

Illinois

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League Level Qualifying	October 2-15, 2023	NA
Sectional Level Qualifying	January 20-21, 2024 U8/U10/U12 February 24-25, 2024 U15/U18 February 10-11, 2024 U8/U10/U12 March 2-3, 2024 U15/U18 January 28, 2024 U8/U10/U12 March 2-3, 2024 U15/U18 February 3-4, 2024 U8/U10/U12 March 2-3, 2024 U15/U18 January 27-28, 2024 U8/U10/U12 March 2-3, 2024 U15/U18 January 27-28, 2024 U8/U10/U12 March 2-3, 2024 U15/U18 February 10-11, 2024 U8/U10/U12 March 2-3, 2024 U15/U18 February 10-11, 2024 U8/U10/U12 March 2-3, 2024 U15/U18	Forest Hill Lanes (Loves Park, IL) The Cherry Bowl (Rockford, IL) Bowlero Vernon Hills (Vernon Hills, IL) Bowlero Vernon Hills (Vernon Hills, IL) River Rand Bowl (Des Plaines, IL) River Rand Bowl (Des Plaines, IL) Stardust Bowl (Addison, IL) Stardust Bowl (Addison, IL) Channahon Lanes (Channahon, IL) Channahon Lanes (Channahon, IL) Western Bowl (Champaign, IL) Western Bowl (Champaign, IL) Plaza Lanes (Washington, IL) Linn Lanes (Canton, IL) Bel-Air Bowl (Belleville, IL) Bel-Air Bowl (Belleville, IL)
State Finals	May 3-5, 2024 U8/U10/U12 May 10-12, 2024 U15/U18	Mardi Gras Lanes (DeKalb, IL) Spare Time Lanes (Decatur, IL)
State Finals Certification Number	Cert. #05214	
Rules	See Below	



2023-24 ILLINOIS PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS ZONE RULES and FORMAT

1. This tournament is certified by the USBC and shall be governed by the rules of the USBC Youth Division - Certification number 05236.
2. **DIVISIONS:** Competition will be held in the following divisions. Boys and Girls will be in separate divisions for each age group. ALL competition will be on a scratch basis

U8 Division – Boys/Girls – Birth date is 8/1/2015 or later

U10 Division – Boys/Girls – Birth date is 8/1/2013 through 7/31/2015

U12 Division – Boys/Girls – Birth date is 8/1/2011 through 7/31/2013

U15 Division – Boys/Girls – Birth date is 8/1/2008 through 7/31/2011

U18 Division – Boys/Girls – Birth date is 8/1/2005 through 7/31/2008

3. **Participation** in the Zone competition is a one-time entry. Any individual who attempts to bowl twice in the Zone competition **will** be disqualified from both competitions.
 - Bowlers will attempt to qualify at League Level based strictly on age. A bowler may opt to bowl in a higher age division as long as he/she declares this prior to the first league session and a “PEPSI YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS WAIVER FORM” is completed prior to bowling. Once league level qualifying has started a bowler must stay in the division he/she is in based on age or opted to move to a higher division. 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 bowler will advance from the league where the first score was bowled. An individual advancing from leagues in more than one division must use the division they specified in the league they are advancing from using the highest score bowled as the division they will advance in. In the event of a tie the FIRST score bowled will determine the division advance. Bowlers who are not eligible for USBC Youth Membership cannot bowl.
 - If a bowler advances out of league competition in more than one state/zone, the bowler must declare one state/zone to continue competing before the next competition level. Participation in any level of competition past the league competition in more than one state/zone will result in automatic disqualification from all competition.
 - Replacements for zone will be eligible only based on order of finish in league level of competition. League coordinators must contact bowlers in the order of finish and receive a statement from all bowlers that do not want to advance prior to going on to the next bowler. **Once a replacement has been made, the original bowler cannot be placed back into the tournament.**
4. **LEAGUE COMPETITION** for the State of Illinois will take place on the following dates:
OCTOBER 2 through OCTOBER 15, 2023
If needed, the STATE DIRECTOR may grant changes in the qualifying dates to individual bowling centers, if dates for zone tournament cannot be met. ALL bowlers advancing to the zone tournament **MUST** have bowled in REGULAR league during the qualifying window. No pre-bowling or post-bowling allowed! Dates may not be moved such that some bowlers cannot bowl due to IHSA bowling.
5. **ADVANCEMENT RATIO:** The advancement ratio from **league** competition to **Zone** competition is **one (1) for every two (2)** entries per division, per league, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties. The base number for each division in league level is the number of league members that would have participated in that division (those that have bowled at least once prior to and including the window). In all cases **at least ten persons per division** shall be allowed to advance. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all divisions.
6. **ZONE COMPETITION:** Zone competition will take place at a bowling center chosen by the Illinois Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Committee, in the State of Illinois. ***The Zone Tournament Manager for your area will advise you as to the location, squad dates and times for your area. Zone tournaments will typically be run in the following timeframe, however, check with your zone Tournament Manager for your exact dates.***
U8, U10 and U12 DIVISIONS: Weekends in January or early February, 2024
U15, U18 DIVISIONS Weekends in late February or early March, 2024

