



2011-2012 MARYLAND PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS REGIONALS RULES AND FORMAT

1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (04498) and shall be governed by USBC rules.
2. League level qualifying dates are **November 6th thru 19th, 2011 and January 8th thru 21st, 2012.** Advancement from league is a one-time entry. If a qualified individual cannot participate in this competition, replacements will be eligible based on order of finish in previous competition. **Replacement must advance from the same league and window based on order of finish.**
3. Advancement ratio from league competition to Regional competition is at least **1 for every 4 entries** per each division, per league or **any 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. In all cases at least one person 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.** 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.**
5. Competition in each region will be announced by each region. Contact local association manager for details. Entry forms will be available before closing dates.
6. Entry closing date will be set by each region with none later than March 17, 2012. Tournament entry form containing qualifiers' name, address, telephone number, date of birth and graduating year must be submitted by the designated date to the regional tournament director.
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 AND ABOVE** 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 PROGRAM 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 POINT JUNIOR GOLD CHAMPIONSHIPS.** Competition shall be conducted in the following divisions. Ages 11 and under boys' and girls' handicap, ages 12 and up boys' and girls' handicap and 12 and up boys' and girls' scratch.
8. The tournament format for the regional level shall be: Three (3) games rolled on a pair of lanes for ALL divisions.
9. Entry fee is: **Ages 11 and under:** Expenses- \$3.00, *Awards- \$2.00, Scholarships- \$3.00. **Total-\$8.00 plus Lineage** shown on Regional entry form. **Ages 12 and up and Scratch** Expenses- \$4.00, *Awards- \$2.00, Scholarships- \$3.00. **Total-\$9.00 plus Lineage** shown on Regional entry form. Any regional tournament director's fee should be added to the expenses, maximum of \$1.00 per bowler. * Includes state awards. **AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIP** fees shall be returned 100% to the bowlers. **Bowlers that advance to the State Level will pay \$9.00 for the 11 and Under and \$15.00 for the 12 and Up Handicap and \$18.00 for all Scratch.** Scholarships will be held in **SMART: ACCOUNT # 8525.** (USBC rules 301 and 309 states that all scholarships must be deposited in the SMART program.

10. All bowlers must wear suitable attire. Examples of prohibited attire include but are not limited to: Tank tops halter tops, bare midriffs, spaghetti strap tops, etc. Workout attire, short shorts, short skirts, bib overalls, jeans that are not neat, clean or in good condition (no torn jeans). Attire depicting alcohol, tobacco or gambling, an illegal substance or inappropriate language/gestures may not be worn in accordance with Rule 301b. **USBC membership shirt encouraged.** In addition, lane courtesy which excludes extra loud noise or inappropriate gestures on the approach is to be observed. **ONLY** one lane courtesy is **PERMITTED**. Bowlers are not allowed to use electronic equipment of any kind in the bowler's area during competition. This includes but is not limited to cell phones, pagers, video recorders, cameras, radios, palm pilots, headphones, etc. Tournament management or designee decision will be final.
11. No substitutes will be permitted once athletes have started tournament play. However, replacements may be used for bowlers not present 10 minutes prior to the start of bowling as stated in Rule 2. Replacements must be from the same window, same league, same division and same centers as the "no-show" bowler. They **MUST** follow the order of advancement within that window and league.
12. Competitors shall be allowed **TEN** minutes practice time on their starting pair of lanes. Bowlers may have a maximum of 2 balls on the rack at a time (if space permits).
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 is his/her turn shall be credited with a **ZERO** for that frame.
14. Bowlers shall use their highest current certified league average minimum of 12 games as of February 7, 2012. If the minimum has not been met, the bowler will present a league standing sheet closest to the date of competition. All averages must be verified by a standing sheet. Leagues with beginning averages mid-year will use a composite average.
15. Handicap shall be 100% of the difference between bowler's average and 210.
16. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
17. At the regional level, duplicate awards will be given for ties. Ties in last qualifying position will both advance to state finals.
18. Claims for error in scoring or general playing 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 of the infraction. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
19. Symbolic awards will be given to all who participate in the regional. Medals will be awarded to all who advance to the State level.
20. Advancement ratio from regional level to state competition will be **1 for every 7 entries in each division, or any fraction thereof, including last place ties.** In all cases at least 1st and 2nd place from each division shall advance. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all eligible divisions.
21. The next level of competition will take place at **Cherokee Lanes, 1524 S. Salisbury Blvd. Salisbury, Md. 21801 on April 21st and April 22nd 2012.** Exact squad times to be determined later.
22. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Maryland State Pepsi USBC Youth Championship Tournament Committee. The National Pepsi USBC Youth Championship tournament committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.

