

Youth Bowling Championships Nebraska State Format

1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress # 04498 and shall be governed by USBC rules. Participants must be a member of the USBC youth division.
 2. One-time entry. If an individual who qualified cannot participate in the state competition, replacements will be eligible based on order of finish in previous competition. League Qualifying dates are October 24, 2011 through November 7, 2011 and January 2, 2012 through January 16, 2012.
 3. Advancement ratio from the league competition to the state competition is at least ONE for every FIVE entries per division, 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. In all cases at least one person per division shall advance. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all eligible divisions. All graduating seniors will advance to the state finals provided they bowl at the league level.
 4. Advancers out of the league level must remain in the division they qualified in during all subsequent levels. If the bowler advances out of the league level in more than one state, the bowler must declare one state to continue competition before the next competition. 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 Plaza Lanes, 520 W. 23rd St., Fremont, NE 68025 on March 3,4,10,11,17,18. Additional dates may be added in the event of weather or number of entries. Match game finals will be held on Sat. March 31, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. for the top 6 places in each of the 12 and over divisions. (Date subject to change due to weather or entries.)
 6. Squad Times:

Saturday	11:30 a.m.	2:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	2:00 p.m.
 7. Entries close February 14, 2012. LATE entries accepted until February 23, 2012 subject to availability. Qualifiers name, address, telephone number and Social Security number, along with the entry fee must be submitted to the tournament director by this date.
 8. Divisions are based on the participants 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. Competition shall be conducted in the following divisions:

Ages 11 and under:	Girls Handicap	Ages 12 and over:	Girls Handicap	Girls Scratch
	Boys Handicap		Boys Handicap	Boys Scratch
 9. The tournament format shall be: ages 11 and under will bowl three games at the state level, total pinfall plus handicap will determine final standings. Ages 12 and over will bowl six games moving to the right after the first three. The top six from the 12 and over divisions will return on Saturday, March 31, 2012 for the match game round robin finals. Pinfall from the state competition will not carry forward into match game competition. Bonus pins will be awarded for wins/ties during match game competition, win 30, tie 15 and loss 0. There will be no fees for the match game competition.
 10. Entry fee is:

<u>11 and under</u>	<u>12 and over</u>	
Lineage	\$6.50	Lineage
Expenses	\$4.00	Expenses
Awards	\$.50	Awards
Scholarships	<u>\$4.00</u>	Scholarships
Total	\$15.00	Total

		<u>NO REFUNDS</u>
Lineage	\$13.00	
Expenses	\$ 4.50	
Awards	\$ 4.50	
Scholarships	<u>\$ 8.00</u>	
Total	\$30.00	
- Awards and scholarships fees will be returned 100% to the bowlers. Scholarship money will be held in SMART account # 8532.
11. All bowlers must wear suitable attire. Shirts with alcohol, tobacco or inappropriate wording for figures will not be allowed. The tournament director has the discretion to ask the bowler to change. No hats/caps allowed. No smoking is allowed in the bowling area. At the finals bowlers will wear collared shirts or jersey from USBC and slacks.
 12. No substitutes will be permitted once bowlers have started tournament play, however, replacements may be used for bowlers not present 10 minutes prior to the squad time as stated in Rule 2. If no replacement has been made, bowlers arriving late shall begin play and the scores 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 to bowl will be credited with a zero for that frame.
 13. Competitors shall be allowed two practice balls on each of their starting lanes.
 14. Bowlers shall use their highest current certified league average, minimum of twenty-one games, as of July 31, 2011. If the minimum has not been met, the bowler will present a league standings sheet as of 12-31-11 of 12 games or more. Averages must be verified with a standing sheet enclosed with entry form. Bowlers using a sport bowling average refer to Rule 202a and Rule 202d.
 15. Handicaps 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. Ties for the top 6 in each of the 12 and over divisions will be broken before advancing to match game competition with a one game roll-off. A time and place will be announced by the tournament director at a later date. Should a tie still exist, it will be broken by an additional ninth and tenth frame roll-off, plus 1/10 of handicap per frame where applicable. (Refer to rule 326 a).
 18. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the tournament director and 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 within 72 hours of the infraction. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
 19. Symbolic awards will be given as follows:

Ages 11 and under all divisions	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd places with a ratio of 1-6 to the rest.
Ages 12 and over all divisions	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th , 6 th with a ratio of 1-6 to the rest.
 20. Scholarships will be awarded as follows:

Ages 11 and under	1 st \$300; 2 nd \$200; 3 rd \$100
Ages 12 and over	1 st \$400; 2 nd \$300; 3 rd \$200
 21. The first-place winner and runner-up in the 12 and over scratch division (boys & girls) will advance to the 2012 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships July 14-20, 2012 in Indianapolis, IN. Winners in the scratch divisions receive no financial support; money from the Brunswick Ball Raffle will be divided between the winners. Winners are not confirmed as international finalists until they receive a confirmation letter or email from USBC. Advancers will be required to be accompanied by a parent, guardian or coach.
 22. 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. If the advancer decides not to attend the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships, the state scholarship won may be withdrawn. This decision will be made by the state tournament committee. Replacements will incur all expenses associated with changing the airline ticket, if applicable.
 23. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the State Pepsi USBC Youth Tournament Committee. The National Pepsi Youth Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.

If you have any questions, please call:
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