



2009 California USBC Association
PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS



STATE RULES

1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) as a USBC Sport event (**Certification #5077**) and shall be governed by USBC rules. Special enhanced awards will be issued to Sport Bowling certified members who participate in Sport Bowling competition per Rule 204.
 2. Advancement from district to state is a one-time entry. If an individual qualified and cannot participate in state competition, replacements will be eligible based on order of finish in the previous competition.
 3. Advancement ratio from district competition to state competition is at least **one (1) for every five (5) entries per division**, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties. The base number for each division is the number of individuals that were paid at the district finals. In all cases at least one individual per division, shall advance. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all eligible divisions. **You must register your squad choice with the Tournament Chairman within the RSVP Window of MARCH 25-APRIL 4, 2009 in order to bowl in the state finals competition.** If a state qualifier has not reserved their squad time by the deadline, the next available alternate will be notified by the District Director or Tournament Chairman.
 4. Advancers out of the league level must remain in the division they qualified in during all subsequent levels. If a bowler advances out of league level in more than one state, the bowler must declare one state to continue competing before the next competition level. Participation in any level of competition past the league level in more than one state will result in automatic disqualification.
 5. The State Level competition will take place at **CLASSIC BOWL**, 900 King Drive, Daly City, CA 94015, 650-878-0300, on **MAY 2-3, 2009**; Squad times: Saturday 9:00am and 2:00pm and Sunday at 8:30am with the stepladder roll-offs for all four divisions immediately following.
 6. Entry closing date for District Directors is **MARCH 18, 2009** for odd numbered directors and **MARCH 24, 2009** for even numbered directors. All District paperwork (unofficial results, financial forms and completed recaps) must be submitted to the Tournament Chairman listed on page 2 by the closing dates.
 7. **Divisions are based on the participant's age as of August 1, 2008.** Athletes must choose the division in which they will compete. *****Bowlers in the 12 and above age division who have an entering average of 211 or higher MUST compete in the Scratch division.***** Athletes are not mandated to be USBC Junior Gold members to enter the Scratch Division. However, athletes must be USBC Junior Gold members or be eligible and buy membership prior to advancement to the USBC Junior Gold Championships. Competition shall be conducted in the following divisions: 11-Under Boys' Handicap, 11-Under Girls' Handicap, Boys' 12-Up Scratch, Boys' 12-Up Handicap, Girls' 12-Up Scratch, and Girls' 12-Up Handicap.
 8. The tournament format will be six (6) games moving after each game. Total pins plus handicap, when applicable, will determine the top four bowlers in each division for the stepladder finals.
 9. Awards and Scholarship fees shall be returned 100% to the bowlers. Scholarships will be held with the USBC SMART program under account #8512, (800) 514-2695 x3343.
10. ***BOWLING ATTIRE: All bowlers must wear suitable attire. Dress code is as follows: NO alcoholic, tobacco, sexual or profane advertisements will be allowed on any attire or equipment. NO tank tops, halter tops, sweats, spandex, "cut-off's" or hats of any kind allowed. Walking shorts, "skorts" and skirts cannot be shorter than 3-1/2" above the knee. The tournament chairman shall determine the validity of any complaints.***
11. No substitutes will be permitted once athletes have started tournament play, however, replacements may be used for bowlers not present 15 minutes prior to the squad time as stated in Rule 2. Replacements must be from the order of finish, per division from prior level of district/sectional competition (i.e. the same window, same league and same center as to the "no-show" bowler if replacement is from the league level. They must follow the order of advancement within that window/league.) **State finalists who fail to register their squad time without prior notification to the tournament director, will forfeit their spot to the next available replacement.**
 12. Competitors will be allowed 2 practice balls on each of their starting lanes.
 13. If no replacement has been made, bowlers arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. Missed frames shall be credited with a zero. **Frames may not be made-up.** A bowler not present to bowl when it's their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.



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14. **AVERAGE VERIFICATION (State Finals):**

- (a) Highest certified league average (minimum of 15 games) dated as of **APRIL 15, 2009** (new book). If none,
- (b) Highest certified current league average (minimum of 15 games) closest to competition date. If none,
- (c) Bowl scratch (210) – No league sheet necessary.

It is the bowler's responsibility to provide average verification for the handicap divisions. Any falsification of the highest known average will result in immediate and final disqualification. Standing sheets for average verification are due by Sunday, May 3, 2009 at noon. Failure to provide this information by the deadline will result in the bowler receiving "210" for their average. If a certified "sport" league average is the youth's only average, then it will be adjusted per the chart in the USBC Rulebook to determine the correct entering average.

- 15. Handicap shall be 100% of the difference between the bowler's average and 210.
- 16. Only bowlers and Tournament Officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
- 17. No eating or smoking during tournament play. Non-alcoholic drinks are permissible in the back area only. Conduct derogatory to the best interest of youth bowling in conjunction with USBC will result in immediate disqualification (Refer to rule 17D).
- 18. In the stepladder roll-off, all ties will be broken by a one game roll-off. Should a tie still exist, it will be broken by an additional ninth and 10th frame roll-off, plus one-tenth of handicap per frame where applicable. (Refer to rule 326a). All other ties will receive duplicate awards.
- 19. Four (4) practice balls on each lane of the designated stepladder roll-off pair for each division prior to their first match.
- 20. 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 30 minutes after completion of competition. Questionable errors shall be decided upon by the tournament director. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the tournament director within 72 hours or before the awards are presented. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
- 21. Scholarships will be awarded based on the number of participants with a ratio of at least one (1) for every eight (8) for bowlers in each division. A minimum of \$400.00 will be awarded for 1st place.
- 22. **The first place winners of the 12 and above Girls' and Boys' Scratch Divisions will advance to the 2009 USBC Junior Gold Championships on July 11-17, 2009 in Indianapolis, Indiana.** They must be USBC Junior Gold members to advance (the advancer must meet the 175 or higher average for males or 165 average or higher for females and have a USBC Junior Gold membership or purchase a USBC Junior Gold membership prior to the championships.) USBC will waive the \$150 entry fee for these athletes. These athletes will compete for additional scholarships available to all athletes at the championships, as well as other prizes and awards. (No travel reimbursement or stipend will be provided for these athletes.) All U.S. citizens are vying for a spot on USBC Junior Team USA 2010 to represent the United States in national and international competition. If the Scratch Division Champion or runners-up are unwilling or unable to become a USBC Junior Gold member and will not advance to the Championships, the athlete will still retain the state scholarship, but the berth to the Championships will be awarded to the next eligible athlete. The California USBC Association will provide up to \$400 for reimbursement to each athlete for travel, housing and meal expenses. Travel arrangements will be made by each athlete within stated guidelines and parameters from the California USBC Association. Winners are not confirmed as national finalists until they receive a confirmation letter from USBC. All advancers must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or coach.
- 23. Eligible advancers must agree to bowl in the USBC Junior Gold Championships, or, failing to do so, agree to waive all rights. Replacements will be selected based on the order of finish in their division at the state level. Replacements will incur all costs associated with changing the airline ticket, if applicable. **If the eligible advancer decides not to attend the USBC Junior Gold Championships, the state scholarship won may be withdrawn.** This decision will be made by the state tournament committee.
- 24. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the California Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee. The National Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.

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