

2012 Pepsi Youth Bowling Championships

League and State Rules



1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (#4498) and shall be governed by USBC rules.
2. Competition is open to all 2011-2012 USBC Youth members. To compete, a bowler must be a regular member of a certified USBC league and not be under suspension at the time of qualifying. League substitutes are allowed to participate if it is their only USBC Youth league. USBC Collegiate members are eligible if they are 2011-2012 USBC Youth members, bowl in a USBC Youth league and have not violated USBC Rule 400.
3. All USBC Youth members in good standing are eligible for the league level competition. There is no entry fee at the league level. Bowling centers having 2011-2012 certified leagues are automatic league level qualifying sites.
4. League level qualifying dates are the weeks of November 5-6 and 12-13; February 4-5, 11-12. Qualifying scores must be bowled during regularly scheduled league matches on the above dates. Advancement from league is a one-time entry. If an individual qualified and cannot participate in this competition, replacements will be eligible based on order of finish in previous competition.

*****Replacement must advance from the same league and window based on order of finish*****

*****Pre-bowled or post-bowled scores may not be used as scores for qualification and or advancement purposes*****

5. Advancement ratio from the league level competition to the state competition is at least one (1) for every four (4) entries per division, per league, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties. The base number for each division is the number of the league members that would have participated 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.
 - a. In the event a bowler qualifies from more than one league in the same division, the bowler must advance from the league in which the highest series was bowled. For identical qualifying scores, the member will advance from the league where the first score was bowled.
 - b. If a bowler qualifies in different leagues for the scratch and handicap divisions, the bowler must select one division they will compete in before subsequent competition.
 - c. If the bowler advances out of league level in more than one state/zone, the bowler must declare one state/zone to continue in before the next competition level.
 - d. **Participation in any level of competition past the league level in more than one state/zone and or more than one division will result in automatic disqualification.**

***** Advancers remain in the division they qualified in during the league level in all subsequent competition. If there is a tie for the last place qualifier in a division, both will advance to the next level of competition*****

6. **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. Participation in any level of competition past the league level in more than one state/zone will result in automatic disqualification.**

7. Competition will take place at:

**Yankee Lanes
867 Riverside Street
Portland, Maine 04103**

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- **CHECK IN TIMES**

- **11 and under handicap – 8a.m. Saturday April 28th, 2012, bowling starts at 8:30 a.m.**
- **11 and under – 11:30 a.m. Saturday April 28th, 2012, bowling starts at 12:00 p.m.**
- **12 and above scratch – 3pm Saturday April 28th, 2012, bowling starts at 3:30 p.m.**

8. Entry closing date is April 1, 2012. Tournament entry forms containing qualifiers’ name, address, telephone number, date of birth and social security number must be submitted by this date to the tournament manager. The 2011-2012 Tournament Manager is Scott Bodlovick. His contact information is listed below:

Jerry McCormick
c/o Yankee Lanes
867 Riverside Street
Portland, Maine 04103
Gm51642@yahoo.com

9. Divisions are based on the participant’s age as of August 1, 2011. **ATHLETES MUST CHOOSE** the division in which they will compete. Competition shall be conducted in the following six (6) divisions:

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| 11 and under Girls’ Handicap | 11 and under Boys’ Handicap |
| 12 and above Girls’ Handicap | 12 and above Boys’ Handicap |
| 12 and above Girls’ Scratch | 12 and above Boys’ Scratch |

*****Bowlers in the 12 and above age division who have an entering average of 211 or higher MUST compete in the scratch division*****

10. Athletes are not required to be USBC Junior Gold members to enter the Scratch Division. However, athletes must be USBC Junior Gold members or be eligible and buy membership prior to advancement to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships in Indianapolis, IN.

11. The tournament format shall be: Winner shall be decided by **TOTAL PINFALL** with Handicap where applicable.

- Ages 11 and under and 12 and over handicap: Shall bowl 3 games on the same pair of lanes. Awards given after ALL scores are tallied and checked for ties.
- Ages 12 and above scratch: Shall bowl 6 games, changing lanes after each game. Awards will be given after ALL scores are tallied and checked for ties.

