



**PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS
NORTH CAROLINA 2011-2012 SECTIONAL LEVEL
RULES AND FORMAT**

1. This tournament is certified #4498 by the United States Bowling Congress and shall be governed by USBC rules.
2. This competition is open to all 2011-2012 USBC youth members certified in North Carolina. A bowler must be a regular member of a certified USBC youth league and not under suspension at the time of qualifying. League substitutes are allowed to participate if it is their only USBC Youth league. USBC Collegiate members are eligible if they are 2011-2012 USBC Youth members, bowl in a USBC youth league and have not violated USBC Rule 400.
3. One time entry. If an individual who qualified cannot participate in this competition, a replacement will be eligible based on the order of finish in the previous competition (same league, same window and same center as the "no show" bowler). They must follow the order of advancement within that league/window.
4. Advancement from the league competition to the sectional competition is one (1) for every (4) entries, per certified league, including last place ties. Qualifying scores must be bowled during regularly scheduled league play. Pre-bowl and post-bowl scores cannot be used for advancement purposes. In all cases, at least one person per division shall advance. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all divisions.
5. Advancers out of the league level must remain in the division they qualified in during all subsequent levels. If a bowler advances out of the league level in more than one state/zone, the bowler must declare one state/zone to continue competing before the next competition level. Participation in any level of competition past the league level in more than one state/zone will result in automatic disqualification.
6. LEAGUE LEVEL QUALIFYING WINDOWS SHALL BE OCTOBER 15-28, 2011 AND JANUARY 21-FEBRUARY 3, 2012.
7. Competition shall be conducted in six (6) divisions, based on the bowler's age as of August 1, 2011. Athletes must choose the division in which they will compete. Bowlers in the 12 & above division who have an entering average of 211 or higher must compete in the Scratch division.

Boys' 11 & under Handicap
Boys' 12 & above Handicap
Boys' 12 & above Scratch

Girls' 11 & under Handicap
Girls' 12 & above Handicap
Girls' 12 & above Scratch

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 memberships prior to advancement to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships.

8. Entry fee for all divisions shall be \$15.00. Certified funds should be made payable to "NCSUSBCA Pepsi Tournament". Boys' and Girls' 11 & under Handicap \$15.00 (\$8.50 lineage/expenses, \$6.50 awards and scholarships). Boys' and Girls' 12 & above divisions \$15.00 (lineage/expenses \$11.50 (includes state) awards and scholarships \$3.50). Awards and scholarships shall be returned 100% to bowlers. Scholarships will be managed through SMART, Account #8538.
9. The League Participants worksheet, Official State Entry Form and Entry fees must be postmarked and submitted to the Tournament Director postmarked on or before Tuesday, November 22, 2011 for the October qualifier and postmarked on or by Tuesday, February 21, 2012 for the January qualifier.
10. Sectional competition shall be held March 17 & 18, 2012. This information will be sent with the January mailing.
11. All competitors are expected to wear pants or knee length shorts, or capris. Shirts must have finished sleeves and all clothing should be neat in appearance. Clothing that contain graphic or offensive wording or gestures, tube tank or halter tops, bare midriiffs, shorts will not be allowed. Head coverings may not be worn during competition except for medical or religious purposes. All electronic devices, including but not limited to, cell phones, I-Pods, MP3players should be turned off during competition. The Tournament Director reserves the right to ask any bowler to change their attire and/or turn off their equipment during competition or be disqualified. There should be no flash photography during the competition.

12. No substitutes will be permitted once athletes have started tournament play, however, replacements may be used for bowlers not present 15 minutes prior to squad time as stated in rule #3. Once a replacement has been made, the original bowler cannot be placed back into the tournament.
13. Bowlers shall use their highest current certified league average as of February 14, 2012, minimum of 12 games. If the minimum average has not been met, the bowler will present a league average sheet closest to the date of competition. All averages must be verified by a standing sheet. Bowlers with no verified average will bowl scratch. Split season league where 2nd half averages are re-established must include standing sheets from both halves of the league. If a sports league is the only league an athlete bowls in, their average will be adjusted with the Sport Bowling Average Adjustment Chart.

All certified USBC youth Leagues must conduct league level qualifying, and averages from such leagues may be used for this tournament if they bowl under the ten pin format.
14. Handicap shall be 100% of the difference between the bowlers average and 210 on a 3 game basis.
15. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
16. Competitors shall be allowed 2 practice balls per lane on their assigned lanes before competition. Practice games are not allowed in the host bowling center on the dates of competition.
17. A bowler arriving late who has not been replaced shall begin play and their 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 when it is their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame unless excused for cause by a Tournament Official.
18. All divisions will bowl 3 games. Total pinfall plus handicap in the handicap divisions and total pinfall in the scratch divisions shall determine the qualifiers who advance to the state competition. Unofficial results will not be available for review, announced or posted at the sectional competition. Official results of the sectional competition will be e-mailed to the coach, league secretary, after certifications, averages and scores have been verified by the Tournament Director. Inability to verify the bowler's certification or entering average may result in disqualification.
19. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the Tournament Director no later than 30 minutes after the completion of the tournament. Questionable errors shall be decided upon by the Tournament Director. All other protested 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. Boys & Girls 11 & Under Handicap will not advance to the state finals. Scholarships and plaques for the Sectional winner, runner-up, and 3rd place only in the Boys & Girls 11 and Under Handicap. Scholarships for the Boys' & Girls' 11 & Under Handicap will be as follows: 1st Place Sectional winner-11 & under division \$250.00, 2nd place-\$100.00, 3rd Place-\$50.00. 1st, 2nd or 3rd place ties in the 11 & under divisions Boys' & Girls' will be awarded duplicate scholarships and plaques.
21. One (1) for every four (4) entries, including last place ties in the 12 & above Handicap and Scratch divisions will advance to the state finals. In all cases, at least one person in the 12 & above divisions, handicap and scratch, will advance. The advancement ratio will applied uniformly to all eligible divisions.
22. The state finals will be held Sunday, April 22, 2012 at AMF Pleasant Valley, 5501 Commercial Ave, Raleigh, NC 27612, Telephone 919-783-0080
23. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the North Carolina Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Committee. The National Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.
24. No smoking or alcoholic beverages will be allowed in the host bowling center except in designated areas. This rule applies to spectators and participants and those refusing to comply will be asked to leave.

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