



2011-12 ILLINOIS PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS ZONE RULES and FORMAT

1. This tournament is certified by the USBC (04498) and shall be governed by the rules of the USBC Youth Division.
2. **Participation** in the Zone competition is a one-time entry. Any individual who attempts to bowl twice in the Zone competition will be disqualified.

Advancers out of the league competition must remain in the division they qualified in all subsequent competition. 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 bowler will advance from the league where the first score was bowled. An individual advancing from leagues in more than one division must use the division they specified in the league they are advancing from

If a bowler advances out of league competition 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 competition in more than one state/zone will result in automatic disqualification.

If an individual qualified but cannot bowl in the Zone competition, replacements will be eligible only based on order of finish in league level of competition. The advancer must come from the same division and league as the "out-going" bowler. **Once a replacement has been made, the original bowler cannot be placed back into the tournament.**

3. **LEAGUE COMPETITION** for the State of Illinois will take place on the following dates:

OCTOBER 10 through OCTOBER 23, 2011

If needed, the STATE DIRECTOR may grant changes in the qualifying dates to individual bowling centers, if dates for zone tournament can be met. ALL bowlers advancing to the zone tournament MUST have bowled in REGULAR league during the qualifying window.

4. **ADVANCEMENT RATIO**: The advancement ratio from **league** competition to **Zone** competition is **at least one (1) for every three (3)** entries per division, per league, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties. The base number for each division in league level is the number of league members that would have participated in that division (those that have bowled at least once prior to and including the window). In all cases **at least three persons per division** shall advance. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all divisions.
5. **ZONE COMPETITION**: Zone competition will take place at a bowling center chosen by the Illinois Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Committee, in the State of Illinois. ***The Zone Director for your area will advise you as to the location, squad dates and times for your area. Zone tournaments will typically be run in the following timeframe, however, check with your zone director for your exact dates.***

11 & UNDER DIVISIONS:
12 & OVER DIVISIONS:

Any weekend in JANUARY, 2012
Any weekend in FEBRUARY, 2012

6. **ENTRY CLOSING DATES:** The entry closing dates for the Zone tournament are as follows:

11 & Under Divisions -- DECEMBER 5, 2011

12 & Over Divisions -- JANUARY 9, 2012

League coaches must have the completed signed entries, worksheets and money to their Zone Director by **DECEMBER 5, 2011 for the 11 & Under Divisions and JANUARY 9, 2012 for the 12 & Over Divisions. Bowlers cannot bowl in the Zone Tournament without the entry and fees being remitted to the Zone Director.**

7. **DIVISIONS:** Athletes in the 12 & Over Divisions must choose the division in which they will compete prior to bowling their first session in the qualifying window. Athletes are not mandated to be USBC Junior Gold Program Members to enter the Scratch Division. Athletes must be USBC Junior Gold Program Members or be eligible and buy membership prior to advancement to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships should they qualify. Competition shall be conducted in six (6) divisions (based on age as of 08/01/2011). A 12 and over bowler with an average of 211 or greater (at the time of center level qualifying) must bowl in the respective scratch division.

Boys' Ages 11 & Under

Girls' Ages 11 & Under

Girls' Handicap - Ages 12 & Over

Girls' Scratch - Ages 12 & Over

Boys' Handicap – Ages 12 & Over

Boys' Scratch – Ages 12 & Over

NOTE: The upper limit years of age to compete in the Youth Bowling Championships is age 20 as of 8/1/2011. Members qualifying as mentally challenged bowlers over the age of 20 are able to compete in all levels of the Youth Bowling Championships.

8. **ZONE TOURNAMENT FORMAT:**

Ages 11 and Under will bowl three (3) games. Total pinfall for three (3) games plus handicap will determine winners in each division.

Ages 12 and Over will bowl four (4) games, changing lanes after two (2) games. Total pinfall for four (4) games plus handicap (where applicable) will determine winners in each division.

