

Hawai'i

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League Level Qualifying	August 1, 2024-January 26, 2025	NA
Sectional Level Qualifying	NA	NA
State Finals	February 15-16, 2025	Leeward Bowl (Pearl City, HI)
State Finals Certification Number		Cert. #05424
Rules	See Below	



2025 HAWAII STATE PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (#05424) and shall be governed by USBC rules.
2. All Hawai'i USBC sanctioned junior program league members with a minimum of six (6) games as of **January 26, 2025** shall advance to the Hawai'i State competition. Advancement from league is a one-time entry.
3. Advancement ratio from league to the state competition is at least 1 for 1 entry per each division. The base number for a division is the number of league members that would have participated in that division.
4. **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 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.**
5. Pepsi will use a Sport Pattern for all qualifying squads which will be determined by the tournament director/committee. The pattern will not be disclosed until the conclusion of the tournament. There will be no reoil between the combined U15/U18 squads.
6. Competition will take place at:

Leeward Bowl
850 Kamehameha Hwy
Pearl City, HI 96782

7. Entry closing date is **February 2, 2025**. The following must be submitted to the Tournament Director on or before Sunday, **February 2, 2025**:
 - a. Tournament entry form containing qualifier's name, sex, date of birth, and USBC identification number.
 - b. League Consolidation Form with tournament fees.
 - c. League standing sheet with results as of Sunday, **January 26, 2025**.
8. Divisions are based on the participant's date of birth. The divisions are based on the bowler's age as of the dates below:
 - U8 Boys and Girls – Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2016 or later
 - U10 Boys and Girls – Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2014 through 7/31/2016
 - U12 Boys and Girls – Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2012 through 7/31/2014
 - U15 Boys and Girls – Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2009 through 7/31/2012
 - U18 Boys and Girls – Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2006 through 7/31/2009

Athletes in the U12, U15, and U18 divisions must be Junior Gold Members or be eligible and buy membership prior to advancement to the Junior Gold Championships.

9. The tournament format shall be:
 - a. U8 and U10 Divisions: Bowlers will bowl 3 games on **Saturday, February 15, 2025** and 3 games on **Sunday, February 16, 2025**. Bowlers will remain on one pair of lanes for each 3-game block. **There will be no finals.** Bowlers with the highest pin-fall will be declared Champion of their respective divisions. If there is a tie for first place, the bowlers will be declared co-champions.
 - b. U12, U15 and U18 Divisions: Bowlers will bowl 5 games on **Saturday, February 15, 2025** and 3 games on **Sunday, February 16, 2025**. Bowlers will move to a different pair of lanes as designated by the tournament committee after each game. Total pin-fall will determine the top 5 bowlers in each division. These bowlers along with a 6th place alternate will be announced and must attend a mandatory meeting in the tournament office for finals information. In case of a tie within the top 5, the bowler with the highest qualifying game will be awarded the higher qualifying spot. In case of a tie for the final qualifying spot (i.e. 5th and 6th place), a 9th and 10th frame roll-off will determine the final qualifier. **Roll-off will be held on Sunday, February 16, 2025 at 1:15pm.** The Tournament

Committee will determine roll-off lanes and the participant with the higher game will have the choice of starting lane.

- c. **State Finals for U12, U15 and U18 Divisions:** The State Finals will be held on **Sunday, February 16, 2025 at 2:00pm**. Roll Call will be held at 1:30pm. Any finalist not present at Roll Call shall forfeit their position and be replaced by the division alternate. Pin-fall from the previous qualifying games will be dropped. The top 5 finalists in each division will bowl in a step ladder finals format (5th vs 4th, winner vs 3rd, etc.) to determine the champions. A tie in any match will be broken using a 9th and 10th frame roll-off. All champions, runner up, scholarship winners and their coach and/or parent must attend a meeting immediately following the award ceremony to complete necessary forms.
- **Stepladder Warm-ups:** The 1st match (between 4th and 5th seeds) will be given 5 minutes of warm-up on the competition pair. For all subsequent matches, the incoming seed will be given 3 minutes of warm-up alone on the competition pair. Winners of matches may "keep warm" on the warm-up pair.

