

ALL BOWLERS MUST SEE AND UNDERSTAND THESE RULES
2011 - 2012 Wisconsin PEPSI USBC Youth Championship
Certification #04498
REGIONAL/STATE RULES AND FORMAT

1. The Pepsi USBC Youth Championships is certified #04498 and governed by USBC rules.

2. One time entry. If an individual qualified and cannot participate in regional competition, replacements must be made at regional levels. However, no replacements will be allowed at the state level. Competition is open to all 2011-2012 USBC Youth Division Certified members. To compete, bowlers must be regular members of a certified league and not be under suspension at the time of qualifying.

3. League level competition is a benefit of all USBC membership and has no entry fee. Bowling centers having 2011-2012 certified USBC programs are automatic league level qualifying sites.

4. **Participants must be aware of each competition level in the state/zone and all associated rules, fees and deadlines.**

5. Competition will be conducted in **6 divisions** based on the participant's age as of 8-1-11. Participation in wrong age will lead to automatic disqualification. The divisions are: Boys' and Girls' 11 & under Handicap, Boys' and Girls' 12 & over Handicap, and Boys' and Girls' 12 & over Scratch. Athletes are not mandated to be USBC Junior Gold Program Members to be eligible for Scratch Division.

6. The qualifying window average will be the current league average as of the first date of competition (no minimum number of games). Participants in the 12 & over divisions must choose either the handicap or scratch division before qualifying. However, bowlers in 12 & over divisions with an average of **211** or higher **MUST** compete in the scratch divisions. **(Bowlers must be asked personally their division choice)** He/she must remain in that division for the duration of that window. Bowlers are eligible to compete in a different division in a different league during the league level of competition.

7. Qualifying in the handicap divisions will be based on 100% of the difference between the bowler's average and 210. This will not affect the league's regular handicap system used to figure team and individual standings in that league. USBC earned awards are based on the member's league average as of that day.

8a. **Qualifying** - Each center may run two - 2 week qualifying periods with the 1st Round running between November 1, 2011 and December 2, 2011 and the 2nd Round running between December 26, 2011 and January 22, 2012.

8b. **Ties** to determine position standing, if there is a tie for the last place qualifier in a division, both will advance to the next level of competition, where applicable.

8c. **Closing date** for the **first** round entries to be received at the BCAW office is **Dec. 20, 2011**. **Closing date** for the **second** round entries to be received at the BCAW office is **Feb. 6, 2012**. Names, addresses and telephone numbers of qualifiers along with state entry fee for all qualifiers must be

submitted to the tournament director listed on the front of the entry form. **No additional entries will be accepted in the BCAW office after Friday, February 10, 2012.**

8d. **Regional competition** will take place March 17, 18, 24 and 25, 2012 at various locations throughout the state. **State competition** will take place at Super Bowl, Appleton, Wisconsin, Saturday, May 12, 2012.

9. Qualifying scores must be bowled during regularly scheduled league play. **Pre-bowled or post-bowled scores are not allowed to be used as scores for advancement purposes.** Advancement to the next competition level will be from the league level.

10. Participants can advance only once to qualify in any state/zone where they hold a 2011-2012 USBC Youth Membership card.

10a. In the event a bowler qualifies in more than one league in the same division, the bowler must advance from the league in which the highest series was bowled. For identical qualifying scores, the member will advance from the league where the first score was bowled.

10b. If a bowler qualifies in different leagues from both scratch and handicap divisions, the bowler must choose one division they will compete in before subsequent competition.

10c. If a bowler advances out of league level in more than one state/zone, the bowler **MUST** declare one state/zone to continue competing before the next competition level.

10d. Participation in any level of competition past the league level in more than one state/zone will result in automatic disqualification. **(Advancers remain in the division they qualified in during the league level in all subsequent competition. If there is a tie for the last place qualifier in a division, both will advance to the next level of competition.)**

Entry Fee:	<u>11 and Under</u>	<u>12 & above</u>
Bowling Fees	\$9.00	\$ 9.20
Expense	8.50	14.40
Awards	3.50	5.40
Scholarships	4.00	6.00
TOTAL	\$25.00	\$35.00

Any checks returned for insufficient funds will be turned over to Cybrcollect, Inc.