9. **ENTRY FEE:** Entry fee for 11 and under divisions is \$13.00, plus lineage to be determined by Zone Tournament Manager. Entry fee for 12 and Over divisions is \$13.00 plus applicable lineage (see breakdown below). Any checks returned from the bank for any reason will be subject to a \$25 service charge in addition to repaying the amount of the check in guaranteed funds.

11 and Under Division		12 and Over Division	
Expenses	\$4.25	Expenses	\$4.25
State Scholarships	5.00	State Scholarships	\$5.00
Zone Scholarships	<u>3.75</u>	Zone Scholarships	<u>\$3.75</u>
Total:	\$13.00	Total	\$13.00

The complete entry fee MUST be paid by all bowlers at the zone level – NO EXCEPTIONS. Potential and current IHSA bowlers may sign a waiver at the zone tournament stating that they do not wish to receive scholarship money if earned based on final placement. The zone and state scholarship fees will be returned 100% to the bowlers.

10. **ZONE AVERAGE:** Bowlers shall use their *highest current average in any league*, with a minimum of nine (9) games, as of the following dates:

11 & UNDER DIVISIONS: as of NOVEMBER 14, 2011

12 & OVER DIVISIONS: as of NOVEMBER 14, 2011

Averages must be verified with a copy of the league standing sheet with the advancing bowler names being highlighted. If a bowler does not have nine games they must present an individual record sheet at the time of bowling. If the bowler's only league is a Sport League, the Sport average will be adjusted according to the adjustment scale in the USBC Rulebook. **Composite averages will not be permitted at the zone level of competition.**

11. **DRESS CODE:** All bowlers must wear suitable attire. **Zone Directors will have the final say on Zone Tournament dress code.**

What NOT to Wear or Use !!

- Clothing depicting sex, tobacco products, gambling or alcoholic beverages
- Hats/caps/headgear
- Fleece, parachute material, or spandex
- Shorts, capris, skorts, skirts, warm-up suits or clothes with drawstrings at the waist or elastic/velcro at the ankles
- Headphones of any sort while on the bowling approach.

Coaches are asked to review the dress code with bowlers who advance to the Zone Finals.

12. If no replacement has been made, any bowler arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then bowled. Frames missed shall be credited with a zero. A bowler not present to bowl when it is his/her turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
13. Competitors shall be allowed ten (10) minutes of practice on their starting pair. No practice will be allowed when moving lanes. Extreme exceptions shall be determined by the tournament director in the case of a breakdown that lasts over 15 minutes in accordance with USBC Rules.
14. **SUBSTITUTIONS:** No substitutes will be permitted once athletes have started tournament play. Replacements may be used for bowlers not present 30 minutes prior to squad time as stated in Rule #2. Replacements must be from the same league and division as the "no show" bowler and must follow the order of advancement within that league. Bowlers unable to bowl in the Zone must notify the Zone Tournament Manager and your league coordinator at least 48 hours in advance so a replacement can be called. All schedule changes are made at the discretion of the Zone Director. **Once a replacement has been made, the original bowler cannot be placed back into the tournament.**
15. Handicap shall be 100% of the difference between the bowler's average and 210.
16. Symbolic awards will be given as follows: First, Second and Third place medallions in each division. Lapel pins will be given to all Zone participants.
17. Zone Scholarships will be given as follows: One (1) out of seven (7) bowlers (or greater fraction) with a minimum of one (1) in each division will be awarded scholarships based on the number of entrants in each division in each zone.
18. No tobacco products or consumption of alcoholic beverages shall be allowed by guests or athletes on the concourse or in the settee area. Athletes may not use any tobacco products during the course of the competition.
19. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.

