

CENTRAL ALABAMA USBC ASSOCIATION AWARDS POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Committee Structure, Responsibilities, and Tasks

Purpose: The purpose of the Central Alabama USBC Association Awards Program is to **recognize** its members for their bowling achievements. We will recognize male, female, senior male, senior female, youth male, and youth female bowlers. The USBC award achievements are covered under current USBC guidelines. The Central Alabama USBC Association award requirements are covered under this policy and the current Central Alabama USBC Association bylaws.

Jurisdiction: All awards will be under the jurisdiction of the Awards Committee. The Central Alabama USBC Association President will appoint committee members. The committee will perform all tasks necessary to fulfill the needs of the awards program.

Responsibilities of the Chairperson of the Awards Committee: The chairperson of the Awards Committee is responsible to the Central Alabama USBC Association Board of Directors. The duties include scheduling and conducting meetings of the Awards Committee and reporting results of these meetings to the Board of Directors. The chairperson is responsible for entering all awards into the current software program(s) and maintaining all records of such awards. In addition, the chairperson will provide all awards information to the Central Alabama Association's web site at (www.alabamabowling/caba). The chairperson is further responsible for ordering and procuring all awards such as shirts, jackets, emblems, plaques/trophies or any other awards approved by members of the Awards Committee.

Responsibilities of Members of the Awards Committee: Members of the Awards Committee are responsible to the Awards Chairperson for coordinating and assisting him/her in carrying out his/her responsibilities.

Maintenance of Records: All award applications will be maintained by the Awards Chairperson utilizing current software program(s). All high score applications and records will be maintained for 25 years. All achievement applications and records will be maintained for a period of 2 years. Award applications are to be filed alphabetically and other awards correspondence and records filed by subject.

Tasks to be accomplished: Although not limited to the following, these tasks will be accomplished by the Awards Chairperson:

1. Utilizing current association program(s) data provide an Awards Report at all Central Alabama USBC Association meetings.
2. Utilizing current association program(s) data, to assist in the naming of the Bowler of the Year for the male, female, senior male, senior female, youth male, and youth female.
3. Utilizing current association program(s) data, name the recipients of the male, female, senior male, senior female, youth male, and youth female All-Star teams.
4. Determine the winners of the USBC Merit Awards for the male, female, youth male, and youth female consisting of high average, high series scratch, and high game scratch.
5. Take an inventory of all USBC and CAA awards on hand at the conclusion of the winter season and order necessary awards.
6. Determine an awards budget to be effective on August 1st of each year.

General Guidance

Qualifying Rules for Average Based Awards:

1. If 12 games or more have been bowled in the league in the current season, use the current average.
2. If less than 12 games in the current season, use last season's final average for 21 games or more from the same league.
3. For a new bowler in the league with less than 12 games, use last season's highest average for 21 games or more in any league.
4. For a bowler who has not established an average in the preceding season, the highest average of 21 games or more from the summer league just completed shall be used.
5. In a summer league, when a bowler has not established an average in the preceding season, the highest average of 21 games or more from the regular season just completed shall be used.
6. A new bowler in a league who does not have a previous season's average must bowl 12 games to be eligible for any awards.

Note: There are no average requirements for the Clean Sweep, 275-300 games, 11 in-a-row, 650-900 (women/youth) or 700-900 (men) series award.

Qualifying Rules for Bowlers of the Year and All-Star Teams:

1. **Adult** – Bowlers of the Year and All-Star teams are selected based on honor scores and ending averages for the current season August 1 – July 31. The honor scores 298-299-300, 11 in-a-row, 650-900 (women), and 700-900 (men) will continue to be compiled until the completion of the current season or until July 31st. Additional information and criteria is furnished under Part A – Central Alabama USBC Association Adult Awards.
2. **Youth** – All-Star teams are selected based on ending averages for the current winter season. Additional information and criteria is furnished for both the youth All-Star teams and Youth Bowlers of the Year under Part B – Central Alabama USBC Association Youth Awards.
3. **Sport League Averages** – *For both Bowlers of the Year and All-Star teams, average points will be adjusted using the USBC average adjustment scale.*

