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USBC Basic Membership FAQ

Q: What benefits come as part of a USBC Youth Basic membership?

A: USBC Youth Basic Membership will cost \$5 (\$4.00 national dues and up to \$1.00 local processing fee) and be available to all youth who bowl in a league that meets for **12 sessions or less**. Benefits include:

- USBC Youth Membership Card
- USBC recognized average
- The ability to participate in USBC certified tournaments
- USBC League Champion award emblems (high game, series, average, champion and most improved average)
- USBC High Score Awards (11 in a row, 300 game, 800 and 900 series)
- Access to the USBC Youth Purchasable Awards program

Q: Does the USBC Youth Basic member pay the \$5 USBC Youth Basic membership fee for each league in which they participate?

A: Yes. The USBC Youth Basic membership is paid for each USBC Youth Basic league in which the bowler competes. For example, if the player would compete in two USBC Youth Basic leagues at the same time or during the same season, the \$5 USBC Youth Basic fees would be paid by the bowler in each league.

Q: Can a bowler purchase a USBC Youth Standard membership through a USBC Youth Basic league?

A: Yes. The bowler who purchases a USBC Youth Standard membership through a Basic League would receive the USBC Youth Jersey.

Q: Can a USBC Youth Standard member bowl in a USBC Youth Basic league without paying the \$5 USBC Youth Basic membership fee?

A: Yes. USBC Youth Standard members can participate in USBC Youth Basic leagues with no additional membership charge. However, only the benefits listed for USBC Youth Basic leagues will be provided in that league.

Q: Can a USBC Youth Roll 'N Grow or Roll 'N Grow PLUS member bowl in a USBC Youth Basic league without paying the \$5 USBC Youth Basic membership fee?

A: Yes. USBC Youth Roll 'N Grow and Roll 'N Grow PLUS members can participate in USBC Youth Basic leagues with no additional membership charge. However, only the benefits listed for USBC Youth Basic leagues will be provided in that league.



Q: In what tournaments is a USBC Basic member eligible to compete with this membership?

A: USBC Youth Basic members are automatically members of the state and local associations that have jurisdiction of the centers through which the memberships are purchased. This allows USBC Youth Basic members to compete in the local association championship events and state association championship events without the payment of any additional membership fees. USBC Youth Basic members are also eligible to compete in any other USBC Youth certified competition that allow USBC Youth Basic members to participate.

Q: Can a USBC Youth Basic league participate in the Pepsi Tournament?

A: If a USBC Youth Basic league competes during one of the league-level qualifying windows for the Pepsi tournament, the league members are eligible to conduct qualifying competition. In states that do not hold league level qualifying, ALL USBC Youth members (Standard, Roll 'n Grow and Basic) will be eligible for these direct-entry events.

Q: Will USBC Youth Basic averages be "official"?

A: Averages established based on twelve (12) or more games in USBC Youth Basic leagues will be acceptable for entry into USBC Youth tournaments in accordance with Rule 318.

Q: Will USBC Youth Basic averages be posted on BOWL.com?

A: Yes. The youth bowler average information will be available on BOWL.com.

Q: When does the USBC Youth Basic membership expire?

A: The USBC Youth Basic membership is valid for the duration of the specific league. In addition, the USBC Youth Basic membership will be recognized for tournament competition for the entire season in which it was purchased.

Q: Can a 16-session league certify as a USBC Youth Basic league?

A: No. The USBC Youth Basic membership program is limited to league competitions that are 12 or fewer sessions in length.

League Supplies/Awards

Q: Can a USBC Youth Standard member bowling in a USBC Youth Basic league earn high score award emblems/honor score rings?

A: The USBC Youth Basic membership/league is a distinct league program with a limited awards program. Participants in USBC Youth Basic leagues will not earn USBC Youth average-based awards. They will however be eligible to earn the USBC High Score Awards as listed in Rules 51a and 51b for any scores bowled during USBC Youth Basic competition.



Q: What awards are included in the USBC High Score Awards?

A: The USBC High Score Awards, also known as honor scores, are the 11 in a row, 300 game, 800 and 900 series. These are designated with an (*) in Rules 51a and 51b.

Q: How are High Score Awards processed?

A: USBC High Score Awards cannot be processed through the Youth Processing System. These awards must be processed through the local association using WinLABS.

Q: What awards will USBC provide to the 2013-14 youth leagues?

A: Each USBC league will be provided a League Champions Awards kit which consists of emblems for the following categories:

- League Champions (4)
- League High Average (2)
- League High Series (2)
- League High Game (2)
- Most Improved Average (2)

These kits are to be obtained from the local association if they are the league processor. Self-processing centers can order these kits by contacting the USBC Bowling Information Center at 1-800-514-2695 ext. 8954. This should be done at least 30 days prior to the end of the league session.

USBC also has a number of additional award emblems available for purchase which would be in addition to any awards provided locally.

Q: What average is used when determining the Most Improved Average?

A: The rules for awarding the Most Improved Average award are listed in USBC Rule 54a.