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 submitted in writing to the Tournament Director within 72 hours of the conclusion of bowling. Each protest under this rule must be specific in itself.
21. Advancement ratio from Zone competition to the State Finals is **at least one (1) for every seven (7) entries** per division, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties. **In all cases at least 5 persons per division shall advance to State Finals.** The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all divisions.
22. The next level of competition (State Finals) will take place at **SpareTime Lanes, Decatur, IL for the 12 and over Divisions:** Friday, May 18, 2012, or Saturday May 19, 2012 (6 games qualifying). The top 24 (and ties) in each division will also bowl on May 20, 2012. **11 and under divisions** will bowl May 5 or May 6 at **SI Bowl in Carterville, IL** (three games)

*****All bowlers will be assigned squad times*****

23. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Illinois Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee. The IL Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee reserve the right to accept or reject any participant.

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2010-11 ILLINOIS PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS STATE RULES and FORMAT

- 1 This tournament is certified by the USBC and shall be governed by the rules of the USBC. The tournament certification number is **04498**.
- 2 **Participation** in the State Finals is a 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 Zone competition.

Advancers out of the league level must remain in the division they qualified 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 from both tournaments.

Athletes are not mandated to be USBC Junior Gold Program Members to enter the Scratch Division, however, athletes must be Junior Gold Members or be eligible and buy membership prior to advancement to the USBC Junior Gold Championships if necessary for the winner and runner up in both scratch divisions).

- 3 **ADVANCEMENT RATIO:** The advancement ratio from **Zone** competition to **State** competition is at least **one (1) for every seven (7)** entries per division, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties. In all cases, **at least five persons per division shall advance** to the State Finals from each division in each zone tournament. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all divisions.

- 4 **STATE COMPETITION** will take place at

- **12 and Over Age Divisions – Sparetime Lanes in Decatur on May 18 or 19 and May 20, 2012**
- **11 and Under Age Divisions – SI Bowl in Carterville May 5 or 6, 2012**
- Squad times at the State Tournament will be assigned by the State Director.
- Competition shall be conducted in six (6) divisions (based on age as of AUGUST 1, 2011)
 - Boys' Handicap – Ages 11 and Under
 - Girls' Handicap – Ages 11 and Under
 - Girls' Handicap – Ages 12 and Over
 - Girls' Scratch – Ages 12 and Over
 - Boys' Handicap – Ages 12 and Over
 - Boys' Scratch – Ages 12 and Over

- 5 **ENTRY FEE** for all divisions is:

11 & Under Divisions -	\$15.00	12 & Over Divisions	\$20.00
Expense	<u>\$15.00</u>	Expenses:	<u>\$20.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$15.00	TOTAL:	\$20.00

- 6 **ENTRY CLOSING DATE:** **APRIL 4, 2012 for 11 and unders and APRIL 11, 2012 for 12 and overs** - Bowlers are required to submit the entry fee along with their **INDIVIDUAL AVERAGE RECORD SHEET** for the season as of **MARCH 15, 2012**. ** An individual average record (or summary) sheet, NOT league standing sheets, **must be submitted for each league (including travel leagues and USBC certified IHSA leagues)** the bowler has bowled in for the 2011-2012 season. *Composite averages for leagues will not be permitted. Bowlers submitting IHSA averages must verify that all games counted were bowled entirely by the bowler and not as a combination of more than one bowler.* Bowlers not submitting ALL individual record sheets may be DISQUALIFIED.

- 7 Paperwork will be mailed to each bowler who, in turn, then must do the following:
 - Have coaches provide and sign an **individual average sheet** for all leagues bowled showing all games and all weeks bowled for the season.
 - Verify and supply all personal information requested on the personal information form
 - Return both the average sheet and verification form to the State Director with entry fee.

- 8 **FORMAT: Ages 11 & Under** will bowl either May 5th or May 6th 2012, bowling three (3) games, staying on the same pair of lanes. The State Director may adjust squad times if there are not enough bowlers to hold a full squad. Position in standings will be determined by total pins plus handicap. Scholarships for tied positions will be added and divided equally.

AGES 12 & Over will bowl May 18th or 19th 2012. Bowlers will bowl two (2) three (3) game blocks, moving after three (3) games. The field will be cut to the top 24 (including ties for 24th place) in each division after the six (6) games and Semi Finals will bowl on May 20, 2012. Position in standings will be determined by total pins, plus handicap, where applicable.

