



USBC Certification: High School Bowling 2025-2026

High school bowlers are eligible to obtain USBC membership during their interscholastic season. For interscholastic athletes, it is not mandatory that all members of the team are USBC members. Those who wish to join can purchase a membership. Due to recent USBC changes, the certification eligibility and process for interscholastic bowlers and competitions has been updated.

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS:

Bowlers are eligible for USBC Youth membership if they have not turned 18, prior to August 1 of the current season. High school bowlers who are not eligible to hold USBC Youth membership but still want to certify as USBC members during their interscholastic season may do so, by purchasing a USBC Adult membership.

USBC **Youth** membership (National) costs \$4 and provides the following benefits:

- USBC Youth Membership card
- USBC official average (minimum of 12 games)
- Access to the Find A Member feature on BOWL.com
- Eligible to bowl in USBC certified tournaments
- Eligible to apply for all USBC National scholarships
- Eligible to apply for the Dexter High School All-American Team
- Eligible to purchase USBC Youth Honor Scores (300 game, 800 series, 11 in a row).

USBC **Adult** membership (National) costs \$15 and provides the following benefits:

- USBC Adult membership card
- USBC official average (minimum of 21 games)
- Eligible to bowl in USBC certified tournaments
- Access to the Find A Member feature on BOWL.com
- Eligible to apply for all USBC National scholarships (where applicable)
- Eligible to apply for the *Dexter High School All-American Team*
- Eligible to receive USBC Honor Score awards (300 game, 800 series) "Once in a Lifetime"

The prices reflected above are only national USBC member dues. Additional local and/or state dues may apply.



HOW TO OBTAIN MEMBERSHIP:

There are several ways high school bowlers can obtain membership. Regardless of how membership is obtained, it is the responsibility of each individual bowler to initiate the application process.

- 1) When high school bowlers wish to apply for membership, they can have their coach obtain the membership application forms from their local center or local USBC association. Completed applications and membership payment should be returned to the designated processor (center or local USBC association).
- 2) Individual high school bowlers can apply for membership on their own.
 - For Youth/Adult members, they can go to BOWL.com/Join and purchase their membership online.
 - Please note: For awards to be accepted and an average to be obtained, a league must still be created with your local USBC association. Your local USBC association must do this.

CERTIFYING INTERSCHOLASTIC COMPETITIONS:

With the possibility of having two different memberships (Youth and Adult), the certification process has been updated. Certification is done by either the local center and/or local USBC association. Here are a few notes on certifying interscholastic competitions:

- The interscholastic season is entered as a “league,” though it may not completely operate as a regular league.
- The name of the “league” should reflect that it is high school related (ex: Brown High School or District 12 High School Teams).
- The date range for the “league” should be the high school bowling season, from the first competition through the date of the state championship.
- The “league” (interscholastic season) type entered should be designated Adult/Youth, since Adult and Youth high school members could be part of the “league.”
- High school members applying for Youth membership will be entered through the Youth online processing portal, in the Adult/Youth “league” entered in Youth Online.
- High school members applying for Adult membership would be processed by the local USBC association, in the Adult/Youth “league” entered in WinLABS.



- Bowlers who already are current USBC members should still be added to the interscholastic “league,” just like a bowler being added to multiple USBC leagues.
- Bowlers and/or coaches may request application paperwork from their local center, local USBC association or USBC National.

SUBMITTING FINAL AVERAGES:

The bowler is responsible for providing end-of-season average information to the appropriate processor. We recommend the bowler keep all records of games bowled to prove average, as other league and tournament directors can ask for proof, knowing that some high school competition allows for substitutes during the game.

- Pinfall and games used to calculate average must be bowled against another interscholastic team during interscholastic competition, competing for wins and losses.
- Bowlers may only count pinfall and games where they roll all frames of the game.
- If a substitute is used, nobody gets credit for the pinfall or game, as it pertains to USBC average calculation and use.
- Pinfall achieved during Baker games does not count toward a bowler’s average.

Coaches, parents, student-athletes and processors are encouraged to contact USBC High School with any questions regarding this membership and how to successfully obtain it.

For more information or assistance in setting up your high school team in the Youth Processing System, email us at usbchighschool@bowl.com.

