

Alaska

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League Level Qualifying	NA	NA
Sectional Level Qualifying	NA	NA
State Finals	April 18-19, 2024	North Bowl (Wasilla, AK)
State Finals Certification Number		Cert. #04677
Rules	See Below	



2024 ALASKA PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS RULES

1. This tournament is certified (#04677) by the United States Bowling Congress and shall be governed by USBC rules. One-time entry. All Alaska Youth Bowlers with a current USBC membership card are eligible to participate.
2. **State competition will take place Thursday April 18th & Friday April 19th, 2024 at North Bowl, 3250 E. Palmer-Wasilla Hwy, AK.99654 (907) 357-6600.**
3. **Entry closing date is March 1, 2024. Entries must be postmarked by March 1, 2024.**
4. Competition shall be in ten divisions determined by date of birth in the current bowling season.

U8 Boys Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2015 or later	U8 Girls
U10 Boys Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2013 thru 7/31/15	U10 Girls
U12 Boys Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2011 thru 7/31/13	U12 Girls
U15 Boys Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2008 thru 7/31/11	U15 Girls
U18 Boys Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2005 thru 7/31/08	U18 Girls

6. **Competition for boys and girl's division U8 & U10** will consist of a Three (3) game series on a pair of lanes with 5 minutes practice prior to competition. Ties will be determined by a 9th/10th frame roll off. The champions will receive a scholarship.
- 6a. **Competition for U12*, U15, U18**, shall consist of: Morning of day 1, Four (4) games on conditions moving 1 pair to the right after each game. ("Moving" here is defined as follows: after the bowler completes game 1, he/she then skips one pair and lands/bowls on next pair of lanes). Morning of day 1 totals determine top half to advance to afternoon of day 1 bowling. (Pin count does not carry over to squad 2). Afternoon of day 1: Four (4) games on condition moving 1 pair to the right after each game. There will be one oil pattern for both days of competition. Competitors shall be allowed 5 minutes of practice prior to competition. Total pin fall for the qualifying games for afternoon of day 1 shall determine the 5 top finalists in each division. A tie for the fifth position after the qualifying competition shall be broken by a one-game roll off on a pair of lanes decided by the tournament director. Should a tie still exist, a 9th and 10th frame roll off shall be used to break the tie.
- 6b. **Competition for U12*** For the first set of Four (4) games, the U12 bowlers will compete at the same time as the U15, but will commence their second set of 4 games on Day 2. All the same rules shall apply.

The five seeds in U12, U15 and U18 divisions shall then compete in a 1 game step ladder roll off. For example, the 5th seed vs. 4th seed with 2 minutes of practice before the start of competition. The step ladder finals will be held on 2 pairs of lanes, flip flopping after each 2 game match is concluded. A practice lane will be available for the next seeded

bowler to warm up on. Both the winner vs. 3rd seed will receive two minutes of practice per lane prior to competition, etc. up to the championship in each. The highest seeded position selects lane on which to finish or whether to bowl first or second. Ties after the qualifying competition or for the 5th place after the qualifying competition shall be broken by a 1 game roll off on a pair of lanes to be determined by the tournament director. Should a tie still exist, a 9th and 10th frame roll off shall be used to break the tie.

7. ENTRY FEES:

Boys & Girls U8, U10		Boys & Girls U12, U15, U18	
Lineage	\$12.00	Lineage	\$32.00
Expense	2.00	Expense	2.00
Scholarships	11.00	Scholarships	11.00
Total Entry Fee	\$25.00	Total Entry Fee	\$45.00

Awards and Scholarship fees shall be returned 100% to the bowlers. **Local Associations please make checks payable to Alaska Pepsi YBC Tournament.** There will be a \$25.00 fee for any NSF Check.

8. **Dress Code** – Competitors shall provide their own bowling shirt with a “butterfly” collar, no mock collars will be allowed unless shirt is a licensed bowling shirt. Only full-length **“Dress Slacks”** without rivets will be allowed for all males and females during all levels of competition. No Cargo pants (i.e. pockets on the legs) will be allowed. Females may wear skorts. No walking shorts, Capri pants, or culottes will be allowed. Shirts with sleeves cut off, torn, or ripped will not be tolerated. All apparel worn by competitors shall be loose fitting and not made of denim, fleece or spandex-like material. Jeans of any color, shorts, scooters, warm -up suits or clothes with elastic at the ankles are not allowed. No writing on, or defacing of the bowling shirt will be permitted at any time. No head covering can be worn while competing (hats, caps, or bandannas, etc.). Tournament Director must approve any/all exceptions prior to the event. Bowlers wearing the official “USBC Youth Jersey” is acceptable and encouraged.
9. Check In - will begin one hour prior to each squad. All entrants must be physically at the check in table ½ hour prior to the scheduled squad time. If there is a line at the check in table each participant will be handed a check in card verifying that they were on time. In the event a semi-finalist qualifier does not show up, a replacement will be chosen from the qualifying list in the order of placement with dress code rules applying. Squad time will be announced after all entries have been received.
10. A bowler not present and ready to bowl when it is his/her turn will be credited with a zero for that frame at the discretion of the lane monitor. Bowlers must ask a lane monitor for permission prior to leaving the settee area. Only competitors and tournament official shall be permitted in the settee area.
11. **Smoking or use of cellular phones and other electronic devices is not allowed by athletes during competition. All cell phones are to be off/silent by spectators during competition.**
12. Claims for errors in the scoring or general playing rules must be made to the tournament director no later than the start of the next block or 30 minutes after completion of the tournament. All bowlers will initial his/her scores after each game. Questionable errors shall be decided upon by the Tournament Committee. 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.
13. Scholarships will be given to the top finisher(s) in each division as follows:
- 13 A. **U8 & U10** - First place bowlers in each division, boys and girls, will receive a scholarship to be determined by Tournament Director depending on number of entries in division.

U12, U15, U18 – Remaining scholarship money and donations received prior to April 08, 2021 will be divided between divisions and dispersed by the Tournament Director.

13B. If a bowler has already earned a berth into the Junior Gold Championships and wins either the U12, U15 and U18 division in Pepsi Youth Championships, they would receive any scholarship and/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 position.

13C. If there are less than two(2) entrants in a division, the bowler will be given the option to bowl up in the next division (U8 to U10 and U10 to U12) or have entry fee refunded.

******IF THERE ARE TEN (10) OR LESS BOWLERS IN U12,U15,U18 DIVISIONS, THEY WILL ONLY BOWL FOUR (4) GAMES AND THE TOP FIVE (5) WILL BOWL IN THE STEP LADDER.**

All scholarship money will be administered by the SMART program under account #8509. Questions regarding SMART Scholarships can contact at 1-800-514-2695 extension 8292.

14. The Pepsi Youth Championship National Committee will decide all matters not Covered by these rules and regulations, or USBC rules and regulations, All decisions are final.

A. 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.

B. If a bowler qualifies in different leagues from multiple divisions, the bowler must select one division they will compete in before subsequent competition.

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

D. Participation in any level of competition past the league level in more than one state/zone and/or more than one division will result in automatic disqualification.

Note: 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.

15. Competitors shall be permitted to food and drink provided they are kept behind the settee area as described by the tournament director or center management.

16. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Alaska Pepsi YBC Tournament Director/Committee. The National Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.

17. Coaching will be permitted only at the request of the bowler during the competition.

ALL BOWLERS MUST SEE AND UNDERSTAND THESE RULES