10. Entry Fee is:

<u>Under 8 and Under 10 Division</u>		<u>Under 12, Under 15 and Under 18 Division</u>	
Lineage	24.00	Lineage	32.00
Scholarships	6.00	Scholarships	10.00
Expense and Entry Fee	3.00	Expense and Entry Fee	4.00
Awards	<u>7.00</u>	Awards	<u>9.00</u>
TOTAL	\$40.00	TOTAL	\$55.00

Award and Scholarship fees will be returned 100% to the bowlers. Scholarship money will be sent to USBC and held in **SMART account number: 8518.**

NO REFUND for withdrawals after Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

11. **ALL BOWLERS** must wear their **JUNIOR PROGRAM SHIRTS** on **BOTH DAYS** of competition.

The following rules pertain to all bowlers in the U12, U15 and U18 divisions: Pants-Male participants are required to wear slacks. Slacks must not contain drawstring waists or elastic bottoms. Slacks must have a zipper and a button to be eligible. Jeans are not permitted. Female participants are required to wear slacks, skirts, capris, skorts, or walking shorts. All skirts, skorts, or walking shorts must be below the competitor's fingertips when they are standing with their arms hanging loosely at their side. Jeans, sweatpants, spandex, and yoga pants are **not** permitted.

Headgear: No covering or sunglasses can be worn while practicing or competing (hats, caps, bandanas).

COORDINATORS/COACHES MUST CHECK BOWLERS' ATTIRE BEFORE AND DURING COMPETITION.

Participants in violation of this rule will be issued a verbal warning by the Tournament Director or designated Tournament Committee member. A second violation will result in disqualification. An infraction of the rule on the final day of competition will result in an automatic disqualification, unless it is resolved prior to start of competition. Tournament Rules: Rule 301b – Prohibits youth bowlers from wearing apparel or using bowling equipment depicting alcohol, tobacco, gambling, illegal substances or inappropriate language/ gestures during youth tournament competition.

12. The use of electronic devices by any participant is prohibited during competition on the approach, or in the settee area. This includes, but is not limited to iPods/iPads, cellular phones, ear buds, headphones, e-book readers, and game systems.
13. No substitutes will be permitted once athletes have started tournament competition, however, replacements may be used for bowlers not present 10 minutes prior to the squad time. Replacements must be from the same Junior Bowling program in the same gender & division and listed on the league standing sheet with results as of **January 26, 2025**. Once a replacement has been made, the original bowler cannot be placed back into the tournament.
14. Competitors shall be allowed 10 minutes of practice time on their starting pair.
15. If no replacement has been made, bowlers arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. Frames may not be made up and missed frames shall be credited with a

zero. A bowler not present to bowl when it's their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame. This rule does not apply to finalists on **February 16, 2025**, as rule 9c. shall apply.

