



**2010 OHIO STATE PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS
DISTRICT RULES AND FORMAT**

1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (#4022) and shall be governed by USBC rules.
2. League level competition is October 3 thru November 20, 2009 and November 21, 2009 thru January 15, 2010. Qualifiers from these two (2) windows will advance to the district level on February 27 & 28, and March 6 & 7 and March 13, & 14, 2010. Due to the size of some host centers an optional weekend may be utilized in some districts on February 20 & 21, 2010.
3. One-time entry: If an individual who qualifies cannot participate in the district competition, replacements will be eligible based on the order in which they finished in the league level competition in the same center and in the same window.
4. Advancement ratio from the league level to the district level competition is at least one (1) out of every three (3) entries or major fraction thereof, in the 11 and under and 12 and above Girls' & Boys' Handicap divisions and the 12 and above Girls' & Boys' Scratch divisions, age as of August 1, 2009. In all cases, at least one (1) individual shall advance. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all eligible divisions. (See enclosed ratio chart on the league report form). The base number for each division is the number of individuals that were present at least one week to participate in that division.
5. 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.
6. Participants must be made aware of each competition level in the state/district and all associated rules, fees and deadlines.
7. District competition will take place on dates indicated on the enclosed form (Form D) which contains Center Name, Address, City, Dates, Times and District Directors information for your district level.
8. Deadline date is February 5, 2010 for submitting district level entries to the District Director. This deadline will be enforced. You must mail to District Director the following: Youth Bowler's individual entry form (filled out completely), work sheets for each league, league report form for each league, league standing sheet reflecting averages including scores bowled through January 15, 2010, and required entry fee. Competition shall be conducted in four (4) divisions for 12 and above Boys'/Girls' Handicap/Scratch and two (2) divisions for 11 and under Boys'/Girls' Handicap. These divisions are based on the participant's age as of August 1, 2009. Athletes are not mandated to be USBC Junior Gold Program members to enter the scratch division. However, athletes must be program members or be eligible and buy membership prior to advancement to the USBC Junior Gold Championships.
9. All district level qualifiers will bowl three (3) games at the District level.

10. District level entry fee for all divisions is:	12 & Above		11 & under	
	Lineage	\$7.50	Lineage	\$7.50
	Expenses	3.00	Expenses	3.00
Awards fee returned 100% to bowlers	Awards	1.00	Awards	1.00
Scholarship fee returned 100% to bowlers	Scholarship	3.50	Scholarship	3.50
	Total Fee	\$15.00	Total Fee	\$15.00

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

Scholarships will be administered by the National USBC Smart Program (account # 8540). Please contact Ann Miller 1-800-514-2695, ext. 3343) 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, 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. Tournament Director or designee 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 a verbal warning (if applicable, and/or possible disqualification. Please be presentable.
12. No substitutes will be permitted, however, the next bowler in line from the same center and in the same window may be used as a replacement for bowlers who have indicated that they are not participating 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.
14. Bowlers arriving late shall begin play with the frame being bowled. Frames missed shall be credited with a zero. Frames missed cannot be made up.
15. **Bowlers shall use their highest current certified league average reflecting averages including scores bowled through January 15 2010 (minimum of 9 games). The standing sheet must verify averages. Please highlight the name and average of the qualifiers on the standing sheet. (Bowlers without the above-required average must bowl scratch.) Please write the league certification number in the upper right hand corner of the Standing Sheet. Bowlers in the scratch divisions do not require average verification. For those leagues that bowl a split season and restart the bowler's average, you must use their new average (minimum of 9 games) for the qualifying window. For bowlers participating in the High School Leagues, they must have an average established based on bowling all ten frames of any game included in their average. If the average indicated for the High School bowler is not based on their bowling all ten frames and their High School average is the only average they have, they must bowl with no handicap. High School League averages must be from a USBC certified league ("morally" sanctioned leagues are entitled to the full benefits of USBC membership and, therefore, qualify for participation in this event). Rule 202d will be used for average adjustment from sport to standard bowling for athletes with only a sport bowling average using chart on page 74 of the USBC Rulebook .**
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. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the tournament office during check in. If a parent or coach has a question, they may come to the tournament office and ask to see the District Director.
18. 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 bowling. The tournament director shall decide upon questionable errors. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the tournament director within forty-eight (48) hours or before the awards are presented. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
19. Symbolic awards (emblems) will be given to all bowlers in each of the six (6) categories who participate in the district level. The 1st place winner in each of the six (6) divisions will receive their choice of a jacket or a \$50 scholarship. Duplicate winners (district and state) will receive only one jacket if a jacket is their choice plus a \$50 scholarship.
20. Scholarships at the district level for all divisions will be given as follows: 1st (\$150), 2nd (\$125), 3rd (\$100), 4th (\$75) and 5th through 10 place, (\$50). The 11th and below advancers will be awarded (\$25) at a ratio of 1 for every 10 bowlers. In case of a tie for any place duplicate scholarships will be awarded.
21. Advancement ratio from the district level to the state level competition is at least one (1) out of every three (3) entries, or major fraction, thereof, in the 11 and under and 12 and above Boys' & Girls' Handicap division. Advancement ratio for the 12 and above Boys' & Girls' Scratch division is one (1) out of every two (2) entries, or major fraction, thereof. Any ties for the last advancement place will also advance.
22. The State level of competition will take place in Columbus, Ohio on May 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 2010, at Columbus Square Bowling Place, 5707 Forest Hills Blvd., Columbus OH. for all divisions. All state finalists will be notified by mail as to their advancement and provided with an entry form to complete and return to the State Director selecting their preference for date and time at the state level.
23. The Ohio State Pepsi USBC Youth Championships tournament committee shall determine all matters not covered by these rules and regulations. The National Pepsi USBC Youth Championship Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.
24. Please inform all your youth bowlers of the tournament and the league level tournament competition is open to all Certified Leagues. They only pay when they advance to the next level of competition.
25. **Smoking and alcohol will not be allowed by the athletes or guests on the concourse nor in the settee area during competition. A designated smoking area has been established for guests who wish to smoke. USBC has requested this rule to provide the best possible atmosphere for the athletes during this event.**

Pepsi District Tournament Directors' names and phone numbers can be found on Form "D" of this package.

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