

2012 Missouri Pepsi USBC Youth Championships

1. This tournament is certified by USBC, certificate #04498. Entry is open to all USBC youth bowlers.
2. There is a one time entry. If an individual qualified and cannot participate at the next level, replacements will be eligible based on the order of finish in the same division of the same window of the qualifying event.
3. Advancement ratio from league level to state is at least one (1) for every ten (10), or major fraction thereof, league members in that division. In all cases, at least one (1) person per division will advance. **The base number of league members who were eligible to compete in each division, not just members present on the day of competition. Age is based on the bowler's age as of August 1, 2011.**
4. League level qualifying to determine bowlers who will advance to the state level competition will be held during sanctioned league play within two separate one week qualifying windows. The dates for these windows are November 6-12, 2011 and January 22-29, 2012. These qualifying dates may not be changed without permission from the state director. Handicap will be 100% from 210 at the league level. Any bowler with an average of 211 or higher must bowl in the scratch division. Prebowed and postbowed scores are not allowed to be used for advancement.

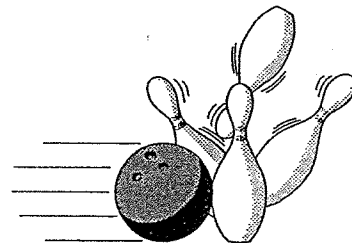
Advancers out of the league level must remain in the division they qualified in during all subsequent levels. If a bowler advances out of the league level in more than one state, the bowler must declare one state in which to continue his or her competing before the next competition level. Participation in any level of competition past the league level in more than one state will result in automatic disqualification.

5. State competition will take place at:

Bonne Terre Family Fun Center
111 Old Orchard Road
Bonne Terre, MO 63628
573-358-5007

Squads are as follows:

Saturday, April 14, 2012	11:00 AM and 2:00 PM
Sunday, April 15, 2012	11:00 AM
Saturday, April 21, 2012	11:00 AM and 2:00 PM
Sunday, April 22, 2012	11:00 AM
Saturday, April 28, 2012	11:00 AM and 2:00 PM
Sunday, April 29, 2012	11:00 AM



6. **Entry closing date is March 22, 2012.** Name, USBC number, date of birth, address, telephone number and squad choice of each state qualifier, along with all tournament entry fees for all qualifiers must be postmarked to the state director by that date.
7. Averages used shall be the **HIGHEST CURRENT CERTIFIED AVERAGE AS OF AND INCLUDING SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 2012 FOR A MINIMUM OF 12 GAMES. AVERAGE SHEETS FOR ALL LEAGUES EACH BOWLER COMPETES IN MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THE ENTRY. THIS INCLUDES OTHER CENTER LEAGUES, TRAVEL LEAGUES AND SPORT BOWLING LEAGUES. BOWLERS WILL NOT BE SCHEDULED UNTIL AVERAGE SHEETS ARE RECEIVED. A BOWLER WITHOUT A 12 GAME AVERAGE WILL USE AVERAGES AS OF MARCH 22, 2012 (minimum 12 games). IT WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COACH AND BOWLER TO BRING CORRECT AVERAGES TO THE TOURNAMENT. SPORT LEAGUE AVERAGES WILL BE ADJUSTED USING THE ADJUSTMENT CHART IN THE USBC PLAYING RULES BOOK.**
8. Competition will be conducted in six divisions. These are 11 & Under Boys' Handicap, 11 & Under Girls' Handicap, 12 & Above Boys' Handicap, 12 & Above Girls' Handicap, 12 & Above Boys' Scratch, and 12 & Above Girls' Scratch. 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 Program members or be eligible and buy membership prior to advancement to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships.

9. The 11 & Under Boys' Handicap and the 11 & Under Girls' Handicap participants will bowl three games, with total pinfall plus handicap determining the winners. All divisions in the 12 & Above age groups will bowl six games, with total pinfall plus handicap, if applicable, determining the winners of each division. **All six games will be bowled on one pair of lanes.**
10. Entry fees are as follows:

<u>11 & Under</u>	~Lineage	\$ 8.75	<u>12 & Above</u>	~Lineage	\$17.50
	Expenses	6.25		Expenses	7.00
	Awards	1.75		Awards	1.75
	Scholarships	<u>5.25</u>		Scholarships	<u>11.75</u>
	TOTAL	\$22.00		TOTAL	\$38.00

Awards and scholarship fees will be returned 100% to the bowlers. All scholarships will be maintained by the SMART Program, account #8530 (USBC, extension 8292).

11. **DRESS CODE:** Requirement for entry into this tournament is the wearing of nice jeans, slacks, or finger-tip length skirts, shorts, or skorts. No sleeveless blouses or shirts, tank tops, or halter tops will be allowed. Any clothing depicting violence, foul language or gestures, tobacco or alcohol products will not be allowed. Head gear is not allowed. Smoking will not be allowed on the concourse or in the settee area during competition.
12. Replacements may only be chosen from the same qualifying window and division as the individual who has dropped. The order of replacement must go in order of finish.
13. Bowlers will be allowed two (2) practice balls on each lane.
14. A bowler arriving late shall begin play with their score counting in the frame then being bowled. Frames missed will be counted as a zero. A bowler not present and ready to bowl when it is his/her turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
15. Handicap will be 100% of the difference between the bowler's average and 210.
16. Only bowlers and tournament officials will be allowed in the settee area.
17. Scratch Division finalists must agree to bowl in the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships, or, failing to do so, agree to waive all rights. If the scratch finalist does not attend the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships, the Tournament Committee may withdraw the state scholarship won by the finalist.
18. Symbolic awards will be given for one (1) of every ten (10) participants in each division.
19. Scholarships will be given to at least first place in every division.
20. **The first place winners of the 12 & Above Boys' and Girls' Scratch Divisions will advance to the 2012 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships. They must be USBC Junior Gold members to advance. No stipend or travel reimbursement will be provided for these athletes.**
21. **11 & Under Boys' and Girls' Divisions and 12 & Above Boys' and Girls' Handicap Divisions will not advance beyond the State Competition.**
22. Failure to abide by any rules and regulations will lead to disqualification from this event.
23. The Missouri Pepsi Tournament Committee will decide all matters not covered by these rules and regulations, and USBC rules and regulations. The National Youth Championships Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.
24. **ALL BOWLERS MUST SEE AND UNDERSTAND THESE RULES.**

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