



California USBC Association
2012 PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS



DISTRICT RULES

1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (**Certification #4498**) and shall be governed by USBC rules.
2. League level qualifying dates are **NOVEMBER 5-18, 2011** and **JANUARY 14-27, 2012**. Advancement from league is a one-time entry. If an individual qualified and cannot participate in this competition, replacements will be eligible based on order of finish in previous competition. **REPLACEMENTS MUST BE FROM THE SAME WINDOW, SAME LEAGUE AND SAME CENTER AS THE ABSENT BOWLER.**
3. Advancement ratio from League to District competition (all divisions) is at least **ONE (1) FOR EVERY TWO (2) ENTRIES PER DIVISION**, per league, including last place ties. The base number for each division is the number of individuals that were present at least one week to participate. In all cases at least one individual per division, shall advance. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all eligible divisions.
4. Advancers out of the league level must remain in the division they qualified in during all subsequent levels. In the event a bowler qualifies in more than one league in the same division, the bowler must advance from the league in which the highest series was bowled. For identical qualifying scores, the member will advance from the league where the first score was bowled. If a bowler qualifies in different leagues from both the scratch and handicap divisions, the bowler must select one division they will compete in before subsequent competition. If the bowler advances out of league level in more than one District, the bowler must declare one District to continue competing in before the next competition level. Participation in any level of competition past the league level in more than one District/State and/or more than one division will result in automatic disqualification.
5. **District #1 Finals competition will take place on MARCH 24-25, 2012 at COUNTRY BOWL, 2615 Bechelli Lane, Redding, CA 96002, 530-223-1080. Squad Times: Sat: 12pm & 3pm; Sun: 9am & 12pm.**
6. **Entry closing date is FEBRUARY 11, 2012.** Tournament entry form containing qualifiers' name, address, telephone number, and date of birth must be submitted by this date to the District Director. Tournament entry fees must also be submitted by this date. **On-site fees will not be accepted.** No refunds will be allowed after the closing date. Only one (1) bowling center check, money order or cashier's check will be accepted per bowl payable to: CUSBC. **NO PERSONAL CHECKS or CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED. This will be strictly enforced.**
7. **Divisions are based on the participant's age as of August 1, 2011.** Athletes must choose the division in which they will compete. *****Bowlers in the 12-Up 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. Competition shall be conducted in the following divisions: 11-Under Boys' Handicap, 11-Under Girls' Handicap, Boys' 12-Up Scratch, Boys' 12-Up Handicap, Girls' 12-Up Scratch, and Girls' 12-Up Handicap.
8. The tournament format will be three (3) games bowled on the same pair of lanes.

9. ENTRY FEE	<u>Division</u>	<u>11-Under</u>	<u>12-Up</u>
BREAKDOWN:	Expenses/Scholarships*	\$9.00	\$13.00
	Lineage	\$7.50	\$7.50
	Scholarships*	\$3.50	\$3.50
	TOTAL	\$20.00	\$24.00

Awards and Scholarship fees shall be returned 100%. Scholarships will be held with the USBC SMART program under account #8512, (800) 514-2695 x8292. *USBC Rules 301d and 309 states that all scholarships must be deposited in the SMART Program.

10. BOWLING ATTIRE: All bowlers must wear suitable attire. Dress code is as follows: No alcoholic, gambling, tobacco, sexual or profane advertisements will be allowed on any attire or equipment. NO tank tops, halter tops, sweats, spandex, "cut-off's" or hats of any kind allowed. Walking shorts, "skorts" and skirts cannot be more than 3-1/2 above the knee. The tournament chairman shall determine the validity of any complaints.

11. No substitutes will be permitted once athletes have started tournament play. However, replacements may be used for bowlers not present 15 minutes prior to the squad time as stated in Rule 2. **REPLACEMENTS MUST BE FROM THE SAME WINDOW, SAME LEAGUE AND SAME CENTER AS THE ABSENT BOWLER. They must follow the order of advancement within that window/league.**



