



## PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS NH STATE LEVEL 2012 RULES AND FORMAT

1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress and shall be governed by USBC rules. The certification number is #4498.
2. Dates of league level qualifying are **November 5 – 19, 2011 and January 7 – 21, 2012**. Advancement from league is a onetime entry. If an individual who qualified cannot participate in the New Hampshire State Pepsi competition, replacements will be eligible based on order of finish in previous competition.

**The results of the November qualifier must be sent into the Director by December 12, 2011. Results of the January qualifier must be sent in by February 13, 2012. DEADLINES WILL BE ADHERED TOO; LATE SUBMITTALS WILL DISQUALIFY THOSE ATHLETES FROM COMPETING.**

3. Advancement ratio from the league to the state is 1 for every 3 entries per league, per division, or major fraction thereof including last place ties. In all cases at least one youth, per league, per division shall advance. Only bowlers present for the qualifying rounds will be counted for the ratio base. Ratio shall be applied uniformly in all eligible divisions. There will be no Pre-Bowling or Post-Bowling by individuals.
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, the bowler must declare one state to continue 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 **Maple Lanes, 125 Maple Ave., Claremont, NH on April 21 & 22, 2012**. Starting time will be **10:00 a.m.** All Divisions will bowl on Saturday and Sunday. Bowlers should arrive 45 minutes before their squad time to check in. Squad times and dates will be sent to each Bowling Center's Tournament Coordinator and each athlete.
6. Entry closing date is March 3, 2012. Tournament entry form containing qualifier's name, address, and telephone number along with appropriate fees must be submitted to the tournament director by March 12, 2012. **AGAIN, DEADLINES WILL BE ADHERED TOO; LATE SUBMITTALS WILL DISQUALIFY THOSE ATHLETES FROM COMPETING.**
7. Divisions are based on 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 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.**

Competition will be conducted in 6 Divisions. Ages 11 & Under Handicap Boys and Girls. Ages 12 & Above Handicap Boys and Girls. Ages 12 & Above Scratch Boys and Girls.

8. Bowlers 11 and Under shall bowl three (3) games. Bowlers 12 & Above shall bowl (6) games across four (4) lanes. Total pinfall plus handicap will determine the handicap winners where applicable.

9. Entry fees as follows:

	Ages 11 & Under		Ages 12 & Above
Lineage	\$ 8.25	Lineage	\$16.50
Expenses	\$ 1.50	Expenses	\$ 1.50
Scholarship	\$ 1.50	Scholarship	\$ 2.25
Awards	\$ .75	Awards	\$ .75
Total	\$12.00	Total	\$21.00

Awards and scholarship fees will be returned 100% to the bowlers. **Scholarship money will be held in SMART, account #8534.**

10. **Bowlers must wear suitable attire;** pants should be clean, neat and with no holes; plain colored tee-shirts, plain or striped collared shirts, sweaters or blouses and official USBC Youth shirts. **No hats/caps allowed.** Final approval or disapproval will be at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

**There will be no alcoholic beverages, foul language or behavior unbecoming of a Junior Bowler. Such actions are cause for disqualification. There will be no alcoholic beverages, foul language or gambling allowed on the concourse by the adults. There will be no electronic devices allowed during competition.**

11. No substitutes will be permitted **once athletes have started tournament play**, however, replacements may be used for bowlers not present 15 minutes prior to squad time as stated in Rule 2. **Replacement must be from order of finish from prior level of competition. (i.e. the same window, same league, same center as to the "no-show" bowler if replacement is from the league level. They must follow the order of advancement within that window/league.)**
12. There will be no bowling practice prior to the start of the tournament. Bowlers will be allowed two (2) practice balls on each of their starting lanes.
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's their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
14. Bowlers shall use their highest current certified league average, minimum of 9 games as of March 1, 2012. **Averages must be confirmed by a league standing sheet. This information must be submitted to the Tournament Director by March 12, 2012.**
15. Handicap 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. This will be strictly enforced.**
17. Ties shall be broken by a one game roll-off. Should a tie still exist, it will be broken by an additional 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll-off, plus 1/10<sup>th</sup> of handicap per frame where applicable. (*Refer to Rule 326a.*) Center, date and time for the roll-off will be determined by the tournament director in the event the athletes are not competing on the same day.
18. 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 of the infraction. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
19. Symbolic awards will be given as follows: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place medals in all divisions depending on number of contestants. Value to be decided when entries are processed.
20. **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 on July 14-20, 2012 in Indianapolis, IN. The advancer 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 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 runners-up are unwilling or unable to become a USBC Junior Gold member he/she 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.**
21. 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 level. Replacements will incur all costs associated with changing the airline ticket, if applicable. If the eligible advancer decides not to attend the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships without notification, the state scholarship won may be withdrawn. This decision will be made by the state Pepsi tournament committee. The NH State Pepsi Tournament and NH State Association will pay out travel reimbursements to the national events.
22. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the NH State Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee. The National Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament has the right to accept or reject any participant.

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