



2024 OHIO STATE USBC YOUTH – PEPSI CHAMPIONSHIPS DISTRICT RULES AND FORMAT

1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (Certification Numbers 5000, 5001, 5002, 5003, 5004) and shall be governed by USBC rules. All competition levels - District and State - are based on scratch competition.
2. Advancement from District level to State level is a one-time entry.
3. Advancement ratio from the District level to the State level competition will be one (1) out of every two (2) entries, or major fraction thereof, including last-place ties, in each division as of date of birth, as of July 31, 2024:
 - **U8 Boys** whose birthdate is 8/1/2015 or later
 - **U10 Boys** whose birthdate is 8/1/2013 thru 7/31/15
 - **U12 Boys** whose birthdate is 8/1/2011 thru 7/31/13
 - **U15 Boys** whose birthdate is 8/1/2008 thru 7/31/11
 - **U18 Boys** whose birthdate is 8/1/2005 thru 7/31/08
 - **U8 Girls**
 - **U10 Girls**
 - **U12 Girls**
 - **U15 Girls**
 - **U18 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 State competition. In all cases, at least one (1) individual shall advance. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all eligible divisions.

4. Participants must be made aware of all competition levels in the District/State and all associated rules, fees and deadlines.
5. 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.
6. ON-LINE REGISTRATION is the preferred method of entry and payment. Deadline date is February 14, 2024 for submitting entries. This deadline will be enforced.
7. Competition shall be conducted in ten (10) divisions, see rule #3. **These divisions are based on the participant's date of birth as of July 31, 2024.**
8. All bowlers will bowl three (3) games at the District level.
9. District level entry fee for all divisions is:

Awards & scholarships:	\$11.00
Lineage & expenses:	24.00
Total fee	\$35.00

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

No refunds will be given once confirmation is sent.

Confirmation letters WILL be sent by the on-line registration platform to the email on file.

Dates/times will be posted on our website, www.ohiostateusbc.com, under the Pepsi Tournament section.

10. **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.**
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 or any shorts, pants hanging showing underwear and/or body parts, headgear/headwear (unless medically necessary), 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 on the approach during delivery.**
12. **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.**
13. 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.
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.
15. 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.
16. **High School League bowlers must qualify in a USBC certified league.**
17. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the bowling area during competition.
18. 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.
19. Symbolic awards will be given to all bowlers in each of the divisions who participate at the district level.
20. Scholarships will be awarded at a ratio of one (1) out of every seven (7) 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.
21. The State level competition will take place in Columbus, Ohio on May 3rd, 4th, 5th, and May 10th, 11th, & 12th 2024 at **Columbus Square Bowling Palace, 5707 Forest Hills Blvd, Columbus, OH 43231** Telephone (614) 895-1122, for all divisions. All State finalists will be notified by mail of their advancement and provided with an entry code to complete on-line registration for their date and time at the state level.
22. The Tournament Director will be responsible for enforcing the rules and resolving disputes during the tournament. Only tournament officials and bowlers are permitted in the bowler's area. The bowler, by voluntary participation in the Championships, agrees to comply with the final decision of the Tournament Director.
23. All participants & parents/guardians agree to allow the Ohio State USBC to use their photograph for publicity purposes. In the event the Ohio State USBC arranges for telecasts or broadcasts of the tournament, it would be without cost to participants/parents/guardians and participants/parents/guardians would not share any revenue derived therefrom.

24. The entrants whose name appear hereon, or their authorized replacement, hereby agree that the Ohio State USBC, its officers and agents shall be liable only to the extent of returning entry fees if and when these entrants shall be prevented from bowling any event in the tournament through delay, unexpected, yet necessary, schedule change, or premature termination of the tournament, which may be brought about by war, national emergency or emergencies or causes relating thereto or resulting therefrom, fires, terrorist threats, strikes, lockouts, pandemics, labor difficulties or other causes beyond the control of the Ohio State USBC

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

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