



CT State USBC Association Rules and Regulations for Advancement to the 2016-2017 Pepsi USBC Youth Championships

All center level and state level competition must be conducted in strict compliance with all information, instructions, and conditions stated in the league kit sent to you.

In addition to the above, the following rules, regulations, and conditions apply:

1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress and shall be governed by the rules of USBC.
2. Competition will be conducted in Ten (10) divisions. These divisions are based on the participant's birthdate. No division changes are allowed from league level qualifying.

Division 1	U8 Boys	Birthdate is 8/1/2008 or later
Division 2	U8 Girls	Birthdate is 8/1/2008 or later
Division 3	U10 Boys	Birthdate is 8/1/2006 thru 7/31/2008
Division 4	U10 Girls	Birthdate is 8/1/2006 thru 7/31/2008
Division 5	U12 Boys	Birthdate is 8/1/2004 thru 7/31/2006
Division 6	U12 Girls	Birthdate is 8/1/2004 thru 7/31/2006
Division 7	U15 Boys	Birthdate is 8/1/2001 thru 7/31/2004
Division 8	U15 Girls	Birthdate is 8/1/2001 thru 7/31/2004
Division 9	U20 Boys	Birthdate is 8/1/1996 thru 7/31/2001
Division 10	U20 Girls	Birthdate is 8/1/1996 thru 7/31/2001

- a. All athletes must be a member of a Connecticut USBC association in order to participate. If an individual qualifies and cannot participate in state competition, replacements will be eligible based on order of finish in league competition. Bowlers may participate in only ONE state competition, even though there may be participation in other states' leagues.
3. Advancement ratio from league to state is at least 1 in 4 entries per division or any fraction thereof (always take the extra bowler, including last place ties.) In all cases at least one person

per division shall advance. Ratio shall be based only on individuals present at least one week during the qualifying window in each division. If an individual was absent for the entire qualifying window, this individual would not be counted in the base figure. 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 (and only one state) to continue competing before the next competition level. Participation in any level if competition past the league level in more than one state will result in automatic disqualification.

4. Entry closing dates for the two rounds of competition are as follows:
 - a. First Round: **January 10th, 2017** for the first league qualifying window of two (2) league sessions between October 29th, 2016 and December 10th, 2016.
 - i. Send **NO** money for this round
 - b. Second Round: **March 15th, 2017** for the second league qualifying window of two (2) league sessions between January 28th, 2017 and March 4th, 2017.
 - i. Send all entry fees for both the first and second round (see rule 5 below)
5. Name, address, and telephone number of qualifiers **MUST** be submitted to the state association manager by the closing dates of the rounds as shown above.
 - a. Send to: CT State Pepsi Championships, 27 New St., West Haven, CT 06516
 - b. Make checks payable to "CT STATE USBC / PYC." Please send all checks with the **second round ONLY**.
6. A state competition for the U8, and U10 qualifiers will take place on Sunday, May 7th @ 9:30AM
Hall of Fame Silver Lanes
748 Silver Lane
East Hartford, CT 06118
7. State competition for U12 qualifiers will take place as follows:
 - a. First Round: Sunday, April 30th @ 1PM
Circle Lanes
525 Main Street
East Haven, CT 06512
 - b. Second Round: Sunday, May 7th @ 9:30 AM
Hall of Fame Silver Lanes
748 Silver Lane
East Hartford, CT 06118
8. State competition for U15 & U20 qualifiers will take place as follows:
 - a. First Round: Sunday, April 30th @ 1PM
Circle Lanes
525 Main Street
East Haven, CT 06512
 - b. Second Round: Sunday, May 7th @ 1PM
Hall of Fame Silver Lanes
748 Silver Lane
East Hartford, CT 06118
9. Tournament manager will assign all squad times and lane assignments based on entries.

