

VERMONT PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

State Level Rules and Format

1. This tournament is certified by the USBC under certification #04498 and shall be governed by USBC rules.
2. Dates of level qualifying are: First window (**Nov. 6th- Nov. 18th, 2011**), second window (**Jan. 8th - Jan.14th, 2012**), third window (**Jan. 22nd- Jan.28th, 2012** and fourth window, (**Feb. 5th - Feb. 11th, 2012.**) Advancement from league is a one-time entry. If an individual qualified and cannot participate in the State finals, replacements will be eligible based on order of finish in the league level qualifying events.
3. Advancement ratio from league to state finals in the 12 and above divisions is at least a ratio of 1:5, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties. Advancement ratio from league to state finals in the 8 & under and the 9-11 divisions is at least a ratio of 1:3, 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 two bowlers per division advances. This advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all 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/zone, the bowler must declare one state/zone to continue competing before the next competition level begins. Participation in any level of competition past the league in more than one state/zone will result in automatic disqualification.
5. Competition will take place at RUTLAND BOWLERAMA, 158 South Main Street, Rutland, Vermont on **Saturday, May, 5 2012 and Sunday, May 6, 2012**. The specific time schedule for each day is attached on separate sheet.
6. Entry closing dates are **December 5, 2011** (first window) **February 6, 2012** (second window) **February 20, 2012** (third window), and **March 5, 2012** (fourth window). Qualifiers name, address, telephone number, social security number if possible, and age of 8/1/11 must be submitted to the Tournament director on enclosed entry form by these dates.

DO NOT MISS THESE DEADLINE DATES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Please use the provided state forms. All worksheets must be sent to Tournament Director (Please make copies for your records.

7. Competitions will be conducted in the following overall division at the local level. These divisions are based on the participants' age as of August 1, 2011. If a participant has won in a new division in the second qualifying window, she/he must choose in which division she/he will continue competing.

Ages 8 & Under

Girls Handicap

Scratch

Boys Handicap

Ages 9 - 11

Girls Handicap

Boys Handicap

Ages 12and above

Girls Handicap / Girls

Boys Handicap / Boys

Scratch

Competition at the state level will be conducted in the following specific divisions with only the first and second place scratch winners from the 12 and above advancing to the national competition. Athletes are not mandated to be Junior Gold Program members to enter the Scratch Division. However, athletes must be Program Members to be eligible and buy membership prior to advancement to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships. Scratch champions at the state level will be advancing to the North Pointe Junior Gold Bowling National Championships only if they meet the eligibility requirements. Bowlers in the 12 and above age division who have an entering average of **211** or higher **MUST** compete in the Scratch division

8. Entry fee is:	<u>Age 11 and Under</u>		<u>Age 12 and above</u>	
	Lineage	\$ 9.75	Lineage	\$ 19.50
	Expenses	2.75	Expenses	2.00
	Awards	2.00	Awards	2.00
	Scholarship	<u>.50</u>	Scholarship	<u>.50</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 15.00	TOTAL	\$ 24.00

AWARD FEES WILL BE RETURNED 100% TO BOWL USBC scholarships will be held in SMART account .

9. **All bowlers must wear suitable attire. Suggestion: tournament bowling shirt, slacks, shirts – NO CAPS, HATS, SHORT SHORTS, MINI-SKIRTS, TANK TOPS OR BELLY SHIRTS will be allowed. POOR SPORTSMANSHIP WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. EACH CASE WILL BE HANDLED ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS UP TO AND INCLUDING REMOVAL FROM THE TOURNAMENT. NO ALCOHOL OR TOBACCO WILL BE ALLOWED DURING THE TOURNAMENT BY ANY TOURNAMENT BOWLERS OR OFFICIALS. SMOKING BY GUESTS MUST BE DONE IN DESIGNATED AREAS ONLY.**
10. No substitutes will be permitted once athletes have started tournament play, however, replacements may be used for bowlers not present thirty (30) minutes prior to the squad time as stated in Rule #2.
11. Competitors shall be allowed two practice balls on each of their starting pair of lanes.
12. 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 zero. Frames may not be made-up. Bowlers not present when it is their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
13. Bowlers shall use their highest current certified league average, minimum of nine (9) games, as of **February 12, 2012**. If the minimum has not been met, the bowler will present a league standing sheet closest to the date of competition, with signed verification from the league coach. The league official must verify all averages. If a bowler's only average is that of a Sport Bowling league, their average just be adjusted per the chart and in accordance with the USBC rulebook .
14. Handicap shall be 100% of the difference between the bowler's average and 210.
15. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
16. Ties for first or second place advancers to the national Finals will be broken by a one-game roll-off; if a tie still exists, it will be broken by a 9th and 10th frame roll-off, plus 1/10 of the handicap per frame where applicable. The tournament management shall decide ties for other than national qualifiers.

17. USBC Junior Gold Championship entering averages will be adjusted if averages set at the state competition is more than ten (10) pins higher than the advancer's year end average. Adjusted averages will be composite average of the tournament average plus bowler's year-end average added together and divided by two. The scratch score of the first six scratch games bowled (not including the tiebreakers) will determine the average at the state level.
18. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the tournament no later than the start of the next block or (30) minutes after the completion of competition. The tournament director shall decide upon questionable errors. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the tournament directors within (72) hours of the infraction. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
19. Symbolic awards will be presented to one (1) in five (5) entries in each division. A state tournament participation award will be given to each qualifier.
20. All scholarship values will be announced and posted before the State competition begins. Guaranteed first place in all divisions.
21. The first place winners and runners-up in each 12 and above Girls and Boys Scratch Divisions will advance to the 2012 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships on July 14-20th, 2012 in Indianapolis, IN. They must be USBC Junior Gold members to advance. USBC will waive the \$200.00 entry fee for these athletes. These athletes will compete for additional scholarships available at the championships, as well as other prizes and awards. (No travel reimbursement or stipend will be provided for these athletes.) All US. 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. The Vermont USBC State will match up to \$250.00 to each athlete to be used for expenses of the Championships provided the athlete shows proof he/she collected at least that amount in donations and completes competition at the national level.
22. Winners at the State level must be advised that they are not confirmed as the national qualifiers until they receive a confirmation from USBC.
23. The Vermont State Pepsi USBC Youth Championship Tournament committee shall determine all matters not covered by these rules and regulations. The Pepsi USBC Youth Championship Tournament committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.
24. On or before **October 22, 2011(first window), December 17, 2011(second window), January 7, 2012 (third window), and January 14, 2012(fourth widow)** give your league members sponsor sign-up sheets. If bowlers wish to continue collecting money after the qualifying date they are encouraged to do so.

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ALL RULES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE. _

I have read and understand the Vermont State Pepsi USBC Tournament rules. I understand that if I chose to enter into the Scratch Division I will be eligible for scholarship money at the State level for competing and will be eligible to qualify for the Pepsi trip to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships in Indianapolis, Indiana.. July14th - 20th, 2012

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Parent's Signature: _____

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