



2018 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE USBC PEPSI YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP U12, U15, & U20 DIVISIONS

1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (#04787) and shall be governed by USBC rules.
2. League level qualifying dates are: **November 5–18, 2017 and December 31–January 1 - 13, 2018.** Advancement from league is a one time entry. If an individual who qualified cannot participate in the State competition, replacements will be eligible based on order of finish in previous competition. (See replacement bowler information below). Competition is open to all 2017-2018 USBC Youth members. To compete, a bowler must be a regular member of a certified USBC league and not be 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 2017-18 USBC Youth members, bowl in a USBC Youth league and have not violated USBC Rule 400. You must have been present at least one week during the qualifying dates listed above to participate.

The following guidelines will be used to determine replacement bowlers at the State level of competition:

FIRST ROUND OF QUALIFYING: Tournament Director must be notified of any replacement bowlers **24 HOURS** prior to the start of first squad of tournament (first qualifying squad is Friday, March 23, 2018 at 7:00pm (CST) (local youth only if needed). Additional qualifying squad times are Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 8:00 am, 11:30 am, and 7:00 pm (CST). Scheduling will be based on travel distance to Pierre. You can indicate a preference of time to bowl, but no guarantees. Tournament Director must also receive all necessary information regarding the replacement bowler 24 hours prior to start of the first squad of the tournament. **Absolutely NO replacement bowlers/substitutes will be allowed the day(s) of the tournament (first qualifying round).** In the event a replacement bowler is necessary, the bowler must be chosen from the previous round of competition. (Read the next paragraph very carefully).

The bowler must be chosen from the **SAME** qualifying round/window **BASED ON ORDER OF FINISH** (in-house level) as the bowler he/she is replacing. If the bowler, who is unable to participate in the tournament, qualified in the “first round” of qualifying, his/her replacement must also be chosen from the first round of qualifying. This replacement bowler must be chosen from the same bowling center, same bowling league, same qualifying window, and the same division as the bowler who he/she is a replacement for. (If you need clarification of the rule please contact the State Tournament Director for more information).

SEMI-FINALS & FINAL ROUND: In the event a bowler fails to report to the tournament site to compete in the semi-final or final round, this bowler will be considered a “no-show” and a replacement will be selected. Also, if a bowler is unavailable, unable or unwilling to bowl in the semi-final or final round, replacement bowlers will be selected from the non-qualifiers in the prior round (first round of qualifying - Saturday) of the tournament to fill the vacant/no-show bowlers positions (no-show bowlers in the semi-final round will be chosen from the first round and no-show bowlers in the final round will be chosen from the semi-final round). These replacement bowlers (semi-final & final round **ONLY**) will be selected from the bowlers in the bowling center at the time a decision has been made a replacement will be necessary. From the bowlers that are in the center, the replacement bowler(s) will be selected based on order of finished in the prior round of qualifying.

The tournament director will make the final decision on all replacement bowlers.

3. Advancement ratio from league competition to the state competition is **one for every one (1 for 1) entries in each division**, (per qualifying date) or major fraction thereof, including last-place ties. The base number for each division is the number that were present at least one week to participate / the number of league members that would have participated in that division. In all cases at least one person per division shall advance. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all eligible divisions.
4. Advancers out of the 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. Bowlers must declare at the time of their first qualifying window within EACH league if they choose to “opt up” to a higher age division. All bowlers that choose to “opt up” **MUST COMPLETE** an “OPT UP” Form **PRIOR** to competition.

5. Competition will take place at:

LARIAT LANES
108 N Garfield Ave
Pierre, SD 57501-3827
605-224-1020
March 23-25, 2018

6. **Entry Closing date is February 4, 2018.** Tournament entry forms must include qualifier's name, address, telephone number, date of birth, and national bowler ID number. All entrants' tournament entry forms with appropriate entry fee must be submitted to the **STATE** tournament director by this date. Entries sent to the State tournament director via the U.S. Postal Service must bear a postmark no later than one (1) business day after the tournament entry closing date. Entries received after this date will be accepted at Tournament Directors discretion.

7. Divisions are based on the participant's date of birth. **Athletes must choose the division in which they will compete.**

***Competition shall be conducted in the following divisions:

*U12 Boys Bowlers	whose birthdate is 8/1/2005 thru 7/31/2007	*U12 Girls
*U15 Boys Bowlers	whose birthdate is 8/1/2002 thru 7/31/2005	*U15 Girls
*U20 Boys Bowlers	whose birthdate is 8/1/1997 thru 7/31/2002	*U20 Girls

8. The tournament format shall be as follows:

A. First round of qualifying will be held on Saturday. Each entrant will bowl four (4) games across two (2) pair of lanes. Entrants will bowl two (2) games on a pair of lanes and then move to another pair as instructed by the Tournament Director.

