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2012 OHIO STATE PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS
DISTRICT 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 competition is October 1 thru November 18, 2011 and November 19, 2011 thru January 13, 2012. Qualifiers from these two (2) windows will advance to the district level on February 24TH, 25TH & 26TH, March 2ND, 3RD, 4TH, 9TH 10TH, & 12TH, 2012. Due to the size of some host centers an optional weekend may be utilized in some districts on February 18TH & 19TH, 2012.
3. One-time entry. If an individual who qualifies cannot participate in the district competition, replacements will be eligible based on the order in which they finished in the league level competition in the same center and in the same window.
4. Advancement ratio from the league level to the district level competition is one (1) out of every three (3) entries or major fraction thereof, in the 11 and under, 12 and above Girls' & Boys' Handicap divisions and the 12 and above Girls' & Boys' Scratch divisions, age as of August 1, 2011. In all cases, at least one (1) individual shall advance. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all eligible divisions. (See enclosed ratio chart on the league report sheet). The base number for each division is the number of individuals that were present at least one week to participate in that division.
5. 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/district, the bowler must declare one state/district to continue competing before the next competition level. Participation in any level of competition past the league level in more than one state/district will result in automatic disqualification.
6. Participants must be made aware of each competition level in the state/district and all associated rules, fees and deadlines.
7. District competition will take place on dates indicated on the enclosed form (Form D) which contains Center Name, Address, City, Dates, Times and District Directors information for your district level.
8. Deadline date is February 4, 2012 for submitting district level entries to the District Director. This deadline will be enforced. You must mail to District Director the following: Youth Bowler's individual entry form (filled out completely), work sheets for each league, league report sheet for each league, league standing sheet reflecting averages including scores bowled through January 13, 2012, and required entry fee. Competition shall be conducted in four (4) divisions for 12 and above Boys'/Girls' Handicap/Scratch and two (2) divisions for 11 and under Boys'/Girls' Handicap. These divisions are based on the participant's age as of August 1, 2011. Athletes are not mandated to be USBC Junior Gold Program members to enter the scratch division. However, athletes must be program members or be eligible and buy membership prior to advancement to the USBC Junior Gold Championships.

9. All district level qualifiers will bowl three (3) games at the District level.

10. District level entry fee for all divisions is:	12 & Above		11 & under	
	Lineage	\$7.50	Lineage	\$7.50
	Expenses	3.00	Expenses	3.00
	Awards	1.00	Awards	1.00
Awards fee returned 100% to bowlers	Scholarship	3.50	Scholarship	3.50
Scholarship fee returned 100% to bowlers	Total Fee	\$15.00	Total Fee	\$15.00

No refunds will be given once the confirmation letter has been issued.

Scholarships will be administered by the National USBC Smart Program (account # 8540). Please contact Smart 1-800-514-2695, ext. 8292) or write to: USBC, SMART Program, 621 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011.

11. Dress code: Entrants are expected to wear suitable attire. Use good judgment when selecting the appropriate attire. Examples of prohibited attire include but are not limited to: **short shorts or any shorts that are more than 3 inches above the knee,**