7. Zone tournaments will be conducted on a non 'house shot' pattern as determined by the State Pepsi Director. The Zone tournament condition will not be disclosed until all zone tournaments are completed.
8. **ENTRY CLOSING DATES:** The entry closing dates for the Zone tournament are as follows:

U8, U10 and U12 Divisions -- **NOVEMBER 15, 2023**

U15, and U18 Divisions -- **DECEMBER 13, 2023**

League coaches must have the completed signed entries, worksheets and money to their Zone Tournament Manager by **NOVEMBER 15, 2023 for the U8, U10 and U12 Divisions and DECEMBER 13, 2023 for the U15 and U18 Divisions. Bowlers cannot bowl in the Zone Tournament without the entry and fees being remitted to the Zone Tournament Manager prior to the tournament date. Entries received after these dates will be accepted space permitting.**

9. **ZONE TOURNAMENT FORMAT:**

U8, U10 and U12 Divisions will bowl three (3) games on one pair of lanes. Total scratch pinfall for three (3) games will determine advancers in each division.

U15 and U18 Divisions will bowl four (4) games, changing lanes after two (2) games. Total scratch pinfall for four (4) games will determine advancers in each division.

10. **ENTRY FEE:** Entry fee for all divisions is \$18.00, plus lineage for the zone games bowled. Any checks returned from the bank for any reason will be subject to a \$25 service charge in addition to repaying the amount of the check in guaranteed funds prior to the bowler participating if this is discovered prior to bowling. Any repayment not made promptly will be turned over to USBC for collection and possible USBC penalties.

ALL DIVISIONS

Expenses	\$4.25
State Scholarships	5.50
Zone Scholarships	8.25

Total: \$18.00 plus applicable bowling fees for that zone

The complete entry fee MUST be paid by all bowlers at the zone level – NO EXCEPTIONS. The zone and state scholarship fees will be returned 100% to the bowlers. Once the entry fee has been paid and bowlers scheduled no refunds will be given.

11. Any bowler arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then bowled. Frames missed shall be credited with a zero. A bowler not present to bowl when it is his/her turn may be credited with a zero for that frame.
12. Competitors shall be allowed ten (10) minutes of practice on their starting pair PRIOR to the scheduled squad starting time. No practice will be allowed when moving lanes. Extreme exceptions shall be determined by the tournament manager such as in the case of a breakdown that lasts over 15 minutes in accordance with USBC Rules.
13. Tobacco products or consumption of alcoholic beverages shall not be allowed by guests or athletes in the concourse or the settee area where the youth are bowling. Athletes may not use any alcohol or tobacco products during the course of the competition
14. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area. Violations of this could result in the removal of the offending party from the bowling center for the duration of the tournament.
15. 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. Tournament Staff reserves the right to check equipment for compliance at any time. **Bowlers must use the bowling balls in such a manner that they comply with the Equipment Specifications. No balance holes are permitted. All holes drilled must be used for gripping purposes on every delivery. No more than three (3) ounces of weight on any halves of the ball. Failure to properly use the equipment will be ball removed from competition for 1st violation, forfeiture of game for 2nd violation and disqualification for 3rd violation.**
16. Altering the surface of a bowling ball by the use of abrasives, cleaners or polish is prohibited during competition (**defined as when the first ball is thrown for score in the whole 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 begun competition. Penalty for any infraction of this rule or any USBC Rule 18 infraction will be the immediate removal of that bowling ball for the duration of competition. Repeat offenses may be cause for forfeiture of the game (i.e. zero for the game).