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12. Competitors will be allowed five (5) minutes of practice on each of their starting lanes.
13. If no replacement has been made, 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. **Frames may not be made-up.** Bowlers not present to bowl when it's their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
14. **AVERAGE VERIFICATION (District Finals):**
Rule 319c will apply. The average of a bowler may be adjusted upward before participation in any event. If the assigned average is not accepted by the bowler, the entry fee shall be refunded.
(a) Highest certified league average (minimum of 15 games) dated as of January 1, 2012. If none,
(b) Highest certified average as of the tournament date (minimum of 15 games). If none,
(c) Highest previous season certified average (minimum of 21 games). If none of the above,
(d) Bowl scratch (210) – No league sheet necessary.
Bowlers in the handicap divisions are responsible for providing a standing sheet for average verification. Any falsification of the highest known average will result in disqualification. Standing sheets must be received and verified before the conclusion of the tournament. Failure to provide this information will result in the bowler receiving "210" for their average. If a certified "sport" league average is the youth's only average, it will be adjusted per the chart in the USBC Rulebook to determine the correct entering average.
15. Handicap shall be 100% of the difference between the bowler's average and 210.
16. Only bowlers and Tournament Officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
17. **No eating or smoking during tournament play.** Non-alcoholic drinks are permissible in the back area only. Conduct derogatory to the best interest of youth bowling in conjunction with USBC will result in immediate disqualification (Refer to rule 17D).
18. All ties for qualifying bowlers in the 12-up divisions will advance to the state finals. If a tie exists for bowlers in the 11-under divisions, both bowlers will receive appropriate award.
19. 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 or before the awards are presented. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
20. Scholarships will be awarded based on the number of paid entries with a ratio of at least one (1) in eight (8) for bowlers in the 11-under divisions along with a minimum of \$50 to be awarded for 1st place. Participants in the 11-under divisions do not advance to the State Finals. **A \$50 scholarship will be awarded for the first place finishers in the 12-up divisions. In the event of a tie, the award will be equally split.**
21. Advancement from District to State competition (12-up divisions only) is at least **ONE (1) FOR EVERY FIVE (5) ENTRIES PER DIVISION**, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties. The base number for each division is the number of individuals that were paid at the District Finals. In all cases at least one individual per division shall advance. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all eligible divisions. **You must register your squad time with the Tournament Chairman within the RSVP Window of MARCH 30 (9am) – APRIL 5, 2012 (7pm) in order to participate in the State Finals competition.** If a state qualifier has not reserved their squad time by the deadline, the next available alternate will be notified by the District Director or Tournament Chairman.
22. State Finals competition will take place at **FOUNTAIN BOWL**, 17110 Brookhurst St., Fountain Valley, CA 92708, (714) 963-7888, on **MAY 5-6, 2012**; Squad times: Saturday 9am, 2pm and Sunday at 8:30am with the Stepladder Roll-Off for all four divisions immediately following. Bowlers in the Roll-off must check-in with the tournament office no later than 12:30pm on Sunday. Unconfirmed bowlers will be replaced by alternates based on division and order of finish.
23. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the California Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee. The National Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.

Mail paperwork and fees to:

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STATE RULES

1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (**Certification #04498**) and shall be governed by USBC rules.
2. Advancement from District to State is a one-time entry. If an individual qualified and cannot participate in state competition, replacements will be eligible based on order of finish in the previous competition.
3. Advancement from District to State competition (12-up divisions only) is at least **ONE (1) FOR EVERY FIVE (5) ENTRIES PER DIVISION**, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties. The base number for each division is the number of individuals that were paid at the District Finals. In all cases at least one individual per division shall advance. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all eligible divisions. **You must register your squad time with the Tournament Chairman within the RSVP Window of MARCH 30 (9am) – APRIL 5, 2012 (7pm) in order to participate in the State Finals competition.** If a state qualifier has not reserved their squad time by the deadline, the next available alternate will be notified by the District Director or Tournament Chairman.
4. 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, 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 district/state will result in automatic disqualification.
5. State Finals competition will take place at **FOUNTAIN BOWL**, 17110 Brookhurst St., Fountain Valley, CA 92708, (714) 963-7888, on **MAY 5-6, 2012**; Squad times: Saturday 9am, 2pm and Sunday at 8:30am with the Stepladder Roll-Off for all four divisions immediately following. Bowlers in the Roll-off must check-in with the tournament office no later than 12:30pm on Sunday. Unconfirmed bowlers will be replaced by alternates based on division and order of finish.
6. Entry closing date for District Directors is **MARCH 29, 2012**. All District paperwork (unofficial results, financial forms and completed recaps) must be submitted to the Tournament Chairman, Lynn Matsubara, 1847 W. 179th St, Torrance, CA 90504.
7. **Divisions are based on the participant's age as of August 1, 2011.** Athletes must choose the division in which they will compete. *****Bowlers in the 12-Up 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. Competition shall be conducted in the following divisions: 11-Under Boys' Handicap, 11-Under Girls' Handicap, Boys' 12-Up Scratch, Boys' 12-Up Handicap, Girls' 12-Up Scratch, and Girls' 12-Up Handicap.
8. The tournament format will be six (6) games moving pairs after each game. Total pins plus handicap, when applicable, will determine the top four bowlers in each division for the Stepladder Roll-Off.
9. Awards and Scholarship fees shall be returned 100%. Scholarships will be held with the USBC SMART program under account #8512, (800) 514-2695 x8292.
10. **BOWLING ATTIRE: All bowlers must wear suitable attire. Dress code is as follows: NO alcoholic, gambling, tobacco, sexual or profane advertisements will be allowed on any attire or equipment. NO tank tops, halter tops, sweats, spandex, "cut-offs" or hats of any kind allowed. Walking shorts, "skorts" and skirts cannot be shorter than 3-1/2" above the knee. The tournament chairman shall determine the validity of any complaints.**
11. **State Finalists who fail to register their squad time without prior notification to the tournament director, will forfeit their spot to the next available replacement.** No substitutes will be permitted once athletes have started tournament play, however, replacements may be used for bowlers not present 15 minutes prior to the squad time as stated in Rule 2. Replacements must be from the order of finish, per division from District competition (i.e. the same District and same division as the absent bowler.)
12. Competitors will be allowed five (5) minutes of practice on each of their starting lanes.
13. If no replacement has been made, 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. **Frames may not be made-up.** A bowler not present to bowl when it's their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
14. Only bowlers and Tournament Officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
15. **No eating or smoking during tournament play.** Non-alcoholic drinks are permissible in the back area only. Conduct derogatory to the best interest of youth bowling in conjunction with USBC will result in immediate disqualification (Refer to rule 17D).



