

# 2012 ALASKA PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS RULES



1. This tournament is certified (#04498) by the United States Bowling Congress and shall be governed by USBC rules.
2. One time entry. If an individual qualified and cannot participate in the state competition, replacements will be eligible based on order of finish in the previous qualifying event.
3. Advancement ratio from league to state competition is at least 1 for every 6 entries per handicap division and 1 for every 4 entries per scratch division, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties, with all graduating seniors who participated at least 1 week in the qualifying block automatically advancing. In the event a graduating senior is in the advancing positions the next highest bowler who is not a senior will also advance. The base number for each division is the number of individuals that were present at least one week to participate in that division. If an individual were absent for the entire qualifying window, this individual would not be counted in the base figure. In all cases at least one person per division shall advance. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all eligible divisions. **League level qualifiers will be November 7 – 20, 2011 and January 9 - 22, 2012.** Advancers 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/zone, the bowler must declare one state/zone to continue competing before the next competition level. Participation in any level of competition past the league level in more than one state/zone will result in automatic disqualification. An athlete must be a USBC Youth member to participate.
4. **State competition will take place Monday April 16th, Tuesday April 17<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday April 18th, 2012 at North Bowl, 3250 Palmer-Wasilla Highway, Wasilla, AK, (907) 357-6600.**
5. **Entry closing date is March 1, 2012.** Entries postmarked one business day after the closing date will be accepted. Entries must be postmarked no later than March 2, 2012.
6. Competition shall be in six divisions determined by age as of August 1, 2011.

<b>Girls' Handicap 11 &amp; under</b>	<b>Boys' Handicap 11 &amp; under</b>
<b>Girls' Handicap 12 &amp; above</b>	<b>Boys' Handicap 12 &amp; above</b>
<b>Girls' Scratch 12 &amp; above</b>	<b>Boys' Scratch 12 &amp; above</b>

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.** 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.

- 7a. Competition for boys and girls division 11 & under will consist of a three game series on a pair of lanes with 5 minutes practice prior to competition. First place bowlers will receive a scholarship.
- 7b. Competition for the 12 & above age handicap division shall consist of 8 games moving 2 pairs to the right after each game. Competitors shall be allowed 10 minutes of practice prior to competition. Total pinfall with handicap for the 8 qualifying games shall determine the semi-finalists in each division.

The field will be cut to one-half of eligible participants. In the event of a tie for the last qualifying position, both will advance. Should a division have less than 15 eligible bowlers in the first level of competition, 8 may advance to the second level of competition.

The semi-finalists will bowl an additional 4 game block moving 2 pairs to the right after each game with 10 minutes of practice before the start of competition. If a division has 15 or more eligible bowlers in the semi-finals, total pinfall with handicap for the 4 game block shall determine the five finalists in each division. If a division has less than 15 eligible bowlers, total pinfall with handicap from the first eight games will be added to the last 4 games to determine the five finalists.

The five finalist in each division shall then compete in a step ladder roll off comparable to the pro-bowling format. For example the 5<sup>th</sup> place finalist vs. 4<sup>th</sup> place finalist with 5 minutes of practice before the start of competition. A practice lane will be available for the next seeded bowler to warm up on. The winner with no additional practice vs. 3<sup>rd</sup> place finalist who will receive one practice ball per lane prior to competition, etc. up to the championship in each handicap division. The highest seeded position selects lane on which to finish or whether to bowl first or second. Ties after the qualifying competition or for the 5<sup>th</sup> place after the semi-final competition shall be broken by a 1 game roll off on a pair of lanes to be determined by the tournament director. Should a tie still exist, a 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll off shall be used to break the tie. Applicable handicap will be added in the handicap division.

- 7c. Competition for the 12 & above scratch division shall consist of 8 games moving 2 pairs to the right after each game with 10 minutes of practice before the start of competition. Total pinfall for the eight qualifying games shall decide the top sixteen (16) semi-finalists in divisions consisting of 24 or more bowlers and the top eight (8) semi-finalists in divisions consisting of 23 or less bowlers.

The semi-finalists will bowl double elimination two game match play style with competitors receiving one ball of practice on each pair of lanes before each match play. Total pinfall from the qualifying competition will be dropped for the semi-finals competition. A tie for the last semi-finalist position in the scratch division after the qualifying competition shall be broken by a one-game roll off on a pair of lanes decided by the tournament director. Should a tie still exist, a 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll off shall be used to break the tie. Any ties during the match play semi-finals shall be broken by a 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll off.

