



2012 EUROPEAN ZONE YOUTH BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Bowler Instructions

(ATHLETES MUST SEE THESE RULES AND CHOOSE THEIR OWN DIVISION)

1. The European Zone Youth Championships is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (#04498), governed by USBC rules, and hosted by the European Zone Tournament Committee.
2. Competition is open to all 2011-2012 USBC Youth members. To compete, a bowler must be a regular member of a certified USBC league and not be under suspension at the time of qualifying. League substitutes are allowed to participate if it is their only USBC Youth league. USBC Collegiate members are eligible if they are 2011-2012 USBC Youth members, bowl in a USBC Youth league and have not violated USBC Rule 400. Regional Level Competition will be held on 11-12 February 2012 in the United Kingdom (UK) and the Vogelweh Bowling Center in Kaiserslautern, Germany (GE). Those houses outside of either the UK or GE can select whichever location they wish to participate at. The Zone Level Competition will be held on 17-18 March 2012 at the Eifel Lanes Bowling Center in Spangdahlem, Germany.
3. All USBC Youth members in good standing are eligible for the league level competition. There is no entry fee at the league level. Bowling centers having 2011-2012 USBC certified leagues are automatic league level qualifying sites. Entry fees for the European Zone Championships (Regional and Final) are as follows
(Please note entry fees are NON-REFUNDABLE):

Ages 11 and Under	
Lineage	\$ 4.50
Expenses	\$ 4.00
Scholarships	\$ 16.50
Total	\$ 25.00

Age 12 and Above HDCP	
Lineage	\$ 9.00
Expenses	\$ 4.00
Scholarships	\$ 32.00
Total	\$ 45.00

Age 12 and Above SCR	
Lineage	\$ 18.00
Expenses	\$ 4.00
Scholarships	\$ 34.00
Total	\$ 56.00

4. Scholarship fees will be returned 100% to the athlete. Scholarship funds will be forwarded and maintained in the SMART Program at United States Bowling Congress (USBC), the contact information is as follows: toll free 1-800-514-2695 (extension 8292). SMART Account Number is 8557. Symbolic special awards will be awarded for scores from the entire tournament and given as follows:

11 and Under (All Divisions)	12 and Above (All Divisions)
High Game Scratch & Handicap	High Game Scratch & Handicap (where applicable)
High Scratch Series	High 6 Game Scratch Series

Scholarships will be awarded as follows: 11 and under division qualifiers in the top 25% will receive a scholarship, as will the 12 and above division qualifiers in the top 25%.

5. Competition will be conducted in six divisions based on the participant's age as of 01 August 2011 (has not reached 20 as of 1 August 2011). Participation in the wrong age division will lead to automatic disqualification. Bowlers must stay in the given division in that particular league throughout the entire window:

- ✓ 11 and under Boys Handicap
- ✓ 11 and under Girls Handicap
- ✓ 12 and above Boys Handicap
- ✓ 12 and above Girls Handicap
- ✓ 12 and above Boys Scratch
- ✓ 12 and above Girls Scratch

Handicap divisions based on 100% of 210

***There is no requirement of USBC Junior Gold membership and no minimum average to enter the Scratch Division!**

6. The qualifying window average will be the current league average as of the first date of competition (no minimum number of games). Participants in the 12 and above age divisions must choose either the handicap or scratch division before qualifying.

These athletes must be asked personally about their choice of division.

He or she must remain in that division for the duration of that window. Bowlers are eligible to compete in a different division in a different league during the league level of competition.

*****Bowlers in the 12 and above age division who have an entering average of 211 or higher MUST compete in the Scratch division.*****

7. Qualifying in the handicap divisions will be based on 100 percent of the difference between the bowler's average and 210. This will not affect the league's regular handicap system used to figure team and individual standings in that league. USBC earned awards are based on the member's league average as of that day.

8. League level qualifying will be conducted in certified leagues during the qualifying window(s) between 15 October 2011 and 21 January 2012. Each state/zone Pepsi tournament committee decides the qualifying window dates. Consult state/zone rules for the specific dates.

If needed, the state/zone Pepsi tournament director can grant changes in the qualifying dates to individual bowling centers.

9. Qualifying scores must be bowled during regularly scheduled league play. Advancement to the next competition level will be from the league level.

*****Pre-bowled or post-bowled scores may not be used as scores for advancement purposes.*****

10. Participants can attempt to qualify in any state/zone where they hold a 2011-2012 USBC Youth membership card. However, the bowler can only advance once using the following criteria:

A. 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.

B. If a bowler qualifies in different leagues from scratch and handicap divisions, the bowler must select one division they will compete in before subsequent competition.

