

Age divisions: U10 U12 U15 U18 (U) = Under

****NOTE** Youth individuals must be 18 years of age prior to August 1 based on the current season of July 1 2025 through May 31, 2026. If the individual begins a season prior to their 18th birthday and turns 18 on August 1, and is in good standing, they will be eligible for a youth award.**

The same person may win all three awards. The age of the bowler as of August 1, 2025, will determine which age division the bowler should be in. The names of the winners will be printed in the Awards Presentation Program.

BOWLER OF THE YEAR - Any local association or NMUSBC certified bowler may submit one male and one female candidate annually for consideration for this honor.

Submissions will be reviewed by the recognition committee and presented to the board for approval. An award will be presented to a male and female. Youth must be 18 years of age prior to August 1 based on the current season of July 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026. If the individual turns 18 on August 1 and is in good standing, they are eligible to submit a nomination package). The purpose of this award is to recognize youth bowlers for their dedicated enthusiasm to the sport of bowling. The award criteria will be based on the following: years bowled, immediate past year's, highest average, highest game and series, most improvement, leagues participated in, participation in local, state and other tournaments and offices held local and state.

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STAR OF THE FUTURE - Any local association or NMUSBC certified bowler may submit one male and one female candidate annually for consideration for this honor. Submissions will be reviewed by the recognition committee and presented to the board for approval. A \$500 SMART scholarship and an award will be presented to one male and one female youth at least 18 years of **age on or before** August 1, 2025, still bowling (at least 21 game average) and in good standing in a certified youth program for the 2025 - 2026 Season. The winners will also be nominated for the appropriate national USBC Youth award (i.e., USBC Annual Zeb Scholarship, USBC Alberta E. Crowe Star of Tomorrow, USBC Youth Ambassador of the Year, etc.). The purpose of this award is to recognize NMUSBC youth for their exemplary contributions to the sport of bowling, academic achievements and community involvement. The award criteria will be based on the following: distinguished certified bowling performance on the local, regional, state and other levels, dedication to the promotion of the sport of bowling, academic achievements, extracurricular involvement on a community and/or state level.

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ADULT AWARDS

STATE TOURNAMENTS - First Place Scratch winners in each of the events and divisions of the Open and Women's Tournaments (**with the exception of** Scratch All Events where cash prizes were awarded) will be presented an award and will be listed in the Award Presentation Program.

BOWLER OF THE YEAR- Any local association or NMUSBC certified bowler may submit one male and one female candidate annually for consideration for this honor. An award will be given annually to one male and one female currently (at least 21 game average) in a certified USBC league and in good standing, for his/her dedicated enthusiasm to the sport of bowling. The award criteria will be based on the following: for years bowled, highest average, highest game and series, most improvement, leagues participated in, participation in local, state and other tournaments and offices held local, state and any community services. Must have participated in one (1) state tournament.

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HALL OF FAME - MERITORIOUS SERVICE (Lifetime) - Any local association or NMUSBC certified bowler may submit one male and one female candidate annually for consideration for this honor. An award will be given to one male and one female who have contributed outstanding meritorious service to the sport of bowling in the state of New Mexico. To be considered, a candidate **must have met all 3** of the following criteria:

1. Must have been a league official (officer, team captain, committee member) a minimum of 6 years (does not have to be consecutive years).
2. Must have served as a local association official; director, officer or committee member a minimum of 6 years (does not have to be consecutive years).
3. Must have served as a state association official; delegate, director, officer or committee member a minimum of 6 years (does not have to be consecutive years).

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HALL OF FAME - SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE (Lifetime) -Any local association or NMUSBC certified bowler may submit one male and one female candidate annually for consideration for this honor. An award will be given to one male and one female who have displayed outstanding ability in the sport of bowling in the state of New Mexico. To be considered, a candidate **must have met all 3** of the following criteria:

1. Must have carried a 175 (female), 200 (male) or higher average in New Mexico for a minimum of 10 years (does not have to be consecutive).
2. Must have participated in a minimum of 10 NMUSBC state tournaments, 10 local tournaments and a minimum of 5 national tournaments.
3. Must have accomplished at least 1 honor score award, i.e., 298, 299, 300 game, 11 in a row, 700 or higher series (females only), or 800 or more series.

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