QUALIFYING PINFALL WILL BE CARRIED FORWARD TO SEMI FINALS

ONLY the Top 24 (and ties) from each division will bowl Sunday, May 20th and will bowl six (6) games. Starting lanes will be assigned based on qualifying position. Upon the completion of six (6) games, total score (12 games) plus handicap, where applicable, will determine the top 6 bowlers in each division that will qualify for the match play final round.

PINFALL WILL BE CARRIED OVER INTO THE MATCH PLAY FINALS

The top 6 bowlers in each division will then bowl six games of match play following a USBC round robin schedule. Twenty (20) bonus pins will be awarded to the winner of each game match (including handicap in the handicap divisions). Ties will each receive ten (10) pins bonus. The first and last rounds will be based on position (first round based on 14 game position, sixth game based on position after five games of match play). The final standings will be based on the total of the 20 games bowled plus bonus pins earned during the match play round.

- 9 The Individual Average Record Sheets as well as the bowler information sheet and entry fee must be returned by **APRIL 4, 2012 for the 11 and under division and April 11, 2012 for the 12 and over division. If all documents and entry fee are not postmarked by the previously mentioned deadline, the bowler may lose their spot.** Replacements will be called after the deadline to fill the spot. Once a replacement bowler has been obtained, the original entrant cannot be placed back into the tournament.
- 10 **STATE AVERAGE:** Bowlers will use their highest current average, in any USBC certified league (includes USBC certified IHSA leagues), as of **March 15, 2012**, with a minimum of nine (9) games. If the minimum has not been met, the bowler must present an Individual Average Record sheet closest to the date of competition. This average will be compared with an average obtained from the 2012 Illinois Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Zone competition; (the scratch total, excluding handicap, will determine that average.). If the bowler's only league is a Sport League, the Sport average will be adjusted according to the adjustment scale in the USBC Rulebook. If the Illinois Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Zone competition average is more than ten (10) pins higher; the state average will be a composite using the league average and zone average at a 3:1 ratio (i.e. League average = 100, Zone average = 140 – Composite = $(3 \times 100 + 140) / 4 = 110$) This composite average will be used at the Illinois Pepsi USBC Youth Championships State Finals
- 11 Averages must be verified by a copy of an Individual Average Record Sheet submitted with the bowler information form. See Rule 7, above, for all documents that must be mailed to the State Director by that date.
- 12 No substitutes will be permitted once the athletes have started tournament play; however, replacements may be used for bowlers not present 30 minutes prior to squad time as stated in Rule #2. Replacements will be called in the order of finish from the zone reports for 2011-12. Replacements in order must be called and decline before continuing down the list. Replacements must be from the same Zone as the "no-show" bowler. **Once a replacement has been made, the original bowler cannot be placed back into the tournament.**
- 13 No tobacco products or consumption of alcoholic beverages by guests or athletes shall be allowed on the concourse or in the settee area. No tobacco products may be used by competitors while competition is in progress.

- 14 **DRESS CODE:** Bowlers are required to wear suitable attire while bowling in the ISUSBC Youth Championship Tournaments. Bowling shoes must be worn. Participants in the ISUSBC Youth Championship Tournaments must be neat in both clothing and personal grooming and meet the following dress code rules:

What You CAN Wear

- All competitors must wear a shirt with a “butterfly” collar or mock collar. Mock collar must be a minimum of ¾ of one inch. All shirts must have finished sleeves for all competition. Females may wear a sleeveless shirt with a butterfly collar only if the sleeves are finished. .
- T-shirts will be allowed provided they are those that have the bowling center or sponsor’s name (only in qualifying for the 12 and over divisions)
- The USBC supplied youth jersey is acceptable for competition.
- Souvenir shirts purchased at the souvenir table can also be worn. T-Shirts (as specified above) may only be worn on Friday or Saturday for the 12 & Over Divisions. Sunday Semi Finals and Finals bowlers **must** wear a shirt with a “butterfly” or mock collar stated above.
- Boys and Girls will be required to wear full length dress/casual slacks.

