

# **2026 “Denning-Mullinex-Sammons”**

## **Handicap Youth Championships**

**March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026 1pm**

**\*Check-in Starts at 12:15pm**

**\*Additional squads with walk-ins permitted may be added in the event of a postponement.**

### ***Mid County Lanes***

875 N Broad St  
Middletown, DE 19709  
302-378-0677

### **ONLINE REGISTRATION**



1) Name	2) USBC Number	3) Bowling Center & League
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5) Parent Name	6) Parent Phone	4) Bowler Average
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7) Division Based on Average as of February 22, 2026		
“Sammons” (0-100) \$40.00	“Mullinex” (101- 150) \$50.00	“Denning” (151 – Up) \$50.00

**Laura Marino, Tournament Manager**  
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Make checks payable to: **DSUSBCY**  
**Only cash and check accepted on the day of the tournament.**

## **Tournament Rules**

1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress and will be governed by the rules of USBC. Participant must be a USBC Youth member participating in a certified youth program. Minimum of 9 games. Handicap 90% of 230.
2. Participants in the Tournament must be neat in appearance and meet the following dress code rules:
  - a. Athletes must wear collared shirts (Tee-shirts from youth bowling programs acceptable) Shirts must cover entire midriff area or be tucked in.
  - b. Shorts and skirts are allowed but must be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee. Pants must be worn at the waist or held there with a belt. Torn or cut jeans, **Yoga and Pajama Pants are not allowed.**
  - c. No hats of any kind are permitted (except for religious reasons).
  - d. All clothing apparel must be of the correct size. (I.E.: if wear medium shirt, xxxl not acceptable). Advertisements on apparel or bowling equipment depicting alcohol, tobacco, gambling or inappropriate language/gestures during tournament competition will not be allowed.
  - e. **NO FOUL LANGUAGE ALLOWED OR YOU WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**
3. I-pods and e-readers will be permitted in the music or read only mode, with reasonable volume levels. No handheld video games or cell phones will be allowed. They will not be allowed on the lanes during bowling only in the settee area. **No earbuds or headphones on lanes.**
4. Competition will be conducted in **3 divisions based on the participant's average as of February 22, 2026**, as listed below.

<b>A. "Sammons" Division - 100 and under</b>	<b>B. "Mullinex" Division -101-150</b>	<b>C. "Denning" Division -151 and up</b>
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5. Association earned awards are based on the member's league average.
6. One lane courtesy will be observed to keep a consistent pace.
7. All bowlers must check in at tournament desk ½ hour prior to schedule bowling time. At the qualifier, tardy/not present players will be permitted to bowl in competition but will receive zero for all frames missed. At the finals, replacements may be used for bowlers not present 15 minutes prior to squad time. Replacements will be eligible based on order of finish in the qualifying round.
8. Bowlers will be allowed 10 min practice on their starting pair for qualifiers, and 2 balls on each lane for the finals. To keep a consistent pace, 1 lane courtesy will be observed
9. Only bowlers and tournament officials will be permitted in the settee area.
10. SCORING:
  - a. Div. Denning & Mullinex: Five game qualifier (moving pairs). After 5 games, the 1st thru 3rd handicap series will advance to the step ladder finals following the qualifiers on the same day. Total pins will be dropped from the qualifying round into the final round.
  - b. Sammons Division: Four game finals non-moving pairs. Highest handicap series will determine winner
11. TIES: If a tie occurs it will be broken by an additional ninth and tenth frame roll-off. (REFER TO RULE 326A)
12. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the tournament director no later than the start of the next block of the tournament.
13. Rule 329 allows for the filing of protests up to 72 hrs. after competition to the tournament director. Each protest under this rule must be specific in itself.
14. AWARDS: Symbolic awards will be given to each of the five finalists in Div. A. Symbolic awards will be given in Div. B at a ratio 1 in 10 or major fraction thereof.
15. Scholarship money will be distributed depending upon the number of entries per division. Guaranteed scholarships are below. Scholarships will increase if there are more than 10 entries in a particular division, below is the guaranteed scholarships for each division:

# Entries	Mullinex & Denning Divisions	Sammons Division
<b>10 Entries</b>	\$225 for 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$150 for 1 <sup>st</sup> Place
<b>9 Entries</b>	\$200 for 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$125 for 1 <sup>st</sup> Place
<b>8 Entries</b>	\$175 for 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$100 for 1 <sup>st</sup> Place
<b>7 Entries</b>	\$150 for 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$75 for 1 <sup>st</sup> Place
<b>6 Entries or Less</b>	\$125 for 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$50 for 1 <sup>st</sup> Place
16. Delaware scholarships are managed by Laura Marino (302-593-3652). Scholarships are handled through the Smart SF (1-800-514-2695 ext. 8968) per USBC Rule 309 and 301d.
17. **Returned checks are subject to a \$40 NSF charge. \*\* Any checks returned for NSF will not be accepted from that individual or organization again. Only a money order or cash will be accepted. \*\***
18. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the state tournament committee: **Laura Marino, Chair, Tom Welker, Justin Marino, and Sharon Bey.**