

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

1. This handicap tournament is certified by USBC certification #5015 and is running concurrently with the Pepsi Tournament and shall be governed by USBC rules.
2. This tournament is **NOT SUPPORTED OR AFFILIATED** with the National Pepsi Youth Championships.
3. 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
4. Advancers out of the District level, who elect to bowl in the handicap division, must remain in the handicap division for the State level competition. Advancers from District level to the State level will be one out of every two bowlers.
5. Deadline for **ON-LINE REGISTRATION** is **April 18, 2024 at 11:59:59**. This deadline will be enforced – NO exceptions. No refunds will be given once the confirmation has been issued.
6. Fees for all divisions are:

Awards and scholarships:	\$14.00
Lineage and expenses:	<u>\$21.00</u>
Total Fee:	\$35.00

Scholarships and Awards fees will be returned 100% to bowlers. Scholarships will be administered by the National USBC SMART Program (account #09766). Handicap scholarships will be awarded at a ratio of one (1) per seven (7) 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.**
7. 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” 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”).
8. Symbolic awards will be given to all bowlers in each division who participate in the State level finals.
9. Handicap will be 90% of the difference between the bowler’s average and 225.
10. 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 day.
11. Bowlers arriving late shall begin play with the frame then being bowled. Frames missed may not be made up and will be credited with a zero. Bowlers not present to bowl when it is their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
12. A bowler may only receive (1) re-rack per game and must be approved by a tournament official.
13. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the 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 State Tournament Director within seventy-two (72) hours. Under this rule, each protest must be specific.

14. 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.**
15. Tobacco products, e-cigarettes or alcohol will not be allowed by the athletes on the concourse or in the settee area during competition.
16. 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.
17. 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.

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