

## Participation in Pepsi Tournament

1) First step for participation is to set up your high school team as a sanctioned league. Get a league registration form and bowler registration forms for each bowler from your local Association Manager. If your bowlers are already in a sanctioned league, there is no extra charge. For each bowler not in another sanctioned league, you will need to pay \$4. In the past, these forms were returned to Association Manager to send to USBC. Check with them to see if they want to handle it this way. Let me know if you need help with any questions, since High School is a little different from other leagues. For ex., it is a managed league, though our Association Manager did not know this.

2) Step 2 is running a qualifier. I recommend you read the Pepsi handbooks on running qualifiers beforehand, including rules specific to Maine.

<http://www.bowl.com/pepsiyouth/>

The qualifying window appropriate to High School is Jan 27, 2015 – Feb 9, 2015. Maine's qualifiers consist of 2 days of scores. We do ours during our Tues practices. So, Jan 27 and Feb 3 are our dates to use the scores. The bowlers are told at least a week in advance. We use 2 games instead of 3, just because we cannot always guarantee a 3<sup>rd</sup> game. You will need to coordinate with your local youth league, as there is some overlap with some of the bowlers. There are rules about which league counts if a bowler qualifies from more than one. This affects the other bowlers. You will also want to notify management that you are running a qualifier. Lanes should be oiled, as for a league.

3) Step 3 is reporting your qualifiers to the Tournament Manager, Mark Fortier of Lewiston. Forms and instructions are in the handbook online. Note that you will have to pay an entry fee for each qualifier at this level. U15 and U20 spots are \$28 each qualifier. Girls and boys are separate, so you may have 3 or 4 divisions. And if you have many bowlers, you may have more qualifiers than that. Alleys have done payment differently. For our bowlers, the league pays the entry fee. For some associations, the bowler pays the fee. Your qualifier information forms must be sent to Mark Fortier by April 1. Postmarked by that day. Keep a copy of your forms.

4) The tournament is in Lewiston April 25. U15s at 12:30. U20s at 4. It is helpful to your bowlers if you are there. Sometimes issues arise, and you may be able to help fix the problem. Only qualifiers bowl in the tournament this day. If a bowler cannot make it, the next highest bowler in their division and league can bowl as an alternate.