



2018 OHIO STATE USBC YOUTH - PEPSI CHAMPIONSHIPS
STATE RULES AND FORMAT

1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (Certification #05110) and shall be governed by USBC rules. Competition is based on scratch scores for all divisions of the Ohio State Youth – Pepsi Championships.
2. This tournament is a one-time entry. If an individual who qualified cannot participate in the state competition, additional state advancers 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 one (1) out of every two (2) entries, or major fraction thereof, including last-place ties. In all cases, at least one (1) individual per division shall advance. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all eligible divisions.
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 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.
5. State competition will take place for all divisions at The Columbus Square Bowling Palace, 5707 Forest Hills Boulevard, Columbus, OH 43231, on May 11th, 12th, 13th, 18th, 19th, and 20th, 2018.
6. Participants must be aware of each competition level in the state/district and all associated rules, fees, and deadlines.
7. **Entries must be postmarked by midnight, April 6, 2018. This deadline will be enforced.** You must mail to the state director the following: **State entry form** and a check/money order for the entry fee indicated on the form (make sure the entry is filled out completely). **No phone calls and/or e-mail entries accepted.** Additional state advancer bowlers must receive consideration in the order the bowler placed in their division.
8. Competition shall be conducted in ten (10) divisions total:

• 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

These divisions are based on the participant's date of birth as of July 31, 2018. The U8 and U10 divisions will bowl three (3) games on the same pair of lanes at the state level; the U12, U15 and U20 divisions will bowl six (6) games on the same pair of lanes at the state level.

9. State level entry fee:

For U8 and U10 divisions:
Awards & scholarships: \$ 13.00
Lineage & expenses: 14.00
Total fee \$ 27.00

For U12, U15 and U20 divisions:
Awards & scholarships: \$13.00
Lineage & expenses: 22.00
Total fee \$35.00

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

Awards and Scholarship fees are 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 Dr., Arlington, TX 76011.**

10. 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.**
11. Tobacco products, e-cigarettes, or alcohol will not be allowed by the athletes or guests on the concourse or in the settee area during competition.
12. 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".)
13. 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.
14. 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.
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 is their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
16. 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.
17. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the Tournament Director no later the start of the next block or 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 seventy-two (72) hours. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
18. Symbolic awards will be given to all bowlers in each of the divisions who participate in the state level finals.
19. Scholarships will be awarded at a ratio of one (1) out of every ten (10) entries per division or major fraction thereof, including last place ties, and based on the number of entries received at the state level in each division.
20. The highest qualifier – both girl and boy - in the 12 and under, 15 and under, and 20 and under divisions will receive a paid entry into the 2018 Junior Gold Championships, July 14-21, 2018 in Dallas, TX. from the National USBC. The highest qualifiers in each of those divisions will also be reimbursed for expenses not to exceed \$500 (within 30 days of submission of receipts to the

Tournament Director). If the 12 and under, 15 and under, and/or 20 and under division champion is unable to attend and participate in the 2018 Junior Gold Championships the athlete will still retain the state scholarship, but the berth and reimbursement of expenses to the 2018 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. **ADVANCERS TO THE 2018 JUNIOR GOLD CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT, COACH OR GUARDIAN.**

21. Optional Junior Gold Qualifier: Athletes must be a Junior Gold program member and pay the entry fee prior to the start of bowling on their confirmed date of bowling, for the opportunity to participate in *the 2019 Junior Gold qualifying* event. *The Ohio State Pepsi Junior Gold* event is open to 12 and under/15 and under/20 and under Boys/Girls only. (Younger bowlers, who have competed in these divisions with a completed waiver, may also participate.)
22. Also for our Junior Gold qualifier event, the advancement ratio from the Ohio State USBC Youth – Pepsi Championships to the 2019 Junior Gold Championships (location and date TBA) will be one (1) out of every five (5) entries or major fraction thereof, in each of the three divisions: 12 and under, 15 and under, and 20 and under. The cost per entry is \$20 for the U12 division, \$30 for the U15 division, and \$40 for the U20 division. The bowler must be a Junior Gold member at the time of the 2018 Ohio State USBC Youth – Pepsi Championships, and must also pay 2019 Junior Gold dues. Advancers will only receive a paid entry into the 2019 Junior Gold Championships. In the event of a tie for the first place position advancing to the Junior Gold Championship, the highest game bowled will be used as the tiebreaker; if a tie still exists, then the second highest game bowled will be used. If a tie still exists, then the third highest game bowled will be used.
23. The Tournament Director and Ohio State USBC Youth – Pepsi Championships 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.

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