- pants hanging showing underwear and/or body parts, hats, dresses, skirts, T-shirts with alcohol or cigarette advertisements, inappropriate language, gestures, or gambling.** Bowlers will be required to change if attire is deemed inappropriate by the Tournament Director or designee. Tournament Director's or designee's decision will be final. Failure to comply with any dress code rule will result in a verbal warning and apparel change (if applicable). Second offense will result in disqualification from the tournament. Please be presentable.
12. No substitutes will be permitted, however, the next bowler in line from the same center and in the same window may be used as a replacement for bowlers who have indicated that they are not participating in the tournament..
 13. Competitors shall be allowed ten (10) minutes of practice prior to their starting time on their assigned lanes only. There will be no bowling by tournament bowlers on the tournament lanes prior to the start of the tournament on their scheduled tournament day.
 14. Bowlers arriving late shall begin play with the frame being bowled. Frames missed shall be credited with a zero. Frames missed cannot be made up.
 15. **Bowlers shall use their highest current certified league average reflecting averages including scores bowled through January 13, 2012 (minimum of 9 games). The standing sheet must verify averages. Please highlight the name and average of the qualifiers on the standing sheet. (Bowlers without the above-required average must bowl scratch.) Please write the league certification number in the upper right hand corner of the Standing Sheet. Bowlers in the scratch divisions do not require average verification. For those leagues that bowl a split season and restart the bowler's average, you must use their new average (minimum of 9 games) for the qualifying window. For bowlers participating in the High School Leagues, they must have an average established based on bowling all ten frames of any game included in their average. If the average indicated for the High School bowler is not based on their bowling all ten frames and their High School average is the only average they have, they must bowl with no handicap. High School League averages must be from a USBC certified league ("morally" sanctioned leagues are entitled to the full benefits of USBC membership and, therefore, qualify for participation in this event). Rule 202d will be used for average adjustment from sport to standard bowling for athletes with only a sport bowling average using chart in the USBC Rulebook .**
 16. Handicap shall be 100% of the difference between the bowler's average and 210 Scratch.
 17. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the bowling area during competition. If a parent or coach has a question, they may come to the tournament office and ask to see the District Director.
 18. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the tournament director no later than thirty (30) minutes after the completion of bowling. The tournament director shall decide upon questionable errors. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the tournament director within seventy-four (72) hours or before the awards are presented. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
 19. Symbolic awards (emblems) will be given to all bowlers in each of the six (6) categories who participate at the district level. The 1st place winner in each of the six (6) divisions will receive their choice of a jacket or a \$50 scholarship. Duplicate winners (district and state) will receive only one jacket if a jacket is their choice plus a \$50 scholarship.
 20. Scholarships at the district level for all divisions will be given as follows: 1st (\$150), 2nd (\$125), 3rd (\$100), 4th (\$75) and 5th through 10th place, (\$50). 11th place and below will be awarded (\$25) at a ratio of 1 for every 10 bowlers. In case of a tie for any place duplicate scholarships will be awarded.
 21. Advancement ratio from the district level to the state level competition is one (1) out of every three (3) entries, or major fraction, thereof, in the 11 and under and 12 and above Boys' & Girls' Handicap division. Advancement ratio for the 12 and above Boys' & Girls' Scratch division is one (1) out of every two (2) entries, or major fraction, thereof. Any ties for the last advancement place will also advance.
 22. The State level of competition will take place in Columbus, Ohio on May 11th, 12th, 13th, 18th, 19th, & 20th 2012, at Columbus Square Bowling Palace, 5705 Forest Hills Blvd, Columbus Ohio, 43231 (614)895-1122, for all divisions. All state finalists will be notified by mail as to their advancement and provided with an entry form to complete and return to the State Director selecting their preference for date and time at the state level.
 23. The Ohio State Pepsi USBC Youth Championships tournament committee shall determine all matters not covered by these rules and regulations. The National Pepsi USBC Youth Championship Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.
 24. Please inform all your youth bowlers of the tournament and the league level tournament competition is open to all Certified Leagues. They only pay when they advance to the next level of competition.
 25. **Smoking and alcohol will not be allowed by the athletes or guests on the concourse nor in the settee area during competition. A designated smoking area has been established for guests who wish to smoke. USBC has requested this rule to provide the best possible atmosphere for the athletes during this event.**
Pepsi District Tournament Directors' names and phone numbers can be found on Form "D" of this package.

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STATE RULES AND FORMAT**

1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (Certification #04498) and shall be governed by USBC rules
2. One-time entry. If an individual who qualified cannot participate in the state competition, replacements will be eligible based on the order in which they finished in the District level competition.
3. Advancement ratio from the District level competition to the State level competition is at one (1) out of every three (3) entries in the handicap division and one (1) out of every two (2) entries in the scratch division, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties. In all cases, at least one (1) individual per division shall advance. .
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/district, the bowler must declare one state/district to continue competing before the next competition level. Participation in any level of competition past the league level in more than one state/district will result in automatic disqualification.
5. State competition will take place for all divisions in Columbus Square Palace Bowling Lanes, 5707 Forest Hills Blvd, Columbus, OH. 43231, phone (614)491-7155 on May 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, & 20, 2012.
6. Participants must be aware of each competition level in the state/district and all associated rules, fees and deadlines.
7. Deadline date is postmarked by midnight, April 7, 2012. **This deadline will be enforced.** You must mail to the state director the following: **State entry form, an average verification form reflecting averages or League standing sheet including scores bowled through March 9, 2012,** and a check/money order for entry fee indicated on the form (make sure the entry is filled out completely). **Bowlers in the scratch divisions need not submit average verification. Bowlers in the 12 and over age division with a 211 average or higher are required to compete in the scratch division. No phone calls and/or email entries accepted.** Replacement bowlers must receive consideration in the order the bowler placed in their division.
8. Competition shall be conducted in six (6) divisions total, (2) divisions for 12 and above Boys'/Girls' Handicap, (2) divisions for 12 and above Boys'/Girls' Scratch and (2) divisions for 11 and under Boys'/Girls' Handicap. These divisions are based on the participant's age as of August 1, 2011. Athletes are not mandated to be USBC Junior Gold Program members to enter the scratch division. However, athletes must be a program member or be eligible and buy membership in order to accept advancement to the 2012 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships. Athletes must be a Junior Gold program member and pay for the Premier event prior to the start of bowling on their confirmed date of bowling in order to participate in the 2012 Junior Gold Premier event.
9. All state level qualifiers in the 12 and above age divisions will bowl **six (6) games on the same pair of lanes at the state level** and the 11 and under age divisions will bowl **three (3) games on the same pair of lanes.** There will be a 10-minute break between games three (3) and four (4) for the 12 and above age divisions. Optional, all bowlers must agree to skip the break.
10. State level entry fee:

