



**2012 OHIO STATE PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS  
STATE RULES AND FORMAT**

1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (Certification #04498) and shall be governed by USBC rules
2. One-time entry. If an individual who qualified cannot participate in the state competition, replacements will be eligible based on the order in which they finished in the District level competition.
3. Advancement ratio from the District level competition to the State level competition is at one (1) out of every three (3) entries in the handicap division and one (1) out of every two (2) entries in the scratch division, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties. In all cases, at least one (1) individual per division shall advance. .
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/district, the bowler must declare one state/district to continue competing before the next competition level. Participation in any level of competition past the league level in more than one state/district will result in automatic disqualification.
5. State competition will take place for all divisions in Columbus Square Palace Bowling Lanes, 5707 Forest Hills Blvd, Columbus, OH. 43231, phone (614)491-7155 on May 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, & 20, 2012.
6. Participants must be aware of each competition level in the state/district and all associated rules, fees and deadlines.
7. Deadline date is postmarked by midnight, April 7, 2012. **This deadline will be enforced.** You must mail to the state director the following: **State entry form, an average verification form reflecting averages or League standing sheet including scores bowled through March 9, 2012**, and a check/money order for entry fee indicated on the form (make sure the entry is filled out completely). **Bowlers in the scratch divisions need not submit average verification. Bowlers in the 12 and over age division with a 211 average or higher are required to compete in the scratch division. No phone calls and/or email entries accepted.** Replacement bowlers must receive consideration in the order the bowler placed in their division.
8. Competition shall be conducted in six (6) divisions total, (2) divisions for 12 and above Boys'/Girls' Handicap, (2) divisions for 12 and above Boys'/Girls' Scratch and (2) divisions for 11 and under Boys'/Girls' Handicap. These divisions are based on the participant's age as of August 1, 2011. Athletes are not mandated to be USBC Junior Gold Program members to enter the scratch division. However, athletes must be a program member or be eligible and buy membership in order to accept advancement to the 2012 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships. Athletes must be a Junior Gold program member and pay for the Premier event prior to the start of bowling on their confirmed date of bowling in order to participate in the 2012 Junior Gold Premier event.
9. All state level qualifiers in the 12 and above age divisions will bowl **six (6) games on the same pair of lanes at the state level** and the 11 and under age divisions will bowl **three (3) games on the same pair of lanes**. There will be a 10-minute break between games three (3) and four (4) for the 12 and above age divisions. Optional, all bowlers must agree to skip the break.
10. State level entry fee:

<i>(12 and above divisions)</i>	Lineage	\$12.00	<i>(11 and under divisions)</i>	Lineage	\$ 6.00
	Expenses	4.00		Expenses	4.00
	Awards	2.00		Awards	2.00
	Scholarship	7.00		Scholarship	8.00
	<b>Total fee</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>		<b>Total fee</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>

**No refunds will be given once the confirmation letter has been issued.**

Awards fee and scholarship fee returned 100% to the bowlers. **Scholarships will be administered by the National USBC Smart Program (account # 8540). Please contact Smart (1-800-514-2695, ext 8292) or write to: USBC, SMART Program, 621 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011.**