16. **Rule 11 – Forfeit – Delay of Game** will be enforced. Rule: No unreasonable delay in progress of any game is permitted. If a player or team in a league or tournament refuses to proceed with a game after being directed to do so by a league or tournament official, the game or series shall be declared forfeited.
 - a. To maintain a consistent pace of play for all tournament bowlers, all bowlers are required to observe a one-lane courtesy and deliver the ball in a reasonable amount of time.
 - b. The tournament will follow the rules written in the Junior Gold Competitors Guide, with a three-strike system:
 - i. First offense: warning
 - ii. Second offense: will receive a zero (0) for all remaining frames in the game
 - iii. Third offense: disqualification
17. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area and walkway directly behind the settee area. Coaches and Parents are not to coach a bowler while on the approach or in the settee area. Coaches/Parents may call the bowler out of the settee area to the concourse between frames. However, the bowler **MUST** be back in the settee area and ready to bowl when it is their turn, in accordance to rule 16 above. Bowlers delayed by coaching may be given a zero (0) for that frame.
18. Claims of error in scoring must be made to the Tournament Director no later than the start of the next block or 30 minutes after completion of the tournament day. The Tournament Director is responsible for resolving all claims of error. All other protests must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Director within 72 hours. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
19. **Equipment Specifications:** Bowling Balls Bowling balls must meet all USBC specifications as defined in the latest edition of the Equipment Specifications and Certification Manual. It is the player's responsibility to ensure all equipment is eligible for competition. Only balls that are on the USBC approved list and are product registered are allowed in competition. **The following bowling balls are prohibited for use: 900 Global Altered Reality, 900 Global Wolverine, Roto Grip UFO Alert, Storm Electrify Solid, Storm Phaze 4 and Storm Trend 2.** Tournament staff reserves the right to check equipment for compliance at any time.
 - a. **Use of Abrasives on Ball Surface:** Altering the surface of a bowling ball by the use of abrasives, cleaners or polish is prohibited during competition, **after the warm-up session for your squad.** In addition, no substance may be placed on the outer surface of the bowling ball. The outer surface of the bowling ball may only be cleaned with a dry towel once the bowler has started competition.
20. Symbolic awards will be given as follows:
 - a. **U8 and U10 Divisions:** Trophies will be awarded to a ration of 1 per 10 bowlers, with a minimum of 1 per division, per gender. Bowlers with the highest pin-fall will be declared Champions of their respective divisions. Trophies will be presented after scores have been tabulated on Sunday, February 16, 2025.
 - b. **U12, U15, and U18 Divisions:** Trophies will be awarded at a ratio of 1 per 10 bowlers with a minimum of 5 trophies for the top five bowlers and will be presented on Sunday, February 16, 2025.
21. Scholarships will be given as follows:
 - a. **U8 and U10 Divisions:** First place bowlers in each division, boys and girls, shall be awarded \$100.00 scholarship.
 - b. **U12, U15, and U18 Divisions:** Scholarship funds will be awarded to the winners in their respective divisions, starting with \$200 for the champion and decreasing amounts to remaining place winners, for a total disbursement of \$1605 in the U12 division and \$1750 in the U15 & U18 divisions.
22. The First-place girl and boy winners in U12, U15, and U18 divisions will advance to the 2025 Junior Gold Championships on July 11-19, 2025 in Green Bay, Wisconsin and USBC will waive the \$200 (U18), \$150 (U15) & 100 (U12) entry fee for these athletes. They must be USBC Junior Gold members to advance to the Junior Gold Championship or must purchase membership prior to June 5, 2025. These advancers are responsible for their own travel expenses to the Championship and will be required to be accompanied by a parent, guardian or coach. These athletes will compete for additional scholarships available to all athletes at the Junior Gold Championships, as well as other prizes and awards.

- a. The tournament committee may conduct a separate raffle with products donated by local businesses. The proceeds from this raffle will be used to help defray travel expenses for the first place winner and advancers utilizing the Junior Gold entry from this tournament. Airline tickets and lodging receipts must be submitted for release of these funds to Justin Kanda via email or hard copy by **March 15, 2025**.
23. Advancers must agree to bowl in the Junior Gold Championships by **February 28, 2025** or failing to do so, agree to waive all rights. If the Division Champions are unable or unwilling to become a USBC Junior Gold Program Member and does not advance to the Championships, the athlete will still retain the state scholarship, but the berth to the Championships and travel stipend will be awarded to the next eligible athlete, based on the order of finish in their division at the state level. **All provisions set forth in rule 18 above, apply to replacement athletes.** The Hawai'i State Pepsi Tournament Committee will make replacement decisions.
 - a. 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 highest game from the qualifying scores will determine who will advance. If the high score for each is the same, the next subsequent high score will be used until the tie is broken.
24. The use of tobacco products, e-cigs, alcoholic beverages, and illegal drugs by a competitor at any time during the competition will result in disqualification of the competitor from the tournament. A parent or spectator who wishes to smoke during the competitions must do so outside of the bowling center in designated smoking areas at least 20 feet from any entrance way (City and County of Honolulu Ordinance). USBC needs to provide the best possible atmosphere for these athletes during this event.
25. Competitors who violate tournament rules and/or participate in conduct prohibited by USBC rules are subject to immediate disqualification.
26. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Hawai'i State Pepsi Youth Championship Tournament Committee. There shall be a majority of 50% plus one member of this committee to enact changes to these rules.

The National Pepsi USBC Youth Championship Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.

The 2025 Hawai'i State Pepsi USBC Youth Championship Tournament Committee is shown below:

Hawai'i State Pepsi USBC Youth Championship Tournament Directors

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