8. ENTRY FEES:

11& UNDER		12 & ABOVE HANDICAP		12 & ABOVE SCRATCH	
Lineage	\$9.00	Lineage	\$30.00	Lineage	\$36.00
Expense	2.75	Expense	3.50	Expense	3.50
Awards	3.00	Awards	3.00	Awards	3.00
Scholarships	5.00	Scholarships	5.00	Scholarships	5.00
<b>Total Entry Fee</b>	<b>\$19.75</b>	<b>Total Entry Fee</b>	<b>\$41.50</b>	<b>Total Entry Fee</b>	<b>\$47.50</b>

Awards and Scholarship fees shall be returned 100% to the bowlers. **Local Associations please make checks payable to**

**Alaska YBC Tournament.** There will be a \$15.00 fee for any NSF Check.

9. Dress Code – Competitors shall provide their own bowling shirt with a “butterfly” collar (i.e. no mock collar) and finished sleeves for all competition. Females may wear a sleeveless shirt with a butterfly collar only if the sleeves are finished. Only full-length pants/slacks without rivets will be allowed for all males and females during all levels of competition. No Cargo pants (i.e. pockets on the legs) will be allowed. **No Corduroy pants will be allowed.** No skirts, skorts, walking shorts, Capri pants, or culottes will be allowed. Shirts with sleeves cut off, torn, or ripped will not be tolerated. All apparel worn by competitors shall be loose fitting and not made of denim, fleece or spandex-like material. Jeans of any color, shorts, scooters, warm-up suits or clothes with elastic at the ankles are not allowed. No writing on, or defacing of the bowling shirt will be permitted at any time. No head covering can be worn while competing (hats, caps, or bandannas, etc.). Tournament Director must approve any/all exceptions prior to the event. An exception will be made for bowlers wearing the official “USBC Youth Jersey.”
10. Check In - will begin one hour prior to each squad. All entrants must be physically at the check in table ½ hour prior to the scheduled squad time. If there is a line at the check in table each participant will be handed a check in card verifying that they were on time. Any entrant that has not physically checked in ½ hour prior to squad time or does not have a check in card in hand can only be replaced by an alternate from his/her center and league. In the event a semi-finalist qualifier does not show up, a replacement will be chosen from the qualifying list in the order of placement with dress code rules applying. Squad time will be announced after all entries have been received.
11. A bowler not present and ready to bowl when it is his/her turn will be credited with a zero for that frame at the discretion of the lane monitor. Bowlers must ask a lane monitor for permission prior to leaving the settee area.
12. **Averages as of February 8, 2012 from current league will be used. Averages must be verified by a league standing sheet.**
13. **Handicap will be 100% of the difference between the bowler’s average and 210.**
14. Only competitor and tournament official shall be permitted in the settee area.
15. Smoking or use of cellular phones and other electronic devices is not allowed by athletes during competition.
16. Claims for errors in the 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 completion of the tournament. All bowlers will initial his/her scores after each game. Questionable errors shall be decided upon by the Tournament Committee. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the tournament director within 72 hours or before the awards are given out. Each protest under this rule must be specific in itself.
17. Symbolic awards will be given as follows in all divisions: 1 in every 10 participants or any major fraction thereof. Medals will be given to the top 4 finalists in the 12 & above scratch divisions and to the 5 finalists in the 12 & above handicap divisions.
18. Scholarships will be given to the top finisher in each division as follows:  
11 & Under – National portion \$321 and State portion according to donations received prior to January 1, 2012.  
12 & Above Handicap Division – National portion \$321 and State portion according to donations received prior to Jan. 1, 2012.  
12 & Above Scratch Division – National portion \$321 and State portion according to donations received prior to January 1, 2012.

All scholarship money will be administered by the SMART program under account #8509. Questions regarding SMART Scholarships can be contacted at 1-800-514-2695 extension 8292.

19. The first place winners and runners-up of the 12 & Above Scratch Division will advance to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships July 14<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012 in Indianapolis, IN. They must be a USBC Junior Gold program member to advance and have or be willing to purchase a Junior Gold Membership prior to competing in the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships. USBC will pay for their \$200 entry fee into the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships. These athletes will compete for additional scholarships available to all athletes at the championships, as well as other prizes and awards. No travel reimbursement will be provided for these athletes. All U.S. citizens are vying for a spot on USBC Junior Team USA 2013 to represent the United States in national and international competition. If the scratch division champion or runners-up are unwilling/unable to become a USBC Junior Gold Member and will not advance to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships, the athlete will still retain the state scholarship, but the berth to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships will be awarded to the next eligible athlete.
20. Eligible advancers must agree to bowl in the North Pointe 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 state competition. Replacement will incur all costs associated with changing the airline tickets if applicable. If the advancer decides not to attend the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships, the state scholarship won may be withdrawn. This decision will be made by the state tournament committee.
21. 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.
22. Competitors shall be permitted to food and drink provided they are kept behind the settee area as described by the tournament director or center management.
23. Coaching will be permitted only at the request of the bowler during the competition.
24. There will be no flash cameras used during the competition.
25. No smoking and all cell phones are to be off/silent by spectators during competition.