Procedures for Award Applications

1. The league secretary will complete the Central Alabama USBC Association Award Application forms.
2. If the award is USBC Honor Score Award, a USBC Honor Score Award Application for 11 in-a-row, 300 game, 800 and 900 series must also be completed.
3. All applications must be filled out completely.
4. Award applications may be placed in the Central Alabama USBC Association “mail boxes” located at each bowling center or e-mailed to assocmgr@knology.net. Those secretaries using the BLS system or similar software may utilize the forms from those systems.
5. All award applications must be completed and turned in within 20 days of the achievement.
6. The Lane Certification numbers are as follows:
 - a. Bama Lanes Montgomery – 11760
 - b. Bama Lanes Prattville – 30006
 - c. BRC Woodmere Lanes – 05336
 - d. Maxwell Lanes – 07502
 - e. Gunter Lanes – 00032
 - f. AMF Auburn Lanes – 10547
 - g. Ace Bowling Center - 30291
7. The League Certification number can be found on the top right hand corner of the league certification application form.
8. The bowler’s ID number is found on the front of their USBC card (each bowler has a unique and lifetime number).
9. The Central Alabama USBC Association number is 82337

PART A – CENTRAL ALABAMA USBC ASSOCIATION ADULT AWARDS

<i>Game Awards</i>	<i>Average Basis</i>
<i>175 Game</i>	<i>150 average or less</i>
<i>275 – 297 Game</i>	<i>any average</i>
<i>300 game</i>	<i>any average</i>
<i>Series Awards</i>	<i>Average Basis</i>
<i>525 Series</i>	<i>160 average or less</i>
<i>550 Series</i>	<i>170 average or less</i>
<i>575 Series</i>	<i>175 average or less</i>
<i>625 Series</i>	<i>185 average or less</i>
<i>*650 Series</i>	<i>190 average or less</i>
<i>675 Series</i>	<i>200 average or less</i>
<i>700 Series</i>	<i>any average</i>
<i>750 Series</i>	<i>any average</i>
<i>800-900 Series</i>	<i>any average</i>
<i>Special Award</i>	
<i>**Clean Sweep Series</i>	<i>any average</i>

****For 650 – 900 series any average will be the basis for women***

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USBC and Central Alabama USBC Association Award Definitions

1. A **high score award** is defined as a 300 game, 11 in-a-row, 800-900 series presented by USBC.
2. An **achievement award** is defined as any other award presented by USBC or the Central Alabama USBC Association.

Supplements to High Score/Achievement Awards

1. All game and series awards are based on a scratch basis.
2. Only one jacket will be awarded in the bowler's lifetime which is based on a high score award. However, any bowler may, at their expense, purchase additional jackets from the association.
3. A male bowler will receive a shirt for a 750-799 series and a female bowler will receive a shirt for a 650-799 series. A bowler may only receive one shirt lifetime. However, any bowler may, at their expense, purchase additional shirts from the association.
4. All high score awards must be completed on the USBC High Score Award Application. All achievements must be completed on the USBC and Central Alabama Association Awards Application (Note: BLS or similar software programs will be accepted).
5. Central Alabama USBC Association awards will only be given for local certified leagues and tournaments.
6. All awards are limited to one award per achievement per current season. However, in the event that a bowler qualifies for more than one award during a series, he or she will only receive the higher game and/or series award.
7. Senior bowlers are defined as any bowler who has attained the age of 55 as of August 1st of the current season.

Central Alabama USBC Association All-Star Teams

At the conclusion of the bowling season (July 31st) there will be four All-Star teams selected consisting of five members each as indicated below. The criteria for the All-Star teams will be the same as used for the Central Alabama USBC Association Bowler of the Year.

1. **Men** – The top 5 bowlers finishing in the Bowler of the Year competition.
2. **Senior Men** – The top 5 bowlers finishing in the Senior Bowler of the Year competition.
3. **Women** – The top 5 bowlers finishing in the Bowler of the Year competition.
4. **Senior Women** – The top 5 bowlers finishing in the Female Bowler of the Year competition.

Note: A bowler may only be a member of one All-Star team with the regular team taking priority if a senior man or senior woman qualifies for both teams.

USBC Award of Merit (USBC Rule 52b)

In addition to the USBC high Score and the USBC Special Achievement Awards, USBC will issue an Award of Merit to bowlers who bowl the highest average, single game (the single game merit award will not be issued when a bowler during the same season has bowled a 298-299-300 game) and three game series.

The average award must be based on a minimum of 66 games. There is no minimum number of games for the game or series award. The date requirements are from August 1st thru July 31st of the current bowling season. There will be separate awards for male and female bowlers. The USBC Award of Merit applications are submitted through WinLABS.

Most Improved Bowler Awards

These awards will be presented each year to the bowlers who show the greatest improvement in average in any league or leagues in the Central Alabama USBC Association during its season. A bowler's increase in average is determined by comparing the bowler's final highest average for the current season with that bowler's final highest average for the preceding season based on at least 60 games in both the current and preceding season. Four awards will be given, one female age 54 and under, one female age 55 and over, one male age 54 and under, and one male age 55 and over. The WinLABS data base will be used to determine the winners. Summer league averages will not count.

