

# Delaware

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<b>League Level Qualifying</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>
<b>Sectional Level Qualifying</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>
<b>State Finals</b>	<b>March 23, 2025</b>	<b>Doverama Lanes (Dover, DE)</b>
<b>State Finals Certification Number</b>		<b>Cert. #05218</b>
<b>Rules</b>	<b>See Below</b>	

## 2025 Delaware Pepsi USBC Youth Championships

<b>Entries Close: 3-22-25</b>		<b>Scratch U8, U10</b>	<b>Scratch U12, U15, U18</b>
* Awards and Scholarship fees will be returned 100%	Bowling Lineage	\$15.00	\$22.50
	Expenses	\$10.00	\$10.00
	Travel Fund	\$ 0.00	\$10.00
	<u>Awards</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>	<u>\$17.50</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>
<b>Scholarship Contact Person: Laura Marino (302-593-3652)</b>			
U12/U15/U18: Qualifiers & Finals U8/U10: Finals only	<b>Doverama Lanes</b> 1600 S Governors Ave Dover, De 19904 (302) 422-4163	<b>Date: March 23, 2025</b> <b>Time: 11:00 AM</b>	

### **ENTRIES CLOSE 3-22-25 --- NO WALK INS ACCEPTED**

## **2025 - Delaware Pepsi USBC Youth Championships**

**USBC Certified (05218)**

### **Rules for Youth Championships**

**Boys' and Girls' Scratch Divisions U8 / U10 – Stop at State Level**

**Boys' and Girls' Scratch Divisions U12 / U15 / U18 – Advance to Junior Gold Championships**

1. This tournament is certified and governed by the rules of USBC (#05218). Participants must be a USBC Youth member within a certified youth program in the Northern Delaware Association or Lower Delaware Association. Failure to abide by any rules and regulations will lead to disqualification, and the Pepsi Youth National Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept/reject any participant, and will decide all matters not covered by USBC and these rules and regulations. All decisions are final.
2. Participants in the Tournament must be neat in appearance and meet the following dress code rules:
  - A. Athletes must wear sleeved and collared shirts (T-shirts from youth bowling programs are acceptable); Shirts must cover the entire midriff area or be tucked in;
  - B. Shorts and skirts are allowed but must be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee. Pants must be worn at the waist or held there with a belt. Torn or cut jeans, Yoga and Pajama Pants are not allowed.
  - C. No hats of any kind are permitted (except for religious reasons). All clothing apparel must be of the correct size. (e.g.- if you normally wear a medium size shirt, do not wear an xxl to bowl)
  - D. Advertisements on apparel or bowling equipment depicting alcohol, tobacco, gambling or inappropriate language/gestures during tournament competition will not be allowed.
  - E. **NO FOUL LANGUAGE ALLOWED OR YOU WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**
3. I-pods and e-readers will be permitted in the music or read only mode, with reasonable volume levels. No handheld video games or cell phones will be allowed. They will not be allowed on the lanes during bowling only in the settee area. Earphones can't be worn on lane.
4. Bowlers must compete in their age bracket unless an opt out form has been signed. Advancers must remain in the division they qualified in during all subsequent levels.
5. Participants must be aware of all associated rules, fees and deadlines. These items are contained in the specific state/zone rules from the State/Zone Pepsi tournament director. (State director information can be found on BOWL.com.)
6. Competition will be conducted in 10 divisions based on the participant's age & sex as listed below. Bowlers are responsible for checking correct Division. We are not responsible if bowler competes in the wrong division.  
\*\*\* No refunds.

Boys	Bowler Birthday	Girls
U8	8/1/2016 or later	U8
U10	8/1/2014 thru 7/31/16	U10
U12	8/1/2012 thru 7/31/14	U12
U15	8/1/2009 thru 7/31/12	U15
U18	8/1/2006 thru 7/31/09	U18

7. Athletes are not mandated to be USBC Junior Gold Program Members to enter the U12, U15 and U18 divisions. However, athletes must be Program Members or be eligible and buy membership prior to advancement to the Junior Gold Championships.
8. Association earned awards are based on the member's league average as stated on the entry form.
9. Participants can attempt to qualify in any state/zone where they hold a 2024-25 USBC Youth membership card. However, the bowler can only advance once using the following criteria:
  - A. If the bowler advances out of league level in more than one state/zone, the bowler MUST declare one state/zone to continue competing in before the next competition level.
  - B. 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 qualifiers 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.
10. Advancement: **U8 & U10: 4 game Finals Only /// U12, U15 & U18: 5 Game Qualifiers & Step Ladder Finals** \* All Delaware USBC Youth members will be eligible to bowl in the Qualifying rounds for U12, U15 & U18 division of the Delaware State Pepsi Tournament. The top 5 will advance to the step ladder finals in each age group to determine a winner at the state level, eligible to qualify for the national Jr Gold Championship.

