

OKLAHOMA PEPSI USBC YOUTH BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIPS  
SECTIONAL/STATE RULES AND FORMAT

1. This tournament is certified by the United State Bowling Congress (#4498) and shall be governed by USBC rules. League level qualifying will consist of two, two-week qualifying windows:  
November 7 – November 20 and February 6 – February 19
2. The athlete must be a USBC Youth member to participate. USBC Basic leagues may participate in League Level qualifying only if the league competes during the scheduled qualifying windows. Advancement from league is a one time entry. If an individual who qualified at the league level cannot participated at their next advancing level, replacements will be eligible based on order of finish at the league level, however those substitutions will only be accepted up to two weeks before first scheduled squad time of their next advancing level.
3. Advancement ratio from league competition to all subsequent levels of competition is at least 1 for every 3 entries in the 11 and under division and at least 1 for every 8 entries in the 12 and above divisions, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties. The 11 and under group advance from league qualifying to sectional competition and the 12 and above group advance from league qualifying to state competition. The base number for each division is based on the number of individuals that were present at least one week of the qualifying window. In all cases, at least one person per division, shall advance. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all eligible division in their respective age 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, 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 for the 12 and above group will be held on May 5-6 and May 11-12, 2012 at Broken Arrow Lanes in Broken Arrow. Squad times will be on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. and Sunday at 12:00 noon. Ages 11 and under will only advance to their appropriate sectional competition (East and West) the Eastern Sectional will be held on April 21-22, 2012 at The Lanes at Coffee Creek in Owasso. Squad time on Saturday and Sunday is 1:00 p.m. both days. The Western Sectional will be held on April 21-22 at Sooner Bowl in Norman. Squad times on Saturday and Sunday is 1:00 p.m. both days. A list will be provided with a breakdown of where each qualifying center will be bowling their sectional level.  
Youth that are traveling the furthest distance will be given preference of squad times, whenever possible.

6. Entry closing date is March 7, 2012. Entry forms that are postmarked one business day after the closing date will be accepted. Qualifier's name, address, telephone number, social security number, USBC card number and date of birth will be included on all entrant's tournament entry form which must be submitted to the tournament director at the state office by this date.
7. Division will be based on the participant's age as of August 1, 2011. Athletes must choose the division they will compete in. NOTE: 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 to buy membership prior to advancement to the USBC Junior Gold Championships. Competition will be conducted in 6 divisions.

Age 11 and under – Boy's Handicap – Girl's Handicap  
 Age 12 and above – Boy's Handicap – Girl's Handicap  
 Age 12 and above – Boy's Scratch – Girl's Scratch

8. Age 11 and under: Boy's Handicap and Girl's Handicap will bowl 3 games plus handicap at sectional competition. Ages 12 and above: Boy's Handicap and Girl's Handicap and Boy's Scratch and Girl's Scratch will bowl 6 games plus handicap (if applicable) at state competition. The youth will flip-flop lanes after their first three games set at state.
9. Entry fee is:

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| 11 and under – Lineage      \$ 6.00<br>Expense      \$ 3.00<br>Scholarships   \$10.00<br>Awards <u>\$ 1.00</u><br><br>Total             \$20.00 | 12 and above – Lineage      \$12.00<br>Expense      \$ 3.00<br>Scholarships   \$13.00<br>Awards <u>\$ 1.00</u><br><br>Total             \$30.00 |
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Scholarship and award fees shall be returned 100% to the bowlers. All scholarships will be held in the SMART program. Contact by calling 1-800-514-2695, ext. 8292.

10. All bowlers must wear suitable attire: Shorts and skirts can't be any shorter than your fingertips with arms to your sides. Jeans or pants must not be sagging, with no holes or tears in them. Official USBC Youth Jersey provided through USBC standard membership, center youth league shirts, bowling tournament shirts or shirts promoting bowling are acceptable. None are allowed to advertise any type of tobacco or alcohol products or depict foul language or gestures. No do-rags or head coverings are to be worn while bowling this tournament, unless a medical reason, then you must have a signed note. All final judgments will be at the discretion of the tournament director. No smoking is allowed in Oklahoma bowling centers.

11. Competitors shall be allowed 10 minutes of practice time on their starting pair.
12. Bowlers arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame begin bowled. Missed frames will be credited with a zero. A bowler not present to bowl when it is their turn will also be credited with a zero for that game. Frames may not be made up.
13. Bowlers shall use their highest current certified league average, minimum of (12) twelve games as of February 20, 2012. If the minimum has not been met the bowler will bowl scratch. Averages must be verified by a standing sheet and accompany entry. If the bowler participates in a certified sport league, that average will be used only if it is the only average they have. If so, the adjustment chart of the USBC playing rulebook will be used. No bumper averages will be accepted.
14. Handicap will be 100% of 210.
15. Only bowlers & tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
16. If a tie exists in the 11 and under group, then co-champions will be declared. All other ties for place shall be decided by combining the scholarship money of the tied place with the next lower place(s) and by dividing the total equally between and among the tied bowlers. Last place ties will each receive the full amount of the last place scholarship money. In the 12 and above group, ties for the first place in each division shall be broken by a game roll-off. If a tie still exist it will be broken by an additional 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll-off, 1/10 of handicap per frame will be applied where applicable. (Refer to Rule 326A). This tie-breaker must take place within two weeks of the final squad of the state championships. All other ties will be decided and paid as mentioned above for the 11 and under group.
17. Claims for error sin scoring must be made to the tournament director no later than the start of the next block or 30 minutes after completion of competition. Questionable errors shall be decided by the tournament director. All other protests must be confirmed in writing within 72 hours. Each protest under this rule must be specific in itself.
18. Symbolic awards will be given to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each of the two divisions per sectional and 1 for 20 thereafter in the four divisions at state.
19. Scholarships will be given as follows: Minimum guarantee in all four 12 and above divisions will be as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$300, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$200, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$100. Additional scholarships will be paid down based on 1 in 10 thereafter in each division. In the 11 and under group, scholarships will be awarded as follows: Minimum guarantee of 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$200 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$100 in both divisions. Additional scholarships will be paid down based on 1 in 10 thereafter in each division. Based on number of entries in each division scholarships could be increased.

20. The 1<sup>st</sup> Place winners and runners-up of the 12 and above Girl's and Boy's Scratch divisions will advance to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships to be held July 14-20, 2012 in Indianapolis, IN. They must be USBC Junior Gold Program members to advance. If the scratch division champion is unwilling/unable to become a USBC Junior Gold Program member then they will not advance to the national championships, however, the athlete will still retain the state scholarship, but the berth to the championships will be awarded to the next eligible athlete. USBC will waive the \$200.00 entry fee into the USBC Junior Gold Bowling National Championships for these 4 athletes. (No travel reimbursement or stipend will be provided by USBC for these athletes). All U. S. citizens are vying for a spot on the USBC Junior Team USA 2012 to represent the U. S. in national and international competition.
21. Oklahoma USBC Youth will provide a stipend of \$400.00 for the 1<sup>st</sup> place scratch athletes representing Oklahoma for travel and housing/meal expenses as well as a \$300.00 stipend for the second place advancers. A letter explaining the procedure needed to receive this stipend will be sent to the advancing athletes.
22. Advancers must agree to bowl in the national finals or failing to do so agree to waive all rights. Replacements will be selected from based on 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 advancer decides not to attend the national finals, the state scholarship won may be withdrawn. This decision will be made by the state tournament committee.
23. No cell phone or I-Pod use during any level of competition.
24. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the State Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Committee. The National Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant and to cancel or add squads ad deemed necessary.

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