Central Alabama USBC Association Bowlers of the Year

The Central Alabama USBC Association will select Bowlers of the Year to honor the man and woman (age 54 and below and the senior man and senior woman (age 55 and above) based on the following:

Qualifications

1. Any USBC certified bowler in good standing with the association.
2. For average point calculations, **60 games** or more must have been bowled in a Central Alabama USBC Association league during the current season (August 1 – July 31). There are no minimum game requirements for high score games and/or series. ***Games and/or series bowled in Central Alabama USBC Association certified leagues and tournaments with games and/or series bowled as substitutes to count.***
3. The following average minimums will be used: Men 200, Women 175, Senior Men 190, and Senior Women 165. A minimum of **60** games as outlined above applies.

Point Calculations

Multiple Bowling Center Participation – 2 points for averaging at least 200 (Men), 175 (Women), 190 (Senior Men), and 165 (Senior Women) in two or more bowling centers.

Averages

Men

4 points 215 plus
3 points 210-214
2 points 205-209
1 point 200-204
Less 1 point for every average below 200

Senior Men

4 points 205 plus
3 points 200-204
2 points 195-199
1 point 190-194
Less 1 point for every average below 190

Women

4 points 190 plus
3 points 185-189
2 points 180-184
1 point 175-179
Less 1 point for every average below 175

Senior Women

4 points 180 plus
3 points 175-179
2 points 170-174
1 points 165-169
Less 1 point for every average below 165

*High Scores – Series (Men and Women)

7 points for every 800 series
6 points for every 775 to 799 series
5 points for every 750 to 774 series
4 points for every 725 to 749 series
3 points for every 700 to 724 series
2 points for every 675 to 699 series (Women Only)
1 point for every 650 to 674 series (Women Only)

* High Scores – Games (Men and Women)

5 points for every 300 game
4 points for every 299 game
3 points for every 298 game
2 points for every 11 in-a-row
(not including 298 or 299 game)

*High Average in the Association – Men

5 points for high average
4 points for 2nd high average
3 points for 3rd high average
2 points for 4th high average
1 point for 5th high average

*High Average in the Association – Women

5 points for high average
4 points for 2nd high average
3 points for 3rd high average
2 points for 4th high average
1 point for 5th high average

***Also applies to Senior Men and Senior Women**

Note: Points will not be awarded for multiple places within the top 5

***High Series in the Association – Men**

5 points

****Also applies to Senior Men and Senior Women***

***High Series in the Association – Women**

5 points

Clean Sweep Series

1 point (printout required for validation)

NOTE: Should a tie exist for Bowler of the Year, the award shall be decided on the basis of the bowler with the highest composite average across all leagues in all centers.

PART B – CENTRAL ALABAMA USBC ASSOCIATION YOUTH AWARDS

Game Awards

Average Basis

225 Game

If average is 224 or less

250 Game

if average is 249 or less

275 to 297 Game

any average

300 Game

any average

Series Awards

525 Series

Series awards are limited to one per season per achievement. Once an

575 Series

award has been earned in any classification,

625 Series

Bowlers are only eligible for the higher awards on a progressive basis.

650 Series (Girls)

675 Series

700 Series (Girls/Boys)

800 Series

Special Achievement Award

Clean Sweep Series

Supplements to High Score/Achievement Awards

1. A male youth bowler will receive a shirt for a 700-900 series and a female youth bowler will receive a shirt for a 650-900 series.
2. All high score awards must be completed on the USBC High Score Award Application. All achievement awards must be completed on the USBC and Central Alabama Association Youth Awards Application or recognized league secretary software.
3. Central Alabama USBC Association awards will only be given for local certified leagues and tournaments.
4. All awards are limited to one award per achievement per current season.

Central Alabama USBC Association Youth Bowlers of the Year

- 1. At the conclusion of the current winter season, one (1) youth male bowler and one (1) youth female bowler will be honored as the Central Alabama USBC Association Youth Bowlers of the Year. The bowlers will be selected by the Youth Committee from nominees submitted and forwarded to the Awards Committee who will procure an appropriate award. Each center will submit one (1) youth male bowler and one (1) youth female bowler by the closing date established by the Youth Committee. Any coach, youth director, or youth supervisor from a center may submit nominations but only one (1) youth male and one (1) youth female will be forwarded for consideration. All nominations must be submitted in writing in Microsoft Word format and must include the bowler's name and bowling center. Nominations will also include, but are not limited to, the nominee's skill, sportsmanship, attendance, dedication to the sport of bowling, community involvement, and scholastic achievements. The selectee's name will be confidential and will be announced at the Association's Annual Awards Ceremony. The individual must be certified only as a youth bowler for the entire current winter season. Should the bowler elect to move up to an adult league or bowl as an adult in either a league or tournament during the current winter season, they will not be eligible for the Youth Bowler of the Year award.***

