



## OHIO STATE USBC YOUTH ASSOCIATION

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### 2018 OHIO STATE USBC YOUTH SINGLES HANDICAP TOURNAMENT

#### *DISTRICT HANDICAP RULES AND FORMAT*

1. This handicap tournament is certified by USBC (Certification Numbers 05097, 05098, 05100, 05103, 05105, and 05108), and is a tournament running concurrently with the Pepsi Tournament, and shall be governed by USBC rules.
2. This handicap tournament **IS NOT SUPPORTED** by the National Pepsi Youth Championships, and the opportunity for higher scholarships will be in the scratch Pepsi competition.
3. To be eligible to bowl in this tournament at the district level, a youth bowler must be a member of an Ohio local bowling association and currently bowl in a certified youth league.
4. No substitutes will be permitted. No walk-ins will be accepted.
5. The handicap competition will be conducted in ten (10) divisions:
  - 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
6. Advancers from the district level to the state level of competition shall be one out of every two bowlers, 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.
7. Participants must be made aware of each competition level 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, and District Director's information for your district level. Competition will occur at the same time as the Scratch Pepsi Tournament. All participants will bowl three (3) games at the District level.
9. The deadline date for all forms to be submitted to the District Director is **February 2, 2018**. This deadline will be enforced. A league standing sheet reflecting averages including scores bowled through January 1, 2018, must be included.
10. Fees for all divisions are:

Awards & scholarships:	\$ 9.50
<u>Lineage &amp; expenses:</u>	<u>15.50</u>
Total fee	\$25.00

**Award and scholarship fees will be returned 100% to the 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](http://www.ohioyouthbowling.org), under the Pepsi Tournament section.**

11. Scholarships will be administered by the National USBC Smart Program (account #12790). Please contact SMART (1-800-514-2695, ext. 8292) or write to: USBC SMART Program, 621 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011. Handicap 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 this handicap tournament. **NO PEPSI FUNDS** will be used to subsidize the handicap scholarships.

12. 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 District Director. The District 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.**
13. Bowlers shall use their highest current league average, reflecting averages including scores bowled through January 1, 2018 (minimum of nine games). The standing sheet must verify averages. Bowlers who participate in high school leagues must have an average based on the bowler bowling all ten frames, and a minimum of nine games. High school league averages also must be from a USBC certified high school league.
14. 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](http://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".)
15. Handicap will be 100% of the difference between the bowler's average and 220. 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.
16. 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. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
17. The State level of competition will take place in Columbus, Ohio on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at The Columbus Square Bowling Palace, 5707 Forest Hills Blvd., Columbus, OH 43231, 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.
18. The Ohio State USBC Youth Championship Committee shall determine all matters not covered by these rules and regulations.
19. Please inform all your youth bowlers of this tournament and that the district level competition is open to all USBC certified leagues. Youth will also play when they advance from the district level to the state level of competition.

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

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