



RULES AND FORMAT

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1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (#04498) and shall be governed by USBC rules. All athletes participating in the tournament must be a USBC Youth member to participate.
2. Advancement ratio from league competition to the state competition is 1 for 1 - 100%. All USBC youth bowlers in each league are eligible for this tournament and can advance directly to the state competition.
3. Advances out of the league level must remain in the division they qualified in during all subsequent levels. If a bowler advances out of league level in more than one state, the bowler must declare one state to continue competing before the next competition level. Participation in any level of competition past the league level in more than one state will result in automatic disqualification.
4. State competition will take place at Paradise Lanes, 820 Cooper Road, Jackson, MS 39212 on Saturday, March 31 - Sunday, April 1, 2012. Squad times are 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. both days.
5. Entry closing date is Feb. 27, 2012. Tournament entry forms containing qualifier's name, address, date of birth, USBC Membership Number, and social security number must be submitted to the tournament director by this date. **STANDING SHEETS MUST ACCOMPANY THE ENTRY FORM.**
6. Divisions are based on the participant's age as August 1, 2011. **Please note that the age rule has changed and athletes must not have reached the age of 20 on or before August 1, 2011 in order to participate.** Athletes must choose the division in which they will compete. ***** Bowlers in the 12 and above age division who have an entering average of 211 or higher MUST compete in the Scratch division.***** Competition will be conducted in the following divisions: Ages 11 and under - Boys and Girls Handicap; Ages 12 and above - Boys and Girls Handicap and Boys and Girls Scratch. Athletes are not mandated to be USBC Junior Gold members to enter the Scratch Division.

However, athletes must be USBC Junior Gold Members or be eligible and buy membership prior to advancement to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships.

7. Tournament format shall be: Divisions in Ages 11 and under will bowl three (3) games. Divisions in Ages 12 and above will bowl six (6) games. Total pinfall, plus handicap where applicable, will determine winners in each division.

8. Entry Fee is:

	Ages 11 and Under	Ages 12 and Above
Lineage	\$ 7.00	\$14.00
Expenses	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50
Awards	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Scholarships	\$ 6.50	\$ 6.50
TOTAL	\$17.00	\$24.00

There will be no refunds of any entry fee. Replacements are allowed for bowlers that could not attend due to last minute conflicts. Awards and scholarship fees shall be returned 100% to the bowlers. All scholarship fees will be deposited in the SMART Program, Account Number 8529.

9. ALL BOWLERS MUST WEAR SUITABLE ATTIRE. Dress code is as follows: Coaches will be responsible for all bowlers being properly attired. No caps, hats, tank tops or short-shorts will be worn while bowling. USBC Youth Jersey will be considered proper attire for this tournament. *****Youth participants will not wear apparel or use bowling equipment depicting alcohol, tobacco, gambling, an illegal substance or inappropriate language/gestures during competition. Penalty: First offense will result in a verbal warning and apparel change or removal of equipment. Failure to comply will cause the bowler's scores to be disqualified and the bowler to be removed from the competition.***** No smoking by guests or athletes in this bowling center during this event. Bowlers during the course of this tournament may not use liquor or illegal substances in any form. **No profanity will be tolerated.** All bowlers are expected to observe good sportsmanship and bowling courtesy at all times. Failure to observe this rule could result in disqualification.
10. No cell phones, I pods, or any other electronic device will be allowed in the bowling area. In addition these devices will not be allowed to be used by any athlete while they are participating in the tournament.
11. Bowlers must check in 45 minutes prior to squad time.
12. Competitors shall be allowed 10 minutes of practice time.
13. Bowlers arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. Missed frames shall be credited with a zero. A bowler not present to bowl when it's their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
14. Bowlers shall use their highest current certified league average (winter, summer or travel), minimum of twelve (12) games, as of February 13, 2012. If the minimum has not been met, the bowler will present a league standing sheet closest to the date of competition. Averages must be verified by a standing sheet.

15. Handicap shall be 100% of the difference between the bowlers' average and 210.
16. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
17. Ties for 1st place will be broken by a one game roll-off. Should a tie still exist, it will be broken by an additional ninth and 10th frame roll-off, plus one tenth of handicap per frame where applicable. (Refer to rule 326a).
18. 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 or 30 minutes after the completion of competition. Questionable errors shall be decided upon by the tournament director. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the tournament director within 72 hours after the end of the tournament. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
19. Symbolic awards will be given as follows:
One for every 10 entries in each division.
Divisions: 11 and under - Plaques - Boy and Girl
 12 and over - Plaques - Boy and Girl
20. Scholarships will be awarded based on the number of entries: \$175.00 being the least amount in All divisions — Boys and Girls - First and Second Place Only.
21. The first and second place winners of the 12 and above Girls' and Boys' Scratch Divisions will advance to the 2012 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships, July 14-20, in Indianapolis, Indiana. They must have a USBC Junior Gold membership or purchase a USBC Junior Gold membership prior to the championships. USBC will waive the \$200 entry fee for these athletes. All U.S. citizens are vying for a spot on 2013 USBC Junior Team USA to represent the United States in national and international competition. If the Scratch Division Champion is unwilling/unable to become a USBC Junior Gold member and will not advance to the Championships, the athlete will still retain the state/zone scholarship, but the berth to the Championships will be awarded to the next eligible athlete.
22. Advancers must agree to bowl in the USBC Junior Gold Championships, or failing to do so, agree to waive all rights. Replacements will be selected based on the order of finish in their division at the state level. Replacements will incur all costs associated with changing the airline ticket, if applicable. If the advancer decides not to attend the national finals, the state scholarship won may be withdrawn. This decision will be made by the state tournament.
23. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the State Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee. The National Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.

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