



IDAHO REGIONAL RULES 2011-2012



1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress #04498 and shall be governed by USBC rules.
2. League qualifying dates are: **October 30 – November 13, 2011 and February 4 – February 18, 2012.**
 Advancement ratio from league is one-time entry. If an individual who qualified for Regional cannot participate in the Regional competition, replacements will be eligible based on order of finish at the league level. **Replacements advance from the same league and window based on order of finish.**
3. Advancement ratio from league competition to Regional competition is at least one (1) for every two (2) bowlers per division, per league, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties. The base number for each division is the number of league members that would have participated in that division. To advance an individual must be present one week during the qualifying window.
4. Entries must be submitted through a certified USBC Youth league. Individual entries will not be accepted.
5. Advancers must remain in the division they qualified in during all subsequent levels. If a bowler advances out of league level in more than one region or state, the bowler must declare one region or state before the next competition level. Participation in any level of competition past the league level in more than one region or state will result in automatic disqualification.
6. Competition will take place at: **Central** – Bowladrome (208) 733-0369; **West** – Westy’s Garden Lanes (208)-376-6555, **North** – Orchard Lanes (208) 746-5188 on April 7, 2012, **East** – Pine Bowl 208-233-3840 on April 7 & 8, 2012 at times specified on the official schedule for each region.
7. Entry closing date for league officials or center coordinators to submit entries are: **November 30, 2011** for October/November and **March 10, 2012** for February. All required forms including names of entrants, date of birth and entry fees must be submitted by these dates to the tournament director.
8. Divisions are based on participant’s age as of **August 1, 2011.** Athletes must choose the division in which they will compete. **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 USBC Gold Junior Championships.
9. All divisions will bowl three games on assigned lanes.
10. Competition shall be conducted in the following divisions:

Division 1 & 2	Girls’ & Boys’ Handicap	Ages 11 & under
Division 3 & 4	Girls’ & Boys’ Handicap	Ages 12 & above
Division 5 & 6	Girls’ & Boys’ Scratch	Ages 12 & above
11. Entry fee is:

	<u>Ages 11 & under</u>	<u>Ages 12 & above</u>
Linage	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00
Expenses	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00
Awards	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00
Scholarships	<u>\$ 4.00</u>	<u>\$ 4.00</u>
TOTAL	\$15.00	\$15.00
12. Awards and Scholarship fees shall be returned 100%. Scholarship funds will be forwarded to the Smart Program, Idaho State USBC Account #8506 for deposit and final distribution.
13. All bowlers must wear suitable attire. Youth participants will not wear apparel or use bowling equipment depicting alcohol, tobacco, gambling, and illegal substance or inappropriate language/gestures during competition. No hats/caps. No smoking by guests or athletes on the concourse or in the settee area.
14. Competitors shall be allowed two practice balls on each of their starting lanes.
15. 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 is their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
16. Bowlers shall use their highest current sanctioned league average, minimum of 12 games as of March 3 2012. If the minimum has not been met the bowler shall use their highest current sanctioned league average as of March 10, 2012. All averages must be verified by a league standing sheet.

17. Handicap shall be 100% of the difference between the bowlers' average and 210.
18. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
19. Ties for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place will be awarded duplicate awards.
20. Any average or handicap correction must be made by the end of the first game of competition.
21. Claims for errors in scoring or general play rules must be made to the tournament director no later than 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 awards are presented. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
22. Medals will be awarded to the top four in each of the six divisions (including ties). Plaques will be awarded on a 1-8 ratio to all other qualifiers in each of the six divisions.
23. Scholarships will be awarded at the state level on a ratio of 1-10 in each division.
24. Advancement ratio from regional to state is at least one for every two entries (1-2) in ages 11 and under Handicap and ages 12 and above Handicap or major fraction thereof. Ages 12 and above Scratch shall advance on a one for every one entries (1-1) or major fraction thereof. 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place, including last place ties shall advance to the State Finals. In all cases at least one individual per division shall advance. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all divisions.
25. State finals will take place on May 5 & 6, 2012 at Pine Bowl, Pocatello, ID 208-230-3840 and Bowl-Ero Lanes, Idaho Falls, ID (208) 525-9900 at times specified on the official schedule.
26. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Idaho 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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2012 IDAHO STATE FINALS RULES AND FORMAT