10. Boys and girls in the U8 and U10 divisions will bowl three (3) games on one (1) pair of lanes. Total pin fall scratch (no carry-over of league-level scores) shall determine the winners in each division.
11. Boys and girls in the U12 Division will bowl two three (3)-game sets at two different houses with the total scratch pin fall of all six (6) games determining the winners. Bowlers will change lanes after each game of competition.
12. Boys and girls in the U15 and U20 Divisions will bowl two six (6)-game sets at two different houses with the total scratch pin fall of all twelve (12) games determining the winners. Bowlers will change lanes after each game of competition. League level scores will not carry over.
13. U12, U15, and U20 division winners will advance to the 2016 Junior Gold Championships.

14. Entry Fees are as follows:

	U8, U10	U12	U15 and U20
Lineage:	\$6.75	\$13.50	\$27.00
Scholarship:	\$9.50	\$12.75	\$9.25
Expenses:	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25
Awards:	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$2.50
Total	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$40.00

15. All bowlers must wear proper attire (see separate dress code page at the end of the rules).
16. No substitutes will be permitted however alternate bowlers will be allowed. The alternate must be the next highest finisher available from the exact same division as the bowler being replaced as per the league-level worksheet sent in earlier. To substitute an alternate, the league level coordinator (one per bowling center) ONLY must advise Matt Favreau by telephone or e-mail of any changes on or before 9PM on April 19th, 2017.
 - a. No walk-in replacements will be allowed as alternates.
 - b. No refunds after the cut-off date.
17. Bowlers will be allowed 10 minutes of practice before the start of competition on their starting lanes.
18. A bowler arriving late shall begin play at the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. Frames missed shall be credited with a zero. A bowler not present and ready to bowl when it is his/her turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
19. Failure to abide by any rules and regulations may lead to disqualification from this event.
20. There will be no handicap, all bowlers will bowl scratch.
21. Only bowlers and tournament officials are permitted in the settee area.
22. Ties for advancers and alternates to the Junior Gold Championships will be broken by a one game roll-off. If a tie still exists, it will be broken by a 9th and 10th frame roll-off.
23. 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 the tournament. The tournament director shall decide upon questionable errors. All other protest must be confirmed in writing to the tournament director within seventy-two (72) hours or before the awards are given out. Each protest under this rule must be specific in itself.

24. Scholarships will be given to at least first place for each of the ten divisions based on entries. All funds will be placed in the SMART fund (Acct# 8514) with USBC.
25. Symbolic awards will be given on a ratio of at least one (1) for every ten (10) entries in each division (USBC Rule 309.)
26. U12, U15, and U20 division winners will receive a berth into the 2017 Junior Gold Championships. These athletes will have their entry fee paid for by USBC. The advancers must be Junior Gold program members OR be eligible and purchase a membership prior to the championships. If the division champion is unable or unwilling to become a USBC Junior Gold Program 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.
 - a. **A parent, guardian, or coach must accompany all athletes.**
27. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the State Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Manager. The National Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.

Tournament Manager:

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DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

ALLOWED:

- USBC Jersey
- Collared Shirts (mock collars allowed)
- Blouses
- T-Shirts (promoting either a bowling league, bowling center, or bowling equipment brand)
- Slacks
- Capri Pants
- Jeans (No Holes!)
- Skirts, Skorts, or Shorts (no more than 2 inches above the knee)

NOT ALLOWED:

- Hats
- Jeans which are ripped, torn, stained, with holes, or otherwise in disrepair
- T-Shirts not meeting the guidelines above
- Skirts, Skorts, or Shorts which fall more than 2 inches above the knee
- Tank Tops, Halter Tops, Tube Tops
- Leggings / Tights / Yoga Pants (or similar style garments)
- “Gym Attire” (basketball shorts, warm-up pants, sweats, etc.)
- Any apparel with offensive language / images / etc.

Tournament director shall make all determinations where stated dress code guidelines are not specific enough; all decisions are **final**.

Any athlete found out of compliance with stated guidelines will be asked to change into appropriate attire. Failure / refusal to comply may result in disqualification.