11. Dress code: Entrants are expected to wear suitable attire. Use good judgment when selecting the appropriate attire. Examples of prohibited attire include but are not limited to: **short shorts or any shorts that more than 3 inches above the knee, pants hanging showing underwear and/or body parts, hats, dresses, skirts, T-shirts with alcohol or cigarette advertisements, inappropriate language, gestures or gambling.** Bowlers will be required to change if attire is deemed inappropriate by the Tournament Director or designee. The Tournament Director's or designee's decision will be final. Failure to comply with any dress code rule will result in a verbal warning and apparel change (if applicable). Second offense will result in disqualification from the tournament. Please be presentable.
12. No substitutes will be permitted. However, the next bowler in line from the same district may be used as a replacement for a bowler who has indicated that they would not be able to participate in the tournament.
13. Competitors shall be allowed ten (10) minutes of practice prior to their starting time on their assigned lanes only. There will be no bowling by tournament bowlers on the tournament lanes prior to the start of the tournament on their scheduled tournament day. A bowler may only receive (1) re-rack per game and must be approved by a tournament official.
14. Bowlers shall use their highest current certified league average, including scores bowled through March 9, 2012, with a minimum of 9 games. **An average verification form or league standing sheet must accompany the entry form for average verification for all handicap division bowlers. Bowlers without the required average verification will receive no handicap but will be required to remain in the division in which they advanced. Bowlers in the scratch divisions do not require average verifications. Rule 202d will be used for average adjustment from sport to standard bowling using the chart in the USBC Rulebook.**
15. Bowlers arriving late shall begin play with the frame then being bowled. Frames missed 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.
16. Handicap shall be 100% of the difference between the bowler's average and 210 scratch.
17. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the bowling area during competition. If a parent or coach has a question, they may come to the Tournament Director.
18. In the case of a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place position advancing to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships, both bowlers will advance.
19. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the Tournament Director no later than thirty (30) minutes after the 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 seven-two (72) hours. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
20. Symbolic awards (plaques) will be given to all bowlers in each of the divisions who participate in the state level finals. The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner in each of the six (6) divisions will receive their choice of a jacket or a \$50.00 scholarship. Duplicate winners (district and state) will only receive one jacket if a jacket is their choice plus a \$50.00 scholarship.
21. Scholarships will be awarded as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> place (\$500.00), 2<sup>nd</sup> place (\$400.00), 3<sup>rd</sup> place (\$300.00), and 4<sup>th</sup> place (\$200.00), 5<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> place (\$100.00) for all 6 divisions. For 11<sup>th</sup> place and below (\$50.00) scholarships will be awarded for 1 in every 10 bowlers or major fraction, thereof, in each division.
22. The seven top winners in the four handicap divisions and the top seven winners in the two scratch divisions, who have not been awarded a North Pointe Junior Gold Championship or Premier Event slot in the Ohio State Pepsi Tournament, will receive a paid entry into the 2012 USBC Youth Open Championships, July 12<sup>TH</sup> through 14<sup>TH</sup>, 19<sup>TH</sup> through 23<sup>RD</sup> AND 27<sup>TH</sup> through 29<sup>TH</sup> 2012, in Indianapolis, Indiana. The highest qualifier and runner up in each 12 and above scratch divisions will receive a paid entry into the 2012 North Pointe Junior Gold Championship, July 14<sup>th</sup> through July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012, in Indianapolis, Indiana from the National USBC. This tournament will also award the highest qualifiers that paid the Premier Event fee before starting to bowl in each 12 and above scratch division with reimbursement as follows for expenses to compete in the 2012 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships: entry fee, 50% of the cost of their hotel room at the host hotel rate declared by the National USBC; one round-trip airline ticket (bowler only) or round trip mileage to the host city (at no more than the cost of a round trip airline ticket); a maximum of \$150 for meal allowances and a paid ticket to the closing ceremonies for the event. No reimbursement will be made for expenses related to transportation for the athlete while in Indianapolis, Indiana. If the scratch division champion is unable to attend and participate in the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships the athlete will still retain the state scholarship, but the berth to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships will be awarded to the next eligible athlete. Winners are not confirmed as national finalists until they receive a confirmation letter from USBC. **THE OHIO STATE PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT WILL PAY EXPENSES FOR JUNIOR GOLD PREMIER 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE WINNERS. ADVANCERS FOR BOTH NATIONAL FINALS WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT, COACH OR GUARDIAN.**
23. The State Director and State Pepsi USBC Youth Championship 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.
24. **Smoking and alcohol will not be allowed by the athletes or guests on the concourse or in the settee area during competition. A designated smoking area has been established for guests who wish to smoke. This has been requested to provide the best possible atmosphere for the athletes during this event.**

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