



2025 – 2026 General Travel League Rules

AS PER USBC, BOWLERS WHO ARE 18 OR OLDER PRIOR TO 8/1/2025, ARE NO LONGER A YOUTH BOWLER.

1. This league will be known as the **ROCHESTER, NY USBC YOUTH TRAVEL LEAGUE, (RNYTYL)** and shall be sanctioned and governed by USBC rules and regulations with modifications adapted by this association. A bowler must be a sanctioned member of as a USBC Youth, currently bowling in a league at their sponsoring center. If a bowler bowls in multiple centers, bowler must declare only ONE center to represent.

**** Floating sub note ** Center with no participation or floating sub.**

If at any time during the 2025-2026 RNYTYL season, a bowler quits his/her league at the sponsoring center, the bowler will no longer be eligible to participate under any center's sponsorship. If a bowler is found to be ineligible, they will receive scores of 0. Exceptions will be made with the approval of the Travel League Directors and Rochester NY USBC Youth Committee Chair.

2. The **RNYTYL** shall consist of a **Mixed Scratch League** (Triples), a **Mixed Handicap League** (Triples).

Each center will sponsor their teams from their own USBC Youth Program. ***In the event of uneven teams, or a shortage of bowlers or teams in a league, the NY USBC Youth Committee may determine to combine center/bowlers.***

3. An entering bowler's average will be determined based on the following order of priority:
 - a. **Last year's Travel League average based on 21 games.**
 - b. **If A does not apply, last year's highest book average based on 21 games.**
 - c. **If neither A or B apply, highest current average.**
4. The RNYTYL league will bowl 17 weeks with 2 split seasons of 8 weeks each plus one (1) week at the end of the season for Scholarship Tournament**, and 1 week for the Rochester, NY USBC Association City Tournament. Positions rounds will be week 8 of each season.
5. No additions/changes to a roster may be made the last 2 weeks of each split season. For each Position Round, a bowler (sub) must have bowled at least three (3) games during the travel season. Any changes must be approved by the Travel League Directors and *Rochester NY USBC Youth Committee Chair*.
6. Team championships and individual high game, high series and high average will be recognized for each league in each split season at the annual Travel/Awards Banquet. ***A bowler can win high average along with only one other individual award each split season. Award priority is scratch before handicap, series before game. A bowler must complete 15 games in a split season to receive an individual award.***



Handicap league will award the most improved male and female bowler in the league **for the entire season based on last year's travel average of a minimum of 21 games**).

The Scratch league recognizes individual point leaders for each split season.

7. If a first-place tie occurs in any league, a 3-game series must be bowled at a neutral site. If still tied, a 9th and 10th frame roll-off will determine the winner. The site will be chosen by the Travel League Directors and the Rochester NY USBC Youth Committee Chair.
8. ****Travel Scholarship Tournament.** Teams will compete as Travel teams from the 2025-2026 season. Any subs required, must be from their sponsoring center. ***Any missing bowlers from a team will receive ZERO for their scores. Any subs used for the team portion with less than 21 games, their scores will not be eligible for the Singles Tournament.***

* Any bowler who has bowled at least **three (3) games** in the RNYITL this season is eligible to participate in the Travel Scholarship Tournament for the **TEAM ONLY** under their center's sponsorship. *The singles competition of the Scholarship Tournament is limited to bowlers with 21 games or more.*
9. Bowlers who will turn 18 during the course of the season, will need to complete **Safesport Training** before permitted to bowl. Please email the certificate of completion to nicole.wakelee@rochesternyusbc.org within one (1) week of their 18th birthday
10. A waiver form must be submitted electronically by a parent or guardian to participate in the RNYITL. A link to the form will be provided. ***After week three (3), a bowler will be ineligible if their permission form has not been completed.***
11. *A supervising individual (coach) over the age of 21 shall be present for each travel team while their team(s) is competing.* We ask that each supervising adult also monitor the opposing team. If there is a team discipline problem, and a supervising individual is not present, the team will not be permitted to bowl without supervision. **All "coaches" must be a Registered Volunteer with the USBC**
12. No Pacers are permitted.
13. A bowler may only have One (1) ball on the return with no more than two balls in the settee area.
14. Bowlers are not permitted to use ANY tobacco products (vaping, etc., included), legalized marijuana, alcoholic beverages, or controlled substances while they are in competition. Anyone found to be in violation will not be permitted to compete further for that day. The bowler's series at that time will constitute their final total to be used for team points. The bowler will be suspended for the next week of travel bowling.
15. No unusual noises will be permitted during league play (i.e. whistles, horns, etc.). No headphones, ear pods, ear buds, or anything of the sort can be used in the settee area or on the



approach. Team captains to police this. ***Any further action will be handled by the Travel League Director and Rochester NY USBC Youth Committee Chair. Further action may be taken.***

