



SOUTH CAROLINA RULES & FORMAT

1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (#4498) and shall be governed by USBC rules.
2. Dates of league level qualifying are October 30-November 12, 2011 and January 8-21, 2012. Advancement from league is a one-time entry. If an individual who qualified cannot participate in the state competition, replacements will be eligible based on order of finish in the previous level of competition.
3. Advancement ratio from league competition to the state competition is at least 1:5 entries per division, or major fraction thereof, including last-place ties. The base number for each division is the number of individuals that were present at least one week to participate 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.
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. Competition will take place at AMF Columbia Lanes, 1732 Bush River Road, Columbia, SC 29210 (phone #803-798-1310) for all 12 & above divisions at 8:00 am, 12:00 Noon and 4:00 PM on Saturday, March 17, 2012 and 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM on Sunday, March 18, 2012. AMF Park Lanes, 900 Axtell Drive, Cayce, SC 29033 (phone #803-796-6300) in Cayce, SC will host the ages 11 & under divisions on Saturday, March 17, 2012, at 9:00 am, 11:30 am, 2:00 PM & 4:30 PM and Sunday, March 18, 2012 at 11:30 am and 2:00 PM. Overall winners in the 11 & under divisions are determined by total pinfall plus handicap. Participants will select squad times where applicable. The overall top 15% in ages 12 & above divisions will bowl an additional 6 games to determine the top 5 for singles elimination matches on Saturday, March 24, 2012 at **AMF Columbia Lanes, 1732 Bush River Road, Columbia, SC 29210 (phone #803-798-1310)** at 1:30 PM. Singles elimination, head-to-head stepladder finals will be bowled on the assigned pair of lanes on Saturday, March 24, 2012 immediately following the 1:30 PM squad.
6. Entry closing date is **February 15, 2012**. Qualifiers' name, address, telephone number and USBC Membership/social security number and all entrants' tournament entry forms (including worksheets) & fees for all entrants must be submitted to the tournament director by this date.
7. Divisions are based on the 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 shall be conducted in the following divisions: Ages 11 & under - Boys' handicap & Girls' handicap, ages 12 & above - Boys' handicap, Girls' handicap, Boys' scratch & Girls' scratch.
8. The tournament format shall be: Ages 11 & under will bowl a three game series. The total score, plus handicap, will determine overall winners in the ages 11 & under divisions. Ages 12 & above will bowl six games (on the same pair of lanes) then the top 15% overall per division will bowl an additional six games (on the same pair of lanes). The top 5 will be determined by the highest score, plus handicap (in the handicap divisions) of the six games (qualifying first six game totals will be dropped). Top 5 in each division will bowl singles elimination matches on the same pair to determine the winner.

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9. Entry fee is:	<u>Ages 11 & under</u>	<u>Ages 12 & above</u>
Lineage	\$6.00	\$12.00
Expense	2.00	4.00
Awards	4.00	4.00
T-shirt	5.00	5.00
Scholarships	<u>1.00</u>	<u>5.00</u>
Total	\$18.00	\$30.00

Awards and scholarship fees shall be returned 100% to the bowlers. Scholarships will be administered and deposited in the SMART program (SMART account number 8545) (USBC Rules 301d and 309 states that all scholarships awarded during a USBC certified event must be deposited in the SMART Program) at USBC headquarters (1-800-514-2695 ext. 8292) 621 Six Flags Dr., Arlington, TX 76011.

10. All bowlers must wear suitable attire at the discretion of the Tournament Director or the designated representative. Those violating this rule will be required to change to appropriate clothing or will not be allowed to bowl. Suitable attire is described as: clean clothes without holes, shorts and skirts must be longer than the bowler's fingertips when standing with arms hanging naturally at their sides, covered midriffs (while in the act of bowling) and pants must be worn at the natural waistline. Shirts with foul language, gestures, gambling, illegal substance, tobacco or alcohol products, head-coverings (except for medical reasons) crop tops and tank tops are not permitted. Athletes aren't allowed to smoke or use any tobacco products at the tournament site. Smoking for guests is allowed in designated smoking areas only.

11. No replacements will be permitted **once athletes have started tournament play**; however, replacements may be used for bowlers not present 5 minutes prior to squad time as stated in Rule 2. **Replacements must be from order of finish from prior level of competition (i.e., same window, same league and 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.)** No substitutes or replacements are allowed in the top 15% qualifying round.

12. Competitors will be allowed 10 minutes of practice time prior to bowling for score on their starting pair of lanes only.

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 6 games as of **January 31, 2012**. If the minimum has not been met, the bowler will present a league standing sheet closest to the date of competition. Averages must be verified by an **alphabetical** listing of **all** league members as of **January 31, 2012**. Please indicate if the average submitted is from a **sport league** so that the average can be adjusted per the chart on page 72 of the USBC Rulebook.

15. Handicap will be 100% of the difference between the bowler's average and 210.

16. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.

17. A tiebreaker will be used when advancing to the next level of competition by a one game roll-off. Should a tie still exist, it will be broken by an additional ninth and 10th frame roll-off, plus one/tenth of handicap per frame, where applicable. (Refer to rule 326a).

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 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 72 hours of the infraction. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.

19. Symbolic awards will be given as follows: Medals awarded to the top 15% of all state advancers in all divisions; plaques awarded to the top 5 finalists in all divisions.

20. Scholarships will be awarded as follows: 1st place in all six divisions to receive a \$250.00 scholarship. Additional scholarships may be awarded based on number of participants.

21. The first place and second place finishers of the 12 & above Boys' and Girls' Scratch Divisions will advance to the 2012 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships on July 14-20, 2012 in Indianapolis, IN. They must be USBC Junior Gold members to advance 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. South Carolina will provide a stipend for expenses from the proceeds of the Brunswick bowling ball raffle. 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 and 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.

22. 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 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, the state scholarship won may be withdrawn. The state tournament committee will make this decision.

23. The South Carolina State Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee shall determine all matters not covered by these rules and regulations. The National Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.

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