\* The U8 and U10 divisions will bowl 4 games and a winner will be determined at the state level only.
11. **Check in at tournament desk ½ hour prior to scheduled bowling time.** At the qualifier, tardy/not present players will be permitted to bowl, but will receive a zero for all frames missed. At the finals, replacements may be used for bowlers not present 15 minutes prior to squad time. Replacements will be eligible based on order of finish in the qualifying round.
12. Bowlers will be allowed 10 minutes practice on their assigned pairs for U12/U15/U18 qualifiers and for U8/U10 finals. Only 2 balls practice on each lane will be allowed for the U12/U15/ U18 step ladder finals. To keep a consistent pace, one lane courtesy will be observed.
13. Only bowlers and tournament officials will be permitted in the settee area.
14. SCORING: U12/U15/U18: Five game qualifier (moving pairs). After 5 games, the 1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> highest series and one alternate will advance to the step ladder finals following the qualifiers the same day. Total pins will be dropped from the qualifying round into the final round. The qualifying 'alternate' will move into the 5<sup>th</sup> seed position if they are needed. U8/U10: Four game finals only without moving lane pairs.
15. TIES: If a tie occurs it will be broken by an additional ninth and tenth frame roll-off. (REFER TO RULE 326A)
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 phase of event. Rule 329 allows for the filing of protests up to 72 hrs. after competition to the tournament director. Each protest under this rule must be specific in itself.
17. AWARDS: Symbolic awards will be given to each of the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place finalists in each of the U12 / U15 / U18 Boys and Girls Divisions, and 1<sup>st</sup> place only for each of the U8 / U10 divisions.
18. Delaware scholarships are managed by Laura Marino (302-593-3652) and are handled through the Smart SF program (1-800-514-2695 ext. 8968, fax Ext is 8266) per USBC Rule 309 and 301d.
19. Scholarships will be distributed depending upon the number of entries per division. Below are the guaranteed scholarships for each division:

<b>U12/U15/U18 Divisions:</b>	
10 entries	\$250 for 1 <sup>st</sup> place
9 entries	\$225 for 1 <sup>st</sup> place
8 entries	\$200 for 1 <sup>st</sup> place
7 entries	\$175 for 1 <sup>st</sup> place
6 entries or less	\$150 for 1 <sup>st</sup> place

<b>U8/U10 Divisions:</b>	
5 entries	\$50 for 1 <sup>st</sup> place
4 entries	\$40 for 1 <sup>st</sup> place
3 entries	\$30 for 1 <sup>st</sup> place
2 entries	\$20 for 1 <sup>st</sup> place
1 entry	\$10 for 1 <sup>st</sup> place

The 1<sup>st</sup> place winners of the U12, U15 and U18 divisions for both Girls and Boys will advance to the 2024 Jr Gold Championships. They must be USBC Jr Gold members or be eligible to advance to the Jr Gold Championships. Bowlers without a current JR Gold membership must purchase a Jr Gold membership prior to June 1, 2024. IBC Youth will waive the \$200 (U18), \$150 (U15), and \$100 (U12) entry fee for these athletes. These athletes will compete for additional scholarships available to all athletes at the Jr Gold Championships, as well as other prizes and awards. All US citizens are vying for a spot on USBC Jr Team USA 2024 to represent the US in national and international competition. If the U12, U15, or U18 Division Champion is unwilling to become a Jr Gold member, they will not advance to the Jr Gold Championships. However, the athlete will still retain the state/zone scholarship, but the berth to the Jr Gold Championships will be awarded to the next eligible athlete. In the event that a qualifier needs to be replaced and there is a tie to determine who will advance to the Junior Gold Championships, the high game from the qualifying scores will determine who will advance. If the high score for each is the same, next subsequent high score will be used until the tie is broken.

20. Returned checks are subject to a \$40 NSF charge and that person will no longer be able to write checks to DSUSBCY.

21. Travel fund collected in entry will be distributed to those who are the representative for the Pepsi at Jr. Gold.

All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the state tournament committee:  
Laura Marino (Chair), Justin Marino, Thomas Welker, Aaron Bey, and Sharon Bey.

**Laura Marino-Tournament Manager**  
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**Checks made out to: DSUSBCY**

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USBC Sanctioned (05218)  
U8, U10, U12, U15, U18 Tournament**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ USBC #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Bowling Center & League: \_\_\_\_\_

**Association:** NDUSBCA or LDUSBCA (circle one)

**Jr. Gold Member:** Yes or No (circle one)

**Gender:** Boy Girl  
(circle one)

**Division:** U8 U10 U12 U15 U18  
(circle one)

Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to:** Laura Marino  
24848 Gravel Hill Rd  
Millsboro, DE 19966  
E-mail: [dsusbca@gmail.com](mailto:dsusbca@gmail.com)

\* Awards and scholarship money will be returned 100%\*\* Parents – please be sure you read and understand the rules governing this tournament before signing this entry form.

**\*\*\*Age Bracket Opt Out Pepsi Form\*\*\***

I \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby opt out of bowling in my current age bracket,  
\_\_\_\_\_.

to bowl in the following higher age bracket, \_\_\_\_\_. I understand that once I make  
this

decision I will only be allowed to continue in this division throughout the remainder of  
the tournament.

**Bowler Print:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bowler Sign:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Print:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Sign:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Center:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_