

Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Rules

2012 Louisiana State Finals

1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (# 04498) and shall be governed by USBC rules.
2. All athletes must be a USBC Youth Member to participate. Advancement from the league level is a one time entry.
3. The advancement ratio from the league level to the state competition is at least one for every 3 (three) entries per division in the 12 and above--Boys' and Girls' Scratch, or major fraction thereof, and one for every 5 (five) entries per division in the Boys' and Girls' Handicap, or major fraction thereof and one for every 5 (five) entries per division in the 11 and under--Boys' and Girls' Handicap, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties. To advance an additional individual, you must have three bowlers to the next multiple of five in the divisions advancing one for every five or two to the next multiple of three in the division advancing one for every three. 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 person per division shall advance. Divisions are based on the participant's age as of August 1, 2011.
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 the league level in more than one state, the bowler must declare one state to continue competing in before the next competition level. Participation in any level of competition past the league level in more than one state will result in automatic disqualification.
5. League level qualifying will be conducted on the following dates: January 17, 2012 (Tuesday) - January 30, 2012 (Monday). If holiday activities or varsity bowling conflict, centers may use alternate qualifying dates, upon submission of a written request to the state tournament director. No league may hold more than one two-week qualifying session. Travel leagues and leagues which end their season fully (meaning a league completely terminates and distributes all league awards) prior to December 31, 2011, shall have their league qualifier from October 8 (Saturday) to October 21 (Friday), 2011. Travel league secretaries should relay their qualifiers to the appropriate coaches no later than the November session. Any league wishing to conduct an October qualifier must submit a copy of the league certification to the Louisiana Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee showing a league termination date of no later than December 31, 2011. Leagues that have an October qualifier, your paperwork is due to the Tournament Director by December 31, 2011. Leagues which have split seasons (i.e., distributes team awards after the first half, but do not restart the league and all averages) are not eligible to run an October qualifier. Eligible leagues will be notified of approval in writing by the committee. The decision of the committee will be final.
6. State competition will take place at Holiday Lanes, 3316 Old Minden Rd, Bossier City, La. 71112. Qualifying for the 12 and above divisions will take place on Saturday, April 28, 2012 with shift times of 9:30 am, 1:00 pm. Lanes will be oiled before the 9:30 am shift. All bowlers in the Scratch Division will be scheduled at the 9:30 am shift. Finals for the 12 and above divisions will be bowled on Sunday, April 29, 2012. **SCHEDULING WILL BE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS, HOST CENTER BOWLERS MAY NOT GET TIMES REQUESTED.**

The Boys' and Girls' 11 & under division will bowl on Saturday April 28th, 2012 at 5:00 pm.

7. The entry closing date is February 28, 2012. Additional entries for any event shall not be accepted after that date. The name, address, bowlers I.D. #, date of birth and telephone number of each qualifier must be on an official entry form along with the state entry fees and must be submitted to the tournament director listed below. A copy of the league qualifying worksheet and standing sheet as of December 31, 2011 must accompany entries.

8. Competition will be conducted in six divisions. These divisions are based on the participant's age as of August 1, 2011:

Ages 11 and under -- Boys' Handicap	Ages 11 and under -- Girls' Handicap
Ages 12 and above -- Boys' Handicap	Ages 12 and above -- Girls' Handicap
Ages 12 and above -- Boys' Scratch	Ages 12 and above -- Girls' Scratch

**Athletes are not mandated to be USBC Junior Gold members to enter the Scratch Divisions. However, athletes must be Program Members or be eligible and buy membership prior to advancement to the USBC Junior Gold Championships.

9. The 12 and above divisions will bowl 6 (six) qualifying games across 12 (twelve) lanes on Saturday, April 28, 2012 and

The finals will be on Sunday am, as follows

Finalist will be determined as follows:

Scratch Division	Handicap Division
1-24 bowlers in the qualifying rounds -- 4	Boy's -- 16
25-60 bowlers in the qualifying rounds -- 8	Girl's -- 8
61-or more bowlers in the qualifying rounds -- 16	

The finals will be a double elimination bracket in each division. The finals for divisions with 16 finalists will begin at 9:30 am with all finalists expected to attend a meeting at 9:15 am. The finals for divisions with 8 finalists will begin at 10:30 am with all finalists expected to attend a meeting at 11:15 am. Finals with only 4 finalists will begin at 11:30 am with all finalists expected to attend a meeting at 10:45 am. In case of a tie for a spot in the finals (after the qualifying), a one game roll-off will be used. In the handicap divisions, bowlers will receive a one game handicap. A two frame (9th/10th) roll-off will decide all ties in the finals. In the handicap divisions, 1/10 (one tenth) handicap per frame will be added.

NOTE -- It is the bowler's responsibility to determine if he or she advances to the finals. Names and scores of semifinalists/finalists will be posted in the bowling center and also given out by tournament officials by telephone from 5:30 pm till 6:30 pm on Saturday. The host bowling center or tournament committee is not responsible for the bowler receiving incorrect information on the telephone concerning qualification for the semifinals/finals.

