

## **URGENT NEWS RELEASE**

**It is with regret that the Montana USBC state bowling association, due to the Covid-19 crisis, has to cancel its Open State tournament in Missoula, Women's State tournament in Billings and Youth State tournament in Great Falls for 2020. All three of those tournaments were scheduled to start the weekend of April 17-19. This decision was recently made by the Montana USBC board of directors.**

**Additionally, the Youth Bowling Championships (YBC) state tournament that was originally scheduled for May 1-3 in Helena has been postponed and moved to June 12-14 also in Helena. The YBC is a state qualifier for the national Junior Gold tournament, which is still scheduled for July in Las Vegas, and not intended to be cancelled unless absolutely necessary.**

**All entry fees for the Open, Women's and Youth tournaments will be refunded in as timely manner as possible.**