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16. **AVERAGE VERIFICATION (State Finals):**

Rule 319c will apply. The average of a bowler may be adjusted upward before participation. If the assigned average is not accepted by the bowler, the entry fee shall be refunded.

- (a) Highest certified league average (minimum of 15 games) dated as of **APRIL 15, 2012**. If none,
- (b) Highest certified current league average (minimum of 15 games) closest to competition date. If none,
- (c) Bowl scratch (210) – No league sheet necessary.

It is the bowler's responsibility to provide average verification for the handicap divisions. Any falsification of the highest known average will result in immediate and final disqualification. Standing sheets for average verification are due by Sunday, MAY 6 at noon. Failure to provide this information by the deadline will result in the bowler receiving "210" for their average. If a certified "sport" league average is the youth's only average, then it will be adjusted per the chart in the USBC Rulebook to determine the correct entering average.

- 17. Handicap shall be 100% of the difference between the bowler's average and 210.
- 18. In the Stepladder Roll-Off, all ties 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). All other ties will receive duplicate awards.
- 19. Four (4) practice balls on each lane of the designated Stepladder Roll-Off pair for first match only. All subsequent matches will receive two (2) practice balls on each lane of the designed roll-off match. Division matches will move pairs after each game. If a tie has occurred, the tie-breaker match will continue on the same pair of lanes.
- 20. 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 of the infraction. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
- 21. Scholarships will be awarded based on the number of participants with a ratio of at least one (1) for every eight (8) for bowlers in each division. A minimum of \$400 will be awarded for 1st place.
- 22. **The first-place winners and runners-up of the 12 and above Girls and Boys Scratch Divisions will advance to the 2012 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships on July 14-20, 2012 in Indianapolis, IN.** They must be USBC Junior Gold members to advance to the North Pointe Junior Gold membership or purchase a USBC Junior Gold membership prior to the championships. USBC will waive the \$200 entry fee for these athletes. These athletes will compete for additional scholarships available to all athletes at the championships, as well as other prizes and awards. All U.S. citizens are vying for a spot on USBC Junior Team USA 2012 to represent the United States in national and international competition. If the Scratch Division Champion or runners-up are unwilling or unable to become a USBC Junior Gold member and will not advance to the Championships, the athlete will still retain the state scholarship, but the berth to the Championships will be awarded to the next eligible athlete. **The California USBC Association will provide to each athlete up to \$400 for travel reimbursement.** Arrangements will be made by each athlete within stated guidelines and parameters from the California USBC Association. Eligible 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 eligible advancer decides not to attend the USBC Junior Gold Championships and a replacement bowler cannot be used, the state scholarship won may be withdrawn. This decision will be made by the California Pepsi Tournament Committee. **Berth winners are not confirmed until they receive a confirmation letter from USBC.**
- 23. **The first place winners and runners-up of the 12-up Girls and Boys Handicap division will earn a single entry (\$70 value) into all four (4) events of the 2012 California Youth State Championships to be held Summer 2012 in Orange County (Lake Forest/Mission Viejo).** In order to redeem this award, the winner must be entered with a full team of their choice and for all four (4) events. This berth is applicable only to the first and second place finishers and will be voided if they cannot attend or do not enter with a full team entry (\$280).
- 24. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the California 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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