10. The bowlers in the 11 & under divisions will bowl 3 (three) games on the same pair of lanes to determine the state champion.

11. Entry fee is:

11 and under Divisions		12 and above Divisions	
Lineage	\$ 7.50	Lineage	\$ 15.00
Expense	\$ 16.00	Expense	\$ 23.50
Awards*	\$ 1.00	Awards*	\$ 1.00
Scholarship Fee*	\$.50	Scholarship Fee*	\$.50
Total	\$ 25.00	Total	\$ 40.00

*Awards and scholarship fees will be returned 100%. Scholarships will be held by: USBC Smart Program, 621 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011. Phone No. (1-800-514-2695 extension 8292) in account number 8524

**In the 12 & above divisions, finalist's lineage will be paid through expense fee. Also (4) \$750.00 stipends from expense fee will be paid to the 1st and 2nd place winners in the boy's and girl's divisions who participate in the National Junior Gold Tournament.

12. A. All bowlers must wear suitable bowling attire in the form of collared sport shirts with sleeves or USBC issued Jersey. Dress slacks, dress jeans no holes, skirts or walking shorts (max. 2 inches above knee) may be worn - no short shorts or midriff shirts (shirts must be hip length or tucked in) will be allowed. Bowlers may not wear hats or caps during tournament competition. Bowlers not having the proper dress will not be allowed to bowl. No mock turtleneck shirts allowed. No headgear (I-pods, walkmans, and radios) may be worn during tournament bowling. No school uniforms or school logos allowed to be worn in tournament competition.

B. Sunday Finals - 12 and up divisions must wear slacks - no jeans or shorts. Bowlers not having proper attire will not be allowed to bowl.

13. Bowlers can be replaced by an alternate up to 5:00pm on Monday April 9, 2012. No substitutions will be allowed at the tournament—site. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** It will be the responsibility of the league coach to make any substitutions and verify the averages. If an individual who qualified cannot participate in the state competition, replacements **MUST** come from the same league, same qualifier and division based on their order of finish. The tournament will make no refunds to bowlers who are replaced or for bowlers who do not show.

14. Bowlers will be allowed 10 minutes of practice time on the tournament lanes at the beginning of each shift.

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. A bowler not present to bowl when it's their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.

16. Bowlers shall use their highest 2011/2012 current certified league average, minimum of 12 games, as of December 31, 2011. If the minimum has not been met, the current 2011/2012 league average, as of April 9, 2012 (with a 12 game minimum) will be used; otherwise the bowler will bowl scratch. Averages must be submitted on entry forms with the coach's verification. Travel league averages must also be included. **AVERAGES MUST BE VERIFIED BY A DATED, December 31, 2011, LEAGUE STANDING SHEET. PLEASE SEND LEAGUE DATED STANDING SHEETS OR LEAGUE ALPHABETICAL LIST FOR ALL LEAGUES PERTAINING TO YOUR BOWLERS AS OF December 31, 2011 TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR.** Rule 202d, sport bowling league averages will be adjusted according to the adjustment chart of the USBC Playing Rules to achieve the "correct" average.

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. Participants will have priority of seating area as opposed to spectators.
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. Awards will be given as follows:
 - Symbolic awards will be presented with a minimum of 1 in 10 bowlers entered in each division.
21. The champions in each division will be guaranteed a scholarship based on the money collected in the division. The committee will also award additional scholarships based on the total number of entries and scholarship money available for the tournament. The USBC-Louisiana Youth Assoc. will contribute an additional \$3000.00 to the scholarship pool.
22. The winners and runners up in the 12 and above Scratch divisions will advance to the 2012 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships on July 14 thru 20, 2012 in Indianapolis. They must be USBC Junior Gold members to advance or purchase a USBC Junior Gold membership prior to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships. USBC will pay for their \$200.00 entry fee into the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships. A stipend will be provided by the USBC-Louisiana Youth to reimburse each scratch advancer to help cover travel expenses, housing and meals. Receipts must be submitted before any stipend is provided. 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 runner up is unwilling/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. An athlete declining to advance must report this information to the tournament director immediately after awards presentation at the state finals.
23. Advancers must agree to bowl in the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships, or, failing to do so, agree to waive all rights. The advancer must notify the tournament director by May 15, 2012 to withdraw in order to notify USBC of the replacement by their deadline. Replacements will be selected based on the order of finish in their division at the state level. If the advancer decides not to attend the national finals, the state scholarship won may be withdrawn depending on the date notification is given before the national finals. This decision will be made by the USBC-Louisiana Youth Tournament Committee.
24. All matter not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the USBC Louisiana Youth Tournament Committee. The Pepsi USBC Youth Championship National Tournament Committee has the authority to accept or reject any participant.

Mail all Entries and Forms To
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