16. **Poor sportsmanship and Bullying in ANY form (foul language, taunting, display of temper, etc.,) including via social media, will not be tolerated during competition and IMMEDIATE action (SUSPENSION) will occur.**

An **INFRACTION system** is in place:

The ***Rochester NY USBC Youth Committee Chair*** will report all complaints and dispositions to the Rochester NY USBC President. Further disciplinary action will be administered by the Board.

ALL infractions will carry over week to week and will reset at the start of the second session.

18. The bowling fee will be \$18.00 per week for the Handicap and Scratch Divisions. Payment is due in the envelope PRIOR to the start of competition. Please see Rule #12, supervising individual will be approached first to be notified of the situation. If it cannot be handled by the supervising individual, the bowler will not be allowed to participate that day. Each team is expected to have \$54 in the envelope. RNYTTL Director will be responsible for league payments and for recording all absentee shortages. *The Rochester NY USBC Association Manager will bill the sponsoring center for missing monies.*
- a. All fines collected will be used to defray banquet expenses.
19. There will be no charge for bowling shoes.
20. Uniforms will consist of collared (or mock collared) shirts with the center name, and loose-fitting neat slacks (jeans permitted with no holes or tears), and dress shorts, skirts or skorts (must be no more than 2-3" above the knee) for all bowlers. NO apparel made of fleece, NO Lycra/spandex like material (yoga pants), and NO athletic wear. NO SKIN, NO UNDERWEAR SHOWING. NO head covering or sunglasses can be worn. Once competition begins, your team shirt shall not be concealed. Four (4) weeks after the start of travel, a bowler with any dress code infraction will be fined \$5.00 for the first offense. Second offense will be \$10, and a week's suspension for the 3rd offense. Further offenses are the subject to review by the RNYTTL Travel Directors and the Youth Committee. Fines are due within 2 weeks, or the bowler may be ineligible to bowl.
21. If a sponsoring center does not provide their team shirts by the *fourth week of travel, or proof of order, the center will be fined \$5.00 per bowler*. No commercial sponsors are permitted on the shirts. The centers are responsible for providing substitutes with team shirts. Subs may bowl one time without a team shirt. All fines will be recorded by the RNYTTL Directors and submitted to the Rochester NY USBC Youth Committee Chair. *The Rochester NY USBC Association Manager will bill the sponsoring center.*
22. If a RNYTTL Director can't be present, Rochester NY USBC Youth Committee Chair will be notified, and they will designate a director for that day.



23. The Rochester NY USBC President or the Rochester NY USBC Youth Committee Chair will determine any cancellations due to inclement weather etc. This will be posted on the Rochester NY USBC website and Facebook page. If necessary, a postponement*** will be arranged. If an entire league does not bowl, a make-up must take place in the center where the cancellation took place before the last week of the season.

***Postponements will be permitted for any USBC or High School Bowling event with the following:

Written notice of the request with the reason being submitted to the Rochester NY USBC Youth Committee Chair **at least 3 weeks** prior to the scheduled event. **The requesting team is responsible for contacting the center for said event and arranging the scheduling of the postponement pre-bowl. The pre-bowl must be completed before the original scheduled event.** Scores from the pre-bowl will be printed in their entirety and given to the RNYITL Director, by the center on the day of the originally scheduled event.

24. Each team shall elect a captain the first week of bowling. Team captains, coaches and the supervising individual will need to attend a meeting on the second week of travel before competition starts. This meeting will define all roles.
25. Only bowlers, the RNYITL Director, Rochester NY USBC Youth Committee Chair, RNYITL League Secretary, and bowling center personnel are allowed in the settee area.
26. All other items not covered above will be resolved by the RNYITL Director, Rochester NY USBC Youth Committee Chair, or the Rochester NY USBC President in accordance with the USBC rulebook.

Time will be given for all bowlers and parents to read and review the rules. You will have until week 3 to submit your waiver form to avoid not participating until the form is filled out and turned in.

RNYITL Handicap Director: Pam Mott-French

RNYITL Scratch Director: Jim McGrath

RNYITL League Secretary: Cindy Burnett

Rochester NY USBC Youth Committee Chairs: Jamie Masclee & Nicole Wakelee

Rochester NY USBC President: Shanna Chepelsky