10e. All **HANDICAP** divisions advance from league level to regionals - advancing ratio 1 out of 5 with a 3 game format or major fraction thereof, including last place ties. In all cases at least 1 person, per division, shall advance. **SCRATCH** divisions advance from league to regionals - advancing 1 out of 3 with a 3 game format. **Only the 12 & above divisions go from regionals to state** - advancing ratio 1 out of 10 with a 6 game format competition at state.

STATE TOURNAMENT: (Awards and Scholarship fees shall be returned 100%)

11. The total of 2 berths in the Boys' 12 & over and 2 berths in the Girls 12 & over Scratch Divisions at the state/zone competition with the highest scratch score, will earn a berth to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships July 14 - 20, 2012 in Indianapolis, IN.

2011-2012 USBC Junior Gold membership is open to all USBC Standard Youth members to enter the Scratch Division at the local level of qualifying for the Pepsi USBC Youth Championships. If the winner is not eligible for the championships, he/she will still retain all awards from the state/zone, but the next eligible bowler will receive the berth to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships. For the Scratch Bowlers advancing, USBC will pay the \$200.00 fee into the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships. (BCAW will also pay a \$400.00 travel reimbursement). (No travel reimbursement or stipend will be provided by USBC for these athletes.)

12. Finalists must agree to bowl in the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships or in failing to do so, agree to waive all rights. If the finalist does not attend the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships, the state/zone Tournament Director may withdraw the state/zone scholarship won by the finalist. Replacements will be selected based on the order of finish in their division at the state/zone level. Replacements will incur all expenses associated with the changing of the airline ticket, if applicable.

13. Failure to abide by any rules and regulations will lead to disqualification from this event. The PEPSI USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.

14. The Wisconsin PEPSI USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee will decide all matters not covered by these rules and regulations or USBC rules and regulations.

All bowlers must wear **suitable attire** (*Clean, neat clothing, no hats, shorts or skirts.*) No smoking allowed on the concourse or in the settee area during competition. (**See Dress Code**) "Official" USBC Youth Jersey is recommended.

No substitutes will be permitted; however, at regional competition, replacements may be used for bowlers not present 30 minutes prior to squad time as stated in Rule 2. Bowlers will be allowed 10 minutes of practice time on starting lane only. A bowler **arriving late** shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. Frames missed count as zero. A bowler not present and ready to bowl when it is his/her turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.

(1) Average used in-league shall be the highest current average as of date of league qualifying.

(2) For **regionals** the average closest too, but not after, January 31, 2012 must be used. If the league ends prior to January 31, 2012, the league ending average must be used. **Sport League bowlers should refer to the USBC Sport Bowling Average Adjustment Chart.**

(3) Any child that does not have at least 12 games in for the second round of qualifying will use the average from the first round of 12 games or more.

(4) Any child that does not have at least 12 games in either qualifying round must forward a league standing sheet to BCAW by February 6, 2012 reflecting their average as of January 31, 2012 or bowl **scratch**.

STATE QUALIFIERS: 12 & above handicap bowlers will use their end of league average. **Average verifications not received by April 30, 2012, will result in their bowling SCRATCH in their respective division.** Coaches must submit the **January 31, 2012 averages** for 1st and 2nd round qualifiers to the BCAW Office by **February 6, 2012.** **Averages must be verified by a standing sheet with first & last names.**

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

Symbolic awards will be given in the form of trophies or plaques at regional awards banquets (distributed 1-10 ratio minimum) and at state competition (1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th places).

Scholarships will be awarded to the 12 & above winners in the handicap and scratch divisions at the State Finals. Two scholarships will be awarded in each district to the 11 & under handicap divisions at their regional banquets.

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. 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 given out. Each protest under this rule must be specific in itself. Please call if you need clarification of the above rules.

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