1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress #04498 and shall be governed by USBC rules.
2. If an individual who qualified cannot participate in the state competition, replacement will be eligible based on order of finish in the in the regional competition.
3. Advancement ratio from regional competition to the state competition is at least one for every two entries in each division ages 11 & under and ages 12 & above in the Handicap divisions. Ages 12 and above in the Scratch division shall advance one for every one entry. In all cases at least one person per division shall advance. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all eligible divisions.
4. Advancers must remain in the division they qualified in during league and in all subsequent levels. If a bowler advances from more than one region or state, the bowler must declare one region or state to continue competing before the next competition level. Participation in any level of competition past the league level in more than one region or state will result in automatic disqualification.
5. Competition will take place at Pine Bowl, Pocatello, ID (208) -233-3840 and Bowl-Ero Lanes, Idaho Falls, ID (208) - 525-9900 on **May 5 & 6, 2012** at times specified on the official schedule.
6. Entry closing date is **April 15, 2012**. Tournament entry forms and entry fees must be submitted to the tournament director by this date.
7. Competition shall be conducted in the following divisions. Divisions are based on participant's age as of **August 1, 2011**.

Div 1 & 2	Girls' & Boys' Handicap	Ages 11 and under
Div 3 & 4	Girls' & Boys' Handicap	Ages 12 and above
Div 5 & 6	Girls' & Boys' Scratch	Ages 12 and above
8. The tournament format shall be: Divisions 1 & 2 will bowl two (2) three game blocks on assigned lanes. Divisions 3, 4, 5 & 6 will bowl two (2) four game blocks on assigned lanes. Bowlers will be assigned a different set of lanes for each of their three or four game blocks. Total pin fall plus handicap will determine the finalists in Division 1, 2, 3 & 4. The top four finalists in Division 5 & 6 will bowl a stepladder 4th vs. 3rd place finalist, winner vs. 2nd place finalist and the winner vs. the 1st place finalist for the championship in Division 5 & 6. Refer Rule #17 for ties.
9. Entry fee is:

<u>Ages 11 & under:</u>	<u>Ages 12 & above:</u>
Linage \$12.00	Linage \$16.00
Expenses \$ 4.50	Expenses \$ 4.50
Awards \$ 1.50	Awards \$ 1.50
Scholarships <u>\$ 2.00</u>	Scholarships <u>\$13.00</u>
TOTAL \$20.00	TOTAL \$35.00

Awards and scholarship fees shall be returned 100% to the bowlers. Scholarship funds will be held in SMART for final distribution, Idaho State USBC Youth Account #8506.
10. All bowlers must wear suitable attire. Youth participants will not wear apparel or use bowling equipment depicting alcohol, tobacco, gambling, an illegal substance or inappropriate language/gestures during competition. No hats/caps allowed. No smoking by guests or athletes on the concourse or in the settee area.
11. No substitutes will be permitted once athletes have started tournament play, however replacements may be used for bowlers not present 30 minutes prior to the squad time as stated in Rule 2.
12. Competitors shall be allowed two practice balls 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. Bowlers shall use their highest certified league average, minimum of 12 games as of March 3, 2012. If the minimum has not been met the bowler shall use their highest current certified league average as of March 10, 2012. All averages shall be the same as those used in the regional competition and must be verified by league 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. First place ties in all divisions 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 where applicable. All ties in the stepladder roll-off shall be broken by a one game roll-off. Should a tie still exist, it will be broken by an additional 9th & 10th frame roll-off.
18. **All average or handicap corrections must be made by the end of the first game of competition.**
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 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 or before the awards are presented. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
20. Plaques will be awarded to the top four in each of the six divisions. Additional plaques will be awarded on a ratio of 1-5 to all other qualifiers in each of the six divisions.
21. Scholarships will be awarded on a 1-10 ratio with a minimum of \$300 for 1st place, \$200 for 2nd place and \$100 for 3rd place in each of the six divisions. Certificates will be awarded to all scholarship recipients.
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 14-20th, 2012 in Indianapolis, IN. Bowlers are not required to have a minimum average. However, to receive the berth, the bowler must be a USBC Youth Standard member and USBC Junior Gold program member prior to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships. USBC will waive the \$200 entry. These athletes will compete for additional scholarships available to all athletes at the championships, as well as other prizes Awards. (No travel reimbursement or stipend 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 to become a 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. Idaho State USBC Youth will provide a stipend for travel/housing based on the revenue collected from the ticket sales on the bowling ball donated by Brunswick.
23. 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 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 North North Pointe Junior Gold Championships, the state scholarship won may be withdrawn. This decision will be made by the state committee.
24. 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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