



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

1. This tournament is certified #4498 by the United States Bowling Congress and governed by USBC rules.
2. This competition is open to all 2011-2012 USBC members certified in North Carolina.
3. One time entry. If an individual who qualified cannot participate in this competition, the Tournament Director should be notified as soon as known. A replacement will be eligible based on the order of finish in the sectional competition. Replacements must be from the sectional site of the individual unable to compete.
4. The advancement ratio from the sectional competition to the state finals is one (1) for every (4) entries per sectional, in the Boys' and Girls' 12 & above divisions, handicap and scratch, including last place ties. In all cases, at least one person per division shall advance from each sectional. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all divisions advancing. No entry fee is required.
5. Advancers out of the league level must remain in the division they qualified in in all subsequent levels. Participation in any level of competition past the league level in more than one state/zone will result in automatic disqualification.
6. Competition shall be conducted in four (4) divisions, based on the bowler's age as of August 1, 2011.

Boys' 12 & above Handicap	Girls' 12 & above Handicap
Boys' 12 & above Scratch	Girls' 12 & above Scratch
7. The State Finals will be held on Sunday, April 22, 2012 at AMF Pleasant Valley, 5501 Commercial Ave, Raleigh, NC 27612, Telephone 919-783-0080.
8. All competitors are expected to wear pants, knee length shorts, or capris. Shirts must have finished sleeves and all clothing should be neat in appearance. Clothing that contain offensive wording or graphics, tank, halter or tube tops, bare midriffs, shorts may not be worn during competition. Head coverings may not be worn during competition except for medical or religious purposes. The Tournament Director reserves the right to ask any bowler to change their attire or be disqualified. All electronic devices, including but not limited to, cell phones, I-Pods, MP3 players should be turned off during the competition. There should be no flash photography during competition.
9. No substitutes will be permitted, however, replacements may be used for bowlers not present 15 minutes prior to the start of the squad time as stated in Rule3. Once a replacement has been made the original bowler cannot be placed back into the tournament.
10. Bowlers shall use their highest 2011-2012 current certified league average used in the sectional competition.
11. Handicap shall be 100% of the difference between the bowler's average and 210 on a 3 game basis.
12. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area..
13. Competitors shall be allowed 2 practice balls on each of their starting lanes before competition begins. Bowlers in the 12 & above divisions, Handicap and Scratch, will bowl 6 consecutive games with no break on the same pair. Total pinfall plus handicap in the handicap divisions and total pinfall in the scratch divisions will determine the top 3 finalists in each division. Ties will be broken by a one game roll-off. Should a tie still exist, it will be broken by an additional ninth and tenth frame roll-off, plus one/tenth of handicap per frame where applicable.

14. A bowler arriving late who has not been replaced shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. Frames missed shall be credited with a zero. Missed frames may not be made up. A bowler not present to bowl when it is their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame unless excused for cause by a tournament official.
15. 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 competition. Questionable errors shall be decided by the Tournament Director. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the tournament director with 72 hours or before the awards are presented. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
16. Presentation of the awards shall be at the conclusion of the competition. Plaques shall be awarded to the champion, second and third place winners in each of the four (4) 12 & above divisions.
17. Scholarships shall be awarded on a one (1) in ten (10) ratio in each of the four divisions. In the four 12 & above divisions a minimum of first, second and third place will be awarded scholarships. The amount of the scholarships will be determined by the number of entries in the 12 & above divisions. Scholarships will be managed by SMART Account #8538.
18. The first place winner and the runner-up of the 12 & above Boys' & Girls Scratch divisions will advance to the 2012 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships July 14-20, 2012 in Indianapolis, Indiana. They must be USBC Junior Gold members to advance or purchase a USBC Junior Gold membership prior to the championships. USBC will waive the \$200.00 entry for these athletes. These athletes will compete for additional scholarships available to all athletes at the championships, as well as other prizes and awards. All US citizens are vying for a spot on the USBC Junior Team USA 2013, to represent the United States in national and international competition. If the Scratch Division Champion or runner-up are unwilling or unable to become an 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 first place winners only in the Boys and Girls Scratch division advancing to the Championships will be reimbursed up to \$250.00 in travel expenses.
19. Eligible advancers must agree to bowl in the North Pointe 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 advancer decides not to attend the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships, the 2012 North Carolina Pepsi USBC Championships committee may make the determination whether the scholarship won may be withdrawn.
20. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the 2012 North Carolina Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee. The National Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.
21. No smoking or alcoholic beverages will be allowed in the host bowling center except in designated areas. This rule applies to participants and spectators, and those refusing to comply will be asked to leave.
22. Special medical conditions will be addressed on a case by case basis by the Tournament Director.

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