What You CANNOT Wear

- Clothing depicting sex, gambling, tobacco products or alcoholic beverages.
 - Hats/caps/headgear, headphones or any other electronic devices during competition.
 - Blue Jeans, Spandex, sweatpants, pants with draw strings, pants with holes in them and those made out of parachute-like material.
 - Shorts, skorts, skirts, or capri’s
 - Chains on clothing
 - Leather clothing including jackets while bowling
 - **Dress Code at the State Finals will be strictly enforced.** Any Exceptions to the above must be approved by the tournament management prior to check-in. Coaches are asked to review the dress code for State Finals with bowlers.
- 15 Competitors shall be allowed ten (10) minutes of practice on their starting pair. No practice will be allowed when moving lanes. Extreme exceptions shall be determined by the tournament director if a breakdown lasts more than 15 minutes in accordance with USBC Rules.
- 16 If no replacement has been made, bowlers arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then bowled. Frames missed shall be credited with a zero. Frames may not be made-up. A bowler not present to bowl when it is his/her turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
- 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 **12 and over divisions only:** If at the conclusion of the Semi Final Round there is a tie for the last advancing spot (6th place) a one-game roll off will be immediately held to determine the advancer (including one game handicap for handicap divisions). If at the conclusion of this game a tie still exists, it will be broken by a 9th and 10th frame roll-off, plus 1/10 of handicap per frame, where applicable. If bowlers are still tied after the 9th and 10th frame rolloff another 9th and 10th frame rolloff will be bowled until the tie is broken. Ties for other positions prior to match play will be broken by the last single non tied game bowled during the Sunday semi finals.
- 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. Questionable errors shall be decided upon by the tournament director and any committee members present. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the tournament director within 72 hours. Each protest under this rule must be specific in itself.
- 21 Symbolic awards will be given as follows: Lapel pins will be given to all State participants. Plaques will be given to the top 5 (stepladder finals) in the 12 and Over Divisions. Plaques will be given to the top 8 in the 11 and Under Divisions.
- 22 Scholarships will be awarded in all divisions at a ration of scholarship prize for every seven entrants with a minimum of five guaranteed scholarships in each division to be given as follows:
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| ➤ First Place (all divisions) | \$2,000.00 |
| ➤ Second Place (all divisions) | \$1,000.00 |
| ➤ Third Place (all divisions) | \$ 750.00 |
| ➤ Fourth Place (all divisions) | \$ 650.00 |
| ➤ Fifth Place (all divisions) | \$ 550.00 |
| ➤ Sixth Place (all divisions) | \$500.00 |
- 23 Any remaining monies will be awarded on a ratio of 1 to 7, by divisions.

- 24 The first and second place winners of the 12 and over Girls' and Boys' **Scratch** Divisions will advance to the 2012 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships July, 2012 to be held in Indianapolis, IN. They must be USBC Junior Gold Program Members to advance. Those qualifiers not USBC Junior Gold members at the time of qualifying **MUST** purchase a USBC Junior Gold membership prior to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships. USBC Youth will pay for their entry fee into the USBC Junior Gold Championships. All U.S. citizens are vying for a spot on USBC Junior Team USA 2013 to represent the United States in National and International youth competition. If the Scratch Division Champion is unwilling/unable to become a USBC Junior Gold Program Member and will not advance to the 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. *The Illinois Pepsi USBC Youth Championships will also provide up to \$500.00 toward travel expenses to the first and second place winners in each of the Boys' Scratch and Girls' Scratch divisions. To receive the stipend bowlers/parents must provide receipts equal to or greater than the \$500 allowed.*
- 25 All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Illinois Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee. Failure to abide by any rules and regulations may lead to disqualification from this event.

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