



OHIO STATE USBC YOUTH ASSOCIATION

2018 OHIO STATE USBC YOUTH SINGLES HANDICAP TOURNAMENT

STATE HANDICAP RULES AND FORMAT

1. This handicap tournament is certified by USBC #05111, and is a tournament run in conjunction 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. Scholarships will be awarded at a ratio of one (1) per 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.
3. The handicap competition will be conducted in ten (10) divisions:

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| • 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 |
4. Advancers out of the District level, who elect to bowl in the handicap division, must remain in the handicap division for state level competition. Advancers from the district level to the state level shall be one out of every two bowlers. Additional state advancer bowlers must receive consideration in the order the bowler placed in their division.
5. State competition will take place for all divisions at The Columbus Square Bowling Palace, 5707 Forest Hills Blvd., Columbus, OH 43231, on May 11th, 12th, 13th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 2018.
6. Participants must be made 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.**
8. Fees for all divisions are:

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| Awards & scholarships: | \$12.00 |
| Lineage & expenses: | 13.00 |
| Total fee | \$25.00 |

Scholarship and Awards fees will be returned 100% to the bowlers. No refunds will be given once the confirmation has been issued.

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) per ten (10) entries per division or major fraction thereof, based on the number of entries received at the state level in each division. **NO PEPSI FUNDS** will be used to subsidize the handicap scholarships.

9. 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.**
10. 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.
11. 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".
12. Handicap will be 100% of the difference between the bowler's average and 220. 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. 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. 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 State Director.
13. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the State 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 State Director. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the State Director within seventy-two (72) hours. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
14. Symbolic awards will be given to all bowlers in each of the divisions who participate in the state level finals.
15. The Ohio State USBC Youth Championship Committee shall determine all matters not covered by these rules and regulations.

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