



2018 OHIO STATE USBC YOUTH – PEPSI CHAMPIONSHIPS
DISTRICT RULES AND FORMAT

1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (Certification Numbers 05096, 05099, 05101, 05106, 05107, and 05109), and shall be governed by USBC rules. All competition levels - league, District and State - are based on scratch competition.
2. League level competition will be two, two-week windows occurring between October 1, 2017 through January 6, 2018. The two, two-week windows can be four consecutive weeks as long as every two weeks are treated as separate windows. The two weeks also can be two separate two-week periods. However, each two-week window must consist of two consecutive weeks. There cannot be four or two individual weeks. Qualifiers from these two (2) windows will advance to the district level occurring from February 24 through March 18, 2018.
3. Qualifying scores must be bowled during regularly scheduled league play. Pre-bowled or post-bowled scores may not be used as scores for advancement purposes.
4. Advancement from league level to district level is a 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.
5. Advancement ratio from the league level to the district level competition will be one (1) out of every three (3) entries, or major fraction thereof, including last-place ties, in each division as of date of birth, as of July 31, 2018:
 - U 8 Boys whose birthdate is 8/1/2009 or later
 - U 8 Girls
 - U10 Boys whose birthdate is 8/1/2007 thru 7/31/09
 - U10 Girls
 - U12 Boys whose birthdate is 8/1/2005 thru 7/31/07
 - U12 Girls
 - U15 Boys whose birthdate is 8/1/2002 thru 7/31/05
 - U15 Girls
 - U20 Boys whose birthdate is 8/1/1997 thru 7/31/02
 - U20 Girls

A youth who elected to move up from a lower age division to a higher age division (a waiver must have been completed) must also remain in the higher age division throughout the District and State Tournament competition. 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 worksheet). The base number for each division is the number of individuals that were present at least one week to participate in that division.
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 district, the bowler must declare one district to continue competing before the next competition level. Participation in any level of competition past the league level in more than one district will result in automatic disqualification.
7. Participants must be made aware of all competition levels in the state/district and all associated rules, fees and deadlines.

8. District competition will take place on dates indicated on the enclosed form (Form C) which contains Center Name, Address, City, Dates, Times and District Directors information for your district level.
9. **Deadline date is February 2, 2018** for submitting district level entries to the District Director. This deadline will be enforced. You must mail to the District Director the following: Youth Bowler's individual entry form (filled out completely), worksheets for each league, league worksheet for each league, and required entry fee. Competition shall be conducted in ten (10) divisions, see rule #4. **These divisions are based on the participant's date of birth as of July 31, 2018.**
10. All district level qualifiers will bowl three (3) games at the District level.
11. District level entry fee for all divisions is:

Awards & scholarships:	\$ 9.50
Lineage & expenses:	15.50
Total fee	\$25.00

(Award and scholarship fees will be returned 100% to bowlers.)

No refunds will be given once a time has been assigned. CONFIRMATION LETTERS WILL NOT BE SENT AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL. The bowler will receive their first preference unless otherwise notified. PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THE DATE AND TIME. Dates/times will be posted on our website, www.ohioyouthbowling.org, under the Pepsi Tournament section.

12. **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.**
13. 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 or skirts that are more than 3 inches above the knee, pants hanging showing underwear and/or body parts, headgear/headwear, dresses, T-shirts with alcohol or cigarette advertisements, sleeveless shirts/blouses or tank tops.** Bowlers will be required to change if attire is deemed inappropriate by the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director'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. **Inappropriate language or gestures or gambling will not be permitted. Electronic devices (including cell phones) will not be permitted.**
14. **Tobacco products, e-cigarettes, or alcohol will not be allowed by the athletes or guests on the concourse nor in the settee area during competition.**
15. Bowlers must show a current USBC membership card at check-in. If they do not have a current membership card, they can go to www.bowl.com under "Find a Member" and follow the prompts to print a card. (Effective July 1, 2016 you must have a current USBC membership number to create a user ID and password to access "Find a Member".)
16. No substitutes will be permitted; however, the next bowler in line from the same center, same league, and in the same window may be used as a replacement for bowlers who have indicated that they are not participating in the tournament.
17. 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.
18. 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. Bowlers not present to bowl when it's their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
19. **High School League bowlers must qualify in a USBC certified league.**

20. 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 office and ask to see the District Director.
21. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the District Director no later than the start of the next block or thirty (30) minutes after the completion of competition. Questionable errors shall be decided upon by the District Director. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the District Director within seventy-two (72) hours of the infraction. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
22. Symbolic awards will be given to all bowlers in each of the divisions who participate at the district level.
23. Scholarships will be awarded at a ratio of one (1) out of every ten (10) entries per division or major fraction thereof, based on entries received at the district level for all divisions. In case of a tie for any place, duplicate scholarships will be awarded.
24. Advancement ratio from the district level to the state level competition is one (1) out of every two (2) entries, or major fraction thereof, including last-place ties. In all cases at least one individual per division shall advance. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all eligible divisions.
25. The State level of competition will take place in Columbus, Ohio on May 11th, 12th, 13th, 18th, 19th and 20th, 2018 at the Columbus Square Bowling Palace, 5707 Forest Hills Boulevard, Columbus, OH 43231, Telephone (614) 895-1122, 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.
26. The Ohio State USBC Youth – Pepsi Championship 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.
27. 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.

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

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