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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 replacements will be eligible based on order of finish in the previous Regional competition.
3. Advancement ratio from regional competition to state competition is **1 for every 7 entries** per each division, per league or **any 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. In all cases at least two bowlers 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**. 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**.
5. Competition will take place at **Cherokee Lanes, 1524 S. Salisbury Blvd. Salisbury, Md. 21801 on April 21st and 22nd 2012**. Exact squad times to be announced.
6. **Entry closing date is March 31, 2012**. Tournament entry forms containing qualifiers' name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, and birthday and graduation year must be submitted to the State tournament director by this date.
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 AND ABOVE** 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 PROGRAM 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. Ages 11 and under boys' and girls' handicap, ages 12 and up boys' and girls' handicap and 12 and up boys' and girls' scratch.
8. The tournament format shall be: For those in the 11 and under division it will be Three (3) games on a pair of lanes. The 12 and up Handicap will bowl 5 games on a pair of lanes. The first 5 places, boy and girl in each division will receive awards. Scratch divisions will bowl 6 games in two three game blocks moving 1 pair of lanes after the 1st block. The top eight in the scratch division will then participate in a stepladder final i.e.: bowlers 6, 7, 8 with winner bowling 4 & 5 with winner bowling 3rd, winner bowling 2nd Winner bowling 1st. All stepladder athletes will receive awards.
9. **Entry fee for this level will be \$9.00 for the 11 and under, \$15.00 for the 12 and up handicap and \$18.00 for the Scratch. ALL AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIP** fees shall be returned 100% to the bowlers. Scholarships will be held in **SMART: ACCOUNT # 8525**. (USBC rules 301 and 309 states that all scholarships must be deposited in the SMART program.
10. All bowlers must wear suitable attire. Example of prohibited attire includes but is not limited to: Tank tops halter tops, bare midriffs, spaghetti strap tops, etc. Workout attire, short shorts, short skirts, bib overalls, jeans that are not neat, clean or in good condition (no torn jeans). Attire depicting alcohol, tobacco or gambling, an illegal substance or inappropriate language/gestures may not be worn in accordance with Rule 301b. **USBC membership shirt encouraged**. In addition, lane courtesy which excludes extra load noise or inappropriate gestures on the approach is to be observed. **ONLY** one lane courtesy is **PERMITTED**. Bowlers are not allowed to use electronic equipment of any kind in the bowler's area during competition. This includes but is not limited to cell phones, pagers, video recorders, cameras,

- radios, palm pilots, headphones, etc. Tournament management or designee decision will be final.
11. No substitutes will be permitted once athletes have started tournament play. However, replacements may be used for bowlers not present 10 minutes prior to the start of bowling as stated in Rule 2. Replacements must be from order of finish from prior level of competition.
 12. Competitors shall be allowed **TEN** minutes practice time on their starting pair of lanes (no practice time on lanes for the 2nd block) Bowlers may have a maximum of 2 balls on the rack at a time (if space permits).
 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 is his/her turn shall be credited with a **ZERO** for that frame.
 14. Bowlers shall use their highest current certified 2011/2012 league average, minimum 12 games, as of March 17, 2012. If the minimum has not been met, the bowler will bowl scratch. **AVERAGES MUST BE VERIFIED BY A STANDING SHEET.**
 15. Handicap shall be 100% of the difference between bowlers' average and 210.
 16. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
 17. Ties for any of the stepladder final positions will be broken by a 9th and 10th frame roll-off. Should a tie still exist, it will be broken by an additional 9th & 10th frame roll-off, plus one tenth of handicap per frame where applicable.
 18. Claims for error in scoring or general playing 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 of the infraction. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
 19. Trophies will be awarded to the top 5 boys and top 5 girls in the 11 and under, top 5 boys and top 5 girls in the 12 and up Handicap and to all stepladder finalists (boys and girls) in the scratch divisions.
 20. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Maryland State Pepsi USBC Youth Championship Tournament Committee. The National Pepsi USBC Youth Championship tournament committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.
 21. **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 July 14th – 20th, 2012 in Indianapolis, Indiana. They must have a USBC 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 competing 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 USBC Junior Gold member and will not advance to the Championships, the athlete will still retain the state/zone scholarship, but the berth to the Championships will be awarded to the next eligible athlete.**
 22. 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/zone level. Replacements will incur all costs associated with changing the airline ticket, if applicable. If the eligible advancer decides not to attend the North Point Junior Gold Championships, the state/zone scholarship won may be withdrawn. This decision will be made by the state/zone tournament committee.

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