<i>(12 and above divisions)</i>	Lineage	\$12.00	<i>(11 and under divisions)</i>	Lineage	\$ 6.00
	Expenses	4.00		Expenses	4.00
	Awards	2.00		Awards	2.00
	Scholarship	7.00		Scholarship	8.00
	Total fee	\$25.00		Total fee	\$20.00

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12. No substitutes will be permitted. However, the next bowler in line from the same district may be used as a replacement for a bowler who has indicated that they would not be able to participate in the tournament.
13. Competitors shall be allowed ten (10) minutes of practice prior to their starting time on their assigned lanes only. There will be no bowling by tournament bowlers on the tournament lanes prior to the start of the tournament on their scheduled tournament day. A bowler may only receive (1) re-rack per game and must be approved by a tournament official.
14. Bowlers shall use their highest current certified league average, including scores bowled through March 9, 2012, with a minimum of 9 games. **An average verification form or league standing sheet must accompany the entry form for average verification for all handicap division bowlers. Bowlers without the required average verification will receive no handicap but will be required to remain in the division in which they advanced. Bowlers in the scratch divisions do not require average verifications. Rule 202d will be used for average adjustment from sport to standard bowling using the chart in the USBC Rulebook.**
15. Bowlers arriving late shall begin play with the frame then being bowled. Frames missed shall be credited with a zero. Frames may not be made up. Bowlers not present to bowl when it's their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
16. Handicap shall be 100% of the difference between the bowler's average and 210 scratch.
17. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the bowling area during competition. If a parent or coach has a question, they may come to the Tournament Director.
18. In the case of a tie for 1st place position advancing to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships, both bowlers will advance.
19. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the Tournament Director no later than thirty (30) minutes after the completion of the competition. Questionable errors shall be decided upon by the Tournament Director. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the Tournament Director within seven-two (72) hours. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
20. Symbolic awards (plaques) will be given to all bowlers in each of the divisions who participate in the state level finals. The 1st place winner in each of the six (6) divisions will receive their choice of a jacket or a \$50.00 scholarship. Duplicate winners (district and state) will only receive one jacket if a jacket is their choice plus a \$50.00 scholarship.
21. Scholarships will be awarded as follows: 1st place (\$500.00), 2nd place (\$400.00), 3rd place (\$300.00), and 4th place (\$200.00), 5th through 10th place (\$100.00) for all 6 divisions. For 11th place and below (\$50.00) scholarships will be awarded for 1 in every 10 bowlers or major fraction, thereof, in each division.
22. The seven top winners in the four handicap divisions and the top seven winners in the two scratch divisions, who have not been awarded a North Pointe Junior Gold Championship or Premier Event slot in the Ohio State Pepsi Tournament, will receive a paid entry into the 2012 USBC Youth Open Championships, July , 2012, in Indianapolis, Indiana. The highest qualifier and runner up in each 12 and above scratch divisions will receive a paid entry into the 2012 North Pointe Junior Gold Championship, July 14th through July 20th , 2012, in Indianapolis, Indiana from the National USBC. This tournament will also award the highest qualifiers that paid the Premier Event fee before starting to bowl in each 12 and above scratch division with reimbursement as follows for expenses to compete in the 2012 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships: entry fee, 50% of the cost of their hotel room at the host hotel rate declared by the National USBC; one round-trip airline ticket (bowler only) or round trip mileage to the host city (at no more than the cost of a round trip airline ticket); a maximum of \$150 for meal allowances and a paid ticket to the closing ceremonies for the event. No reimbursement will be made for expenses related to transportation for the athlete while in Indianapolis, Indiana. If the scratch division champion is unable to attend and participate in the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships the athlete will still retain the state scholarship, but the berth to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships will be awarded to the next eligible athlete. Winners are not confirmed as national finalists until they receive a confirmation letter from USBC. **THE OHIO STATE PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT WILL PAY EXPENSES FOR JUNIOR GOLD PREMIER 1ST PLACE WINNERS. ADVANCERS FOR BOTH NATIONAL FINALS WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT, COACH OR GUARDIAN.**
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