12. State level entry fee breakdown is:

| | <u>11 & Under Handicap</u> <u>12 & Over Handicap</u> | <u>12 & Above Scratch</u> |
|--------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Lineage | \$8.70 | \$17.40 |
| Expenses | \$1.50 | \$ 1.50 |
| Awards | \$ 3.15 | \$ 5.05 |
| Scholarships | \$ 3.15 | \$ 6.05 |
| TOTAL | \$16.50 | \$30.00 |

Awards and Scholarship fees shall be returned 100% to the bowlers. **Scholarships will be held in SMART account number: 11440**

Contact person: Phone number: 1-800-514-2695 xt. 8292

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* **USBC Rule 309 states that all scholarships must be deposited in the SMART Program or comply with strict guidelines for maintenance.**

13. All bowlers must wear suitable attire. **No hats/caps allowed. Bowlers must wear a collared shirt or league sponsored Tee shirt. Bowlers MAY NOT WEAR “co-ed Naked” anything, shirts not covering midriff, pants with holes in them, sweat pants, skin tight or spandex clothing.**
*****Shorts are permitted, but must be at least mid-thigh in length*****
Bowlers deemed in violation will not be allowed to compete until corrected. *Final determination will rest with the tournament manager.* There will be no alcoholic beverages on the concourse while competition is in progress.
14. No substitutes will be permitted once athletes have started tournament play; however replacements may be used for bowlers not present 15 minutes prior to squad time as stated in Rule #2. **Replacements must be from order of finish from prior level of competition. (I.e. the same window, same league and same center as the “no show” bowler if replacement is from the league level. They must follow the order of advancement within that window/league.)** Once replaced the original bowler cannot regain his spot in the tournament.
15. Competitors will be allowed 2 practice balls on each of their starting lanes.
16. 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.** Bowlers not present to bowl when it's their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
17. Qualifying Averages
 - a. **League** – bowlers will use their current league average as of the first date of competition (no minimum number of games).
 - b. **State** – bowlers shall use their highest current certified league average, minimum of twenty-one (21) games as of April 1, 2012. Those not meeting the minimum number of games shall bowl scratch.
*****A standing sheet must verify averages. If a bowler competed in more than one league or house, they must provide average verification from each.*****
*****Bowlers in the 12 and above age division who have an entering average of 211 or higher MUST compete in the scratch division*****
14. Handicap shall be 100% of the difference between the bowlers' average and 210.
15. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
16. Ties will be broken 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).
17. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the tournament manager no later than the start of the next block or 30 minutes after the completion of competition. The tournament manager shall decide upon questionable errors. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the tournament manager within 72 hours or before the awards are presented. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
18. Symbolic awards shall be awarded on at least 1-10 ratio of participation in each division. At a minimum, the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each division will receive an award.
19. Scholarships will be awarded as follows:

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State Scholarship

- Based on participation, 1st and 2nd place in each division will evenly split the state scholarship money gathered for their division

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- 1st place in each division will split the national scholarship money based on a percentage of the number of bowlers per division

20. The top 2 bowlers in the 12 and above Boys' and Girls' Scratch Divisions at the state/zone competition with the highest scratch score, plus applicable bonus pins, will earn a berth to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships July 14-20, 2012 in Indianapolis, Indiana. There is no requirement to have a minimum average or be a USBC Junior Gold Member to enter the Scratch division at the local level of qualifying for the Pepsi North Pointe Junior Gold Championships. However, to receive the berth, the bowler must be a North Pointe Junior Gold member or obtain membership prior to the North Pointe Junior Gold championships.
*****If the winner is not eligible for the championships, he/she will still retain all awards from the state/zone, but the next eligible bowler will receive the berth to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships.*****
21. Advancers to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships 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 the state/zone level.
22. Failure to abide by any rules and regulations will lead to disqualification from this event. The USBC Pepsi Youth Championships National Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.
23. The USBC Pepsi Youth Championships National Tournament Committee will decide all matters not covered by these rules and regulations or USBC rules and regulations. All decisions are final.