C. If the bowler advances out of league level in more than one state/zone, the bowler **must** declare one state/zone to continue competing in before the next competition level.

D. Participation in any level of competition past the league level in more than one state/zone and/or more than one division will result in automatic disqualification

Note: Advancers remain in the division they qualified in during the league level in all subsequent competition. If there is a tie for the last-place qualifier in a division, both will advance to the next level of competition.

11. The tournament format shall be as follows:

All Athletes will be allowed 10 minutes of practice on their starting lanes. In case of lane breakdown during practice athletes will be allowed to finish their 10 minutes of practice. If lane breakdown occurs during competition there will be no practice authorized. Athletes arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame being bowled. Missed frames will not be made up and shall be credited with a zero. An athlete not present to bowl when it is their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.

A. Zone Regionals (UK and GE):

1) Ages 11 and under Boy and Girl Handicap Divisions will bowl three (3) games on one pair of lanes.

2) Ages 12 and above Handicap Divisions will bowl six (6) games on two (2) different pair of lanes. Bowlers will change lanes after the 3rd game.

B. Zone Finals:

1) Ages 12 and above Scratch Divisions will bowl two sets of six (6) games on each day of the EuroZone Finals.

2). Ties for the last qualifying position will result in a one-game roll-off.

12. The top two (2) bowlers in the 12-and-above Boys and Girls Scratch divisions at the European Zone Youth Championships competition with the highest scratch score (total cumulative pin fall for all games, with the exception of tie breaking games, bowled by the athlete during the competition) will earn a berth to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships to be held **14-20 July in Indianapolis**. Bowlers are not required to have a minimum average or be a Junior Gold Program member to enter the Scratch Division at the European Zone Championships, while qualifying for the Pepsi USBC Youth Championships. However, to receive the berth, the bowler must be a Junior Gold program member or be eligible for membership (all USBC Youth Standard Members are eligible) and obtain membership prior to the championships. Junior Gold Membership application must be submitted at close of tournament.

If the winner is not willing to purchase USBC Junior Gold Membership for the championships, he/she will still retain all awards from the European Zone Youth Championships, but the next eligible bowler will receive the berth to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships.

13. Eligible advancers **must agree** to bowl in the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships and provide flight confirmation NLT 31 May 2012, or failing to do so, agree to waive all rights to attend the championships and will refund any ancillary funding provided for travel to the championships. Replacements will be selected based on the order of finish in their division at the zone level. Replacements will incur all costs associated with travel arrangements.

14. The established **Dress Code** must be strictly adhered to during competition as well as during awards presentations. The dress code shall be as follows:

A. Athletes must wear a collared shirt (t-shirts are not acceptable) or the official USBC Youth Jersey, that covers the stomach area, and pants which must be belted at the waist. Skirts, Capri's, shorts, skorts, sweat pants, warm up suits, or dresses are not allowed.

B. Apparel must be in good repair (no holes, tears, frays, etc) and must not display any obscene gestures, profanity, tobacco/alcohol advertisements, or graphic/ offensive material.

C. Hats and bandanas may not be worn during practice or competition.

D. Only the 11 and under division bowlers are allowed to wear jeans. **Jeans are not acceptable** for the 12 and above division bowlers.

15. Only athletes, tournament officials and scorekeepers will be allowed in the settee area. Displays of unsportsmanlike conduct by athletes will be basis for disqualification. Unsportsmanlike conduct by any spectator will result in the removal of that spectator from the bowling center. Parents are asked to refrain from being overzealous during the youth competition.

16. Smoking and drinking is not authorized by competitors during tournament competition at any time (before/during/after competition play), within or around the Bowling Centers. Parents and guests are permitted to smoke outside the bowling centers.

17. Bowling balls used by athletes during the competition are subject to verification regarding legality with respect to weight, drilling, placement of balance holes, position of weight block etc. The European Zone Tournament Committee reserves the right to reject a bowling ball that is not in compliance with USBC Specifications or in violation of USBC Rule 301b. A bowling ball called into question must be corrected and re-inspected prior to use in the tournament. Corrections to bowling balls are at the athlete's own expense.

18. Failure to abide by any rules and regulations will lead to disqualification from this event. The USBC Youth Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.

19. The European Zone Tournament Committee in conjunction with the USBC Youth Tournament Manager will decide all matters not covered by these rules and regulations, or USBC rules and regulations. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the tournament committee immediately upon detection. The tournament committee shall decide upon questionable errors. **All other protests must be submitted in writing to the tournament director before the awards are presented.** Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself. The tournament will not be delayed if at all possible.

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