Central Alabama USBC Association Youth All-Star Teams

At the conclusion of the current winter season, there will be ten (10) Youth All-Star teams selected. The Youth All-Star teams are as follows:

Male – Bantam, Prep, Junior, Major, Senior
Female – Bantam, Prep, Junior, Major, Senior

- 1. Bantam bowlers are those who are 8 years of age and under prior to the start of the current season.**
- 2. Prep bowlers are those who are 9 thru 11 years of age prior to the start of the current season.**
- 3. Junior bowlers are those who are 12 thru 14 years of age prior to the start of the current season.**
- 4. Major bowlers are those who are 15 thru 17 years of age prior to the start of the current season.**
- 5. Senior bowlers are those who are 18 thru 20 years of age prior to the start of the current season.**

Criteria to Be Used In Selecting the All-Star Team Members

- 1 The individual must be certified only as a youth bowler for the entire current winter season. Should the bowler elect to move up to an adult league or bowl as an adult in either a league or tournament during the current winter season, they will not be eligible for the youth All-Star team.***

2. All leagues that the individual participated in must have their final average sheet on file with the Central Alabama USBC Association
3. All eligible bowlers must have bowled in at least 51% of the games in their league.
4. The Awards Committee will select the top 5 individuals based on their average (ties will be decided on the percentage of a full pin) for each of the youth All-Star teams.

Central Alabama USBC Association Annual Youth Awards

These special **SPONSORED** youth awards will be awarded to the youth male and youth female bowlers within the Central Alabama USBC Association who have achieved the highest average, highest series handicap, highest series scratch, highest game handicap, and highest game scratch within their appropriate division for the current winter season. A youth bowler is eligible to receive only **one** award. The divisions are based on the age of the individual prior to the beginning of the current winter season. The following defines the divisions:

Division	Age as of August 1st of the Current Season
Bantam	8 years of age and under
Prep	9 thru 11 years of age
Junior	12 thru 14 years of age
Major	15 thru 17 years of age
Senior	18 thru 20 years of age

These awards are sponsored by outside individuals and/or businesses. In the event that no individual and/or business sponsors have been obtained, the Central Alabama USBC Association will sponsor the award(s).

Award	Sponsor
High Average	Coach Bill Hause
High Series Handicap	Statewide Realty (Hank Escaravage)
High Series Scratch	Statewide Realty (Hank Escaravage)
High Game Handicap	Bama Lanes (Steve Lander)
High Game Scratch	1st Place Trophies (Barbara Truelove)

Ties: In the event of ties for game and/or series awards, duplicate awards will be given. In the event for ties for high average, the winner will be decided on the percentage of a full pin.

Eligibility: For a bowler's average, series, or game to be considered, they must have bowled at least 51% of the games (minimum 39 games) in the league and be a certified bowler in the Central Alabama USBC Association. **Note:** If there are two seasons but the league is certified as a single league, you would add the number of weeks in both seasons together; multiply the weeks by the number of games bowled each week and then divide that number by 2. If you have a decimal, round up the next whole number and that will be the number of games needed to be eligible. For example: 1st season has 12 weeks and the 2nd season has 17 weeks. (12+17=29), 3 games are bowled each week (29x3=87); divide total games by 2 (87/2=43.5) round up to 44. In order to be eligible the bowler must have bowled 44 games in the league (this is a combination of the number of games bowled in the 1st and 2nd seasons). If certified separately, then treat each season as a separate league.

To compute the handicap high game and series, the following will apply:

1. Handicap game will be 90% of 200 using the youth's average at the time the game was bowled plus the scratch score.
2. Handicap series will be 90% of 200 using the youth's average at the time the series was bowled plus the scratch score.

The Youth Committee will be responsible for selecting the individuals for the awards based on compiled league records. Each year an adult youth representative on the Youth Committee will be responsible for the following:

1. ***Solicit information from all youth leagues, Generation Gap leagues, or any other certified leagues where youth bowlers participate.***
2. ***Notify all youth recipients of any awards they will be receiving at the annual Awards Ceremony***

The Awards Committee will be responsible for the following:

1. ***Determine what the cost of the awards will be.***
2. ***Contact the sponsors and collect the money for the purchase of the awards. If a new sponsor is needed they will make every effort to locate one.***
3. ***Make arrangements for the awards to be presented at the first Central Alabama USBC Association meeting in the month of September.***
4. ***Arrange to have the sponsors present the awards.***

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