athletes in the BU16/18 Division, under the 1:5 ratio, only two athletes with the highest qualifying scores on Saturday would earn their Jr Gold spot. The athlete with the 3rd highest qualifying score would be given the option to pay an additional \$100 to fund the shortfall between entry money and the \$250 U18 division entry fee or if declined the excess entry money of \$150 will be added to the scholarship prize fund for the tournament.

**Ties:** If Ties exist between athletes who have entered the Jr Gold Qualifier, the athlete with the highest score earns the higher qualifying seed. If athletes have the same high score, the athlete with the 2nd-highest score will earn the higher qualifying seed and so on if the ties continue until the 5<sup>th</sup> highest score. If both athletes have the same five scores, a 9th/10th frame roll-off will be conducted, followed by a one-ball roll-off until the tie is broken.