



California USBC Association
 2010 PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS
DISTRICT RULES



1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (#4022) and shall be governed by USBC rules.
2. League level qualifying dates are **NOVEMBER 7-20, 2009** and **JANUARY 16-29, 2010**. Advancement from league is a one-time entry. If an individual qualified and cannot participate in this competition, replacements will be eligible based on order of finish in previous competition. **Replacements must advance from the same league and window based on order of finish.**
3. Advancement ratio from league competition to district competition is at least **one (1) for every three (3) entries per division**, per league, including last place ties. The base number for each division is the number of individuals that were present at least one week to participate. In all cases at least one individual per division, shall advance. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all eligible divisions.
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. **District Finals competition for Districts #2, 4, 6 & 7 will take place on MARCH 13-14, 2010 and Districts #1, 3, 5 & 8 will take place on MARCH 20-21, 2010.**
6. **Entry closing date is FEBRUARY 13, 2010.** Tournament entry form containing qualifiers' name, address, telephone number, and date of birth must be submitted by this date to the District Director. Tournament entry fees must also be submitted by this date. On-site fees will not be accepted. No refunds will be allowed after the closing date. Only one (1) bowling center check, money order or cashier's check will be accepted per bowl payable to: CUSBC. **NO PERSONAL CHECKS or CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED. This will be strictly enforced.**
7. **Divisions are based on the participant's age as of August 1, 2009.** Athletes must choose the division in which they will compete. *****Bowlers in the 12-Up 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 three (3) games bowled on the same pair of lanes.

9. Sample Entry fee:	Division	11-Under	12-Up
	Expenses/Awards*	\$8.50	\$14.50
	Lineage** (sample)	\$7.50	\$7.50
	Awards*	\$2.50	\$2.50
	TOTAL	\$ 18.50	\$ 24.50

****Lineage fees vary by district. See your pink information sheet in your packet for correct fees in your District as well as date and location information.**

Awards and Scholarship fees shall be returned 100% to the bowlers. Scholarships will be held with both the USBC SMART program under account #8512, (800) 514-2695 x8290. *USBC Rules 301d and 309 states that all scholarships must be deposited in the SMART Program.

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 more 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 same window, same league and same centers as to the "no-show" bowler. They must follow the order of advancement within that window/league.**
12. Competitors will be allowed two (2) practice balls on each of their starting lanes.



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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.** Bowlers not present to bowl when it's their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
14. **AVERAGE VERIFICATION (District Finals):**
Rule 319c will apply. The average of a bowler may be adjusted upward before participation in any event. If the assigned average is not accepted by the bowler, the entry fee shall be refunded.
(a) Highest certified league average (minimum of 15 games) dated as of **JANUARY 1, 2010**. If none,
(b) Highest certified average as of the tournament date (minimum of 15 games). If none,
(c) Bowl scratch (210) – No league sheet necessary.
- Bowlers in the handicap divisions are responsible for providing a standing sheet for average verification. Any falsification of the highest known average will result in immediate and final disqualification. Standing sheets must be received and verified before the conclusion of the tournament. Failure to provide this information 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. All ties for qualifying bowlers in the 12-up divisions will advance to the state finals. If a tie exists for bowlers in the 11-under divisions, both bowlers will receive appropriate award.
19. 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 the 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.
20. Scholarships will be awarded based on the number of paid entries with a ratio of at least one (1) in eight (8) for bowlers in the 11-under divisions along with a minimum of \$50.00 to be awarded for 1st place. Participants in the 11-under divisions do not advance to the State Finals. **A \$50 scholarship will be awarded for the first place finishers in the 12-up divisions. In the event of a tie, the award will be equally split.**
21. 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 30-APRIL 5, 2010 in order to bowl in the state competition.** If a state qualifier has not reserved their squad choice by the deadline, the next available alternate will be notified by the District Director or Tournament Chairman.
22. The State Level competition will take place at **FOUNTAIN BOWL**, 17110 Brookhurst St., Fountain Valley, CA 92708, (714) 963-7888 on **MAY 1-2, 2010**; Squad times: Saturday at 9:00am & 2:00pm and Sunday at 9:00am with the stepladder roll-offs for all four divisions immediately following.
23. 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.

**MAIL ALL PAPERWORK & FEES by FEBRUARY 13, 2010
to your District Director (See the pink sheet in your packet).
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