B. The top 25% (*including any fractions*) of the entrants in each of the six (6) divisions, with a minimum of seven (7) bowlers, will advance to the second round of qualifying to be held on Sunday. In the event of a tie for the last place to advance to the semi-finals (first round of qualifying only), all bowlers in the tie position will advance to the semi-finals. The semi-finals will consist of the advancers bowling four (4) additional games across two (2) pair of lanes. Two (2) games will be bowled on each pair of lanes. **BOWLERS SCORES DO NOT CARRY OVER FROM ONE QUALIFYING ROUND TO THE NEXT QUALIFYING ROUND.**

C. The top five (5) bowlers in each of the six (6) divisions will advance to a step-ladder final round to determine the tournament champions.

9. ENTRY FEE:

Lineage:	\$18.25
State Expenses:	\$ 8.75
Awards:	\$ 4.25
Scholarships:	\$10.75
Total Entry Fee:	\$42.00

ENTRY FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

**AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIP FEES SHALL BE RETURNED 100% TO THE BOWLERS
SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE HELD:**

USBC SMART FUND (Account #8546)

(*USBC Rules 301d and 309 states that all scholarships awarded
during a USBC certified event must be deposited in the SMART Program.)

10. All bowlers must wear suitable attire. Use good judgment when selecting the appropriate attire.

Prohibited attire include but are not limited to: Non-collared shirts (NO T-SHIRTS) hats, tank tops, halter tops, bare midriffs, spaghetti strap tops, workout attire (sweat or spandex pants/shorts), bib overalls, jeans that are not neat, clean or in good condition (no torn jeans). Short shorts, skirts and skorts are considered too short and not suitable if a bowler's fingers are below the hemline.

11. No smoking by guests or athletes on the concourse or in the settee area. Guests may smoke **ONLY** in designated areas. Cell phones; pagers, and ANY other form of electronic devices are not to be used by the bowlers DURING the squad they are scheduled to bowl. All items like this must remain off during the squad you are scheduled to bowl.

12. Competitors shall be allowed 10 minutes of practice time on their starting pair. No practice will be allowed on subsequent pairs.

13. 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 is their turn will be given a zero for that frame. Please advise a lane monitor if you need to leave the bowlers' area for any reason.

14. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.

15. Ties (where applicable as determined by the tournament director – (semi-final & final round ONLY) will be broken by a one game roll-off. Should a tie still exist, it will be broken by an additional ninth (9th) and tenth (10th) frame roll-off. (Refer to rule 326a). **The Tournament Director will determine when a roll-off is necessary.**
16. 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/shift 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 South Dakota State Tournament Director within 72 hours from the time of the infraction. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
17. Symbolic awards will be given out based on a 1 for 5 entries ratio of the semi-final round, with a maximum of 5 awards per division.
18. Scholarships will be awarded in each of the six (6) divisions. Scholarships will be awarded based on number of entries in each division. Scholarships will be awarded based on 1 scholarship paid for every 5 entries in the division (including any fractions). The distribution of these funds will be prorated for each division. Each division will have a different amount to distribute as well as a different number of scholarship places to pay as the number of places paid will be based on number of entries in each division.
19. The top one (1) bowler in the U12, U15, and U20 divisions for boys and girls at the state/zone competition with the highest scratch score (plus applicable bonus pins) will earn a berth to the Junior Gold Championships to be held July 14 - 21, 2018 in Dallas, TX. Bowlers are not required to have a minimum average or be a Junior Gold program member to enter the U12, U15, or U20 divisions at the league level of qualifying for the Pepsi USBC Youth Championships. However, to receive the berth, the bowler must be a USBC Youth Standard member and USBC Junior Gold program member no later than March 30, 2018. **If the winner is not eligible for the Junior Gold Championships, he/she will still retain all awards from the state/zone, but the next eligible bowler will receive the berth to the championships event.**
20. Eligible advancers must agree to bowl in the 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/zone level. Replacements will incur all costs associated with changing the airline ticket, if applicable.
21. **If a bowler has already earned a berth into the Junior Gold Championships and wins either the U12, U15, or U20 division in Pepsi, they would receive any scholarship or stipend assigned to their finishing position. The spot into the Junior Gold Championships would go to the next eligible athlete in line by order of finishing**
21. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the South Dakota State Pepsi USBC Youth Championship Tournament Committee. The National Pepsi USBC Youth Championship Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.

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