

## 2024 OHIO STATE USBC YOUTH DISTRICT SPRING HANDICAP SINGLES RULES

1. 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 USBC certified youth league.
2. This handicap tournament is certified by USBC (Certification Numbers 5010, 5011, 5012, 5013, 5014) and is a tournament running concurrently with the Pepsi Tournament and shall be governed by USBC rules.
3. This tournament is **NOT SUPPORTED OR AFFILIATED** with the National Pepsi Youth Championships.
4. This District level competition is open to ALL USBC certified leagues. **NO** league level qualifying is necessary to enter this tournament at the district level. Youth will pay an additional entry fee if they advance from district level to the state level competition.
5. No substitutes will be permitted. No walk-ins will be accepted.
6. Competition will be conducted in ten (10) divisions:

U8 Boys → Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2015 or later	<- U8 Girls
U10 Boys → Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2013 thru 7/31/2015	<- U10 Girls
U12 Boys → Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2011 thru 7/31/2013	<- U12 Girls
U15 Boys → Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2008 thru 7/31/2011	<- U15 Girls
U18 Boys → Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2005 thru 7/31/2008	<- U18 Girls
7. Current league standing sheet reflecting scores bowled through December 16, 2023 (minimum of nine games) must accompany the entry. Standing sheet will be used to 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 must be from a USBC certified high school league.
8. Handicap will be 90% of the difference between the bowler's average and 225.
9. Bowlers must show a current USBC membership card at check-in. If they do not have the current membership card, they can go the [www.bowl.com](http://www.bowl.com) under "find a member"
10. **DRESS CODE:** Entrants are expected to wear suitable attire. Use good judgement when selecting the appropriate attire. Examples of prohibited attire include, but not limited to: short shorts, pants hanging showing underwear and/or body parts, headgear/headwear (unless medically necessary), t-shirts with alcohol or cigarette advertisements, sleeveless shorts/blouses or tank tops. Bowlers will be required to change if attire is deemed inappropriate by the District Tournament Director. The District 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.
11. District competition will take place on the dates indicated on the enclosed form (Form C), which contains Center Name, Address, City, Dates, and District Directors information for your District level. Competition will occur at the same time as the scratch Pepsi Tournament. All participants will bowl 3 games at District level.
12. **ON-LINE REGISTRATION** deadline is February 14, 2024. This deadline will be enforced – No exceptions.

**A league standing sheet reflecting averages including scores bowled through December 16, 2023 must be submitted.**

13. Fees for all divisions are:
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| Awards and scholarships: | \$11.00        |
| Lineage and expenses:    | <u>\$24.00</u> |
| Total Fee:               | \$35.00        |

Awards and scholarship fees will be returned 100% to the bowlers. No refunds will be given once a time has been assigned.

14. Advancers from the District level to the State level of competition shall be one (1) out of every two (2) bowlers or major fraction thereof, including last place ties. In all cases at least one individual per division shall advance.
15. Scholarships will be administered by the National USBC SMART Program (account #09766). Handicap scholarships will be awarded at a ratio of one (1) out of every seven (7) entries per division or major fraction thereof. The advancement ratio will be applied uniformly to all eligible divisions. NO PEPSI SMART FUNDS will be used to subsidize the handicap scholarships.
16. The state level of competition will take place on May 3rd, 4th, 5th & May 10th, 11th, & 12th, 2024 at **Columbus Square Bowling Palace, 5707 Forest Hills Blvd, Columbus, OH 43231**. All State finalists will be notified by mail as to the advancement and provided with an entry code to complete on-line registration for their date and time at the State level.
17. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the District Tournament 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 Tournament Director. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the District Tournament Director within seventy-two (72) hours. Under this rule, each protest must be specific.
18. USBC rules will govern all bowling during the tournament. 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 bowling area. The bowler, by voluntary participation in the Championships, agrees to comply with the final decision of the Tournament Director.
19. 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.
20. 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.