Q: What awards does USBC have available for purchase and how are they ordered?

A: A form that has the awards available for purchase from USBC can be downloaded here. Orders can be placed by contacting the USBC Bowling Information Center at 1-800-514-2695 ext. 8954.

Q: How does the processing agent order league supplies or purchase awards?

A: The Processing Agent will order the necessary league supplies and place orders for purchased awards by contacting the Bowling Information Center (BIC) @ 1-800-514-2695 ext. 8954. Initial start-up league supply orders should be sufficient to cover the expected number of leagues and youth memberships.



Membership delivery and services

Q: Who determines how memberships will be processed?

A: As the host of youth activities, the bowling center proprietor will have the first option to be the Processing Agent. If the proprietor declines this option or prefers to work through a local association, then the local association would have the option to perform those duties. If the local association chooses not to perform those duties, USBC will utilize the Alliance At Large program for the completion of duties listed in the Processing Agreement.

Q: What is the process that is followed for a center to become a Processing Agent?

A: The center wishing to designate a Processing Agent will complete the registration form in the USBC Membership Processing System. The request will be verified and the center notified when they can begin processing.

Q: What program is used to process USBC Youth memberships?

A: As part of the overall changes to the youth program, USBC created a Web-based Youth Processing System (not WinLABS) that allows USBC Youth membership and averages to be processed. This system is available to make it easier for the bowling centers and the local associations to handle the required processing duties.

Q: If the local association is the processor, will they use WinLABS to process membership?

A: No. All USBC Youth memberships are processed using the Youth Processing System. Final averages should also be processed through the Youth Processing System. Failure to process this information through the Youth Processing System causes problems with the transmittal of bowler data for members competing in multiple associations. **This DOES NOT include USBC High Score Awards (11 in a row, 300 game, 800 and 900 series) which must be processed through the local association using WinLABS.**

Q: What are the responsibilities of the Processing Agents?

A: The Processing Agreement consists of two (2) components:

- Membership Processing. This will consist of the input of data into the Youth Processing System and the submission of membership dues to USBC.
- Final Average Submission. This will consist of the input of final average information for all participants in USBC Youth certified competitions into the Youth Processing System.

These two (2) responsibilities are the only duties that would be removed from the associations list of responsibilities for centers that choose to process directly with USBC. All other duties listed in the USBC Association Policy Manual remain.



Q: What are the required timelines for the completion of the Processing Agent duties?

A: USBC rules require the league secretary to submit the completed membership applications and payment to the Processing Agent within 30 days from the start of the season. Additional memberships collected are to be forwarded to the Processing Agent within 30 days of receipt.

Final Average data is to be provided to the Processing Agent as soon as the league season has been completed and preferably before the distribution of prizes.

Q: How does the Processing Agent order league supplies?

A: League supplies are ordered by contacting the USBC Bowling Information Center at 1-800-514-2695 ext. 8954.

Q: Who does the Processing Agent contact with questions about services?

A: Support questions will go through the USBC Bowling Information Center at 1-800-514-2695 ext. 8954.

Q: What is required to authorize a change in the designated processing agent?

A: If the center is changing the individual they have designated as their processing agent, or is now having their youth leagues processed by the local association, the center must provide written notice to USBC HQ in order to facilitate a change in security settings. If the center used the local association the previous season and wants to process directly with USBC, there is no notice that needs to be provided to USBC HQ.

Q: How will the local associations receive member information if a portion of membership in their association is processed by proprietors?

A: Local associations will have the ability to access the membership processing records of all the bowlers within their jurisdiction and create reports of this information as needed. All youth bowler data submitted through the Youth Processing System will be displayed in the local association's records.

Bumper Bowlers

Q: Can bumper and/or peewee leagues be certified?

A: Yes. USBC offers a membership specifically designed for the beginning bowler age 7 or younger and it is called Roll 'N Grow. A list of the benefits provided in the Roll 'N Grow membership can be found in the next question. Bumper or peewee leagues can be certified as either Standard, Roll 'N Grow or Basic leagues. Below we have described how the different certification options work with these leagues.

1. Bumper or peewee leagues that certify as a Standard league will receive the Standard league member benefits, which include the USBC Youth jersey. Bumper



or peewee leagues that certify as STANDARD leagues **WILL NOT RECEIVE THE ROLL 'N GROW LEAGUE BENEFITS.**

2. Bumper or peewee leagues that certify as Roll 'N Grow **WILL RECEIVE THE ROLL 'N GROW MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS FOR ALL WHO PURCHASE EITHER THE ROLL 'N GROW OR ROLL 'N GROW PLUS MEMBERSHIPS.**
3. Bumper or peewee leagues that certify as Basic leagues will receive Basic league benefits only. Bumper or peewee leagues that certify as BASIC leagues **WILL NOT RECEIVE THE ROLL 'N GROW LEAGUE BENEFITS.**

Q: Can an association offer a bumper division in their tournament and are there any special limitations?

A: An association can provide a bumper division in their championship events. However, all entrants can use only his/her bumper averages for entry.