17. **DRESS CODE**: All bowlers must wear suitable attire in good repair (i.e. no holes). **Zone Tournament Managers will have the final say on Zone Tournament dress code enforcement.**

Male participants may wear slacks, jeans or "walking/golf style" shorts. Slacks must not contain drawstring waists or elastic bottoms. Jeans are permitted.

Female participants may wear slacks, jeans, skirts, culottes, skorts or walking shorts. All skirts, culottes, skorts, or walking shorts must extend past the fingertips when the arms are at their sides while standing.

What NOT to Wear or Use !!

- Clothing depicting sex, tobacco products, gambling or alcoholic beverages
- Hats/caps/headgear
- Fleece, parachute material, or spandex
- Warm-up suits or clothes with drawstrings at the waist or elastic/Velcro at the ankles
- Gym Shorts, Athletic Shorts, Bicycle Shorts and other shorts that would not fit into a category that would be classified as 'walking' or 'golf' style.
- No electronics of any sort will be allowed in the bowling area

Coaches are asked to review the dress code with bowlers who advance to the Zone Finals.

18. **SUBSTITUTIONS**: No substitutes will be permitted once athletes have started tournament play. Replacements may be used for bowlers not present 30 minutes prior to squad time. Replacements must be from the same league and division as the "no show" bowler and must follow the order of advancement within that league. Bowlers unable to bowl in the Zone must notify the Zone Tournament Manager and your league coordinator at least 48 hours in advance so a replacement can be called. All schedule changes are made at the discretion of the Zone Tournament Manager. **Once a replacement has been made, the original bowler cannot be placed back into the tournament.**
19. Symbolic awards will be given as follows: First, Second and Third place medallions in each division. Lapel pins will be given to all Zone participants.
20. Zone Scholarships will be given as follows: One (1) out of five (5) bowlers (or greater fraction) with a minimum of two (2) in each division will be awarded scholarships based on the number of entrants in each division in each zone. Scholarships in each division at the zone level will be directly proportional to the division's participation total relative to the total zone entries in that zone. Funds for zone scholarships may come from entry fees and other fund raising ventures at the zone level. Any moneys collected in a given zone from fund raising and that specified as zone scholarship portion of the entry fee will stay in that zone and be added to that zone's scholarship fund.
21. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the Tournament Manager as soon as noticed. Standings will stand as posted on the website if no needed corrections are indicated within 72 hours of posting. The Tournament Manager and State Director shall decide upon questionable situations. All other protests must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Manager within 72 hours of the conclusion of bowling. Each protest under this rule must be specific in itself.
22. Advancement ratio from Zone competition to the State Finals is **at least one (1) for every five (5) entries** per division, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties. **In all cases at least 6 persons per division shall advance to State Finals.** The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all divisions.
23. The next level of competition (State Finals) will take place as follows:
- **U8, U10 and U12 Divisions – Mardi Gras Lanes, DeKalb May 3-5, 2024**
 - **U15 and U18 Divisions – Spare Time Lanes, Decatur May 10-12, 2024**
24. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Illinois Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee. The IL Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.

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By Zone

2024 Illinois State USBC Pepsi Tournament Sites and Dates-By Zone

League Level Qualifying is October 2-15, 2023

	Center	Date
Zone 1		
U8/U10/U12	Forest Hill Lanes, Loves Park	1/20/24-1/21/24
U15/U18	The Cherry Bowl	2/24/24-2/25/24
Zone 2		
U8/U10/U12	Bowlero Vernon Hills, Vernon Hills	2/10/24-2/11/24
U15/U18	Bowlero Vernon Hills, Vernon Hills	3/2/24-3/3/24
Zone 3		
U8/U10/U12	River Rand Bowl, Des Plaines	1/28/2024
U15/U18	River Rand Bowl, Des Plaines	3/2/24-3/3/24
Zone 4		
U8/U10/U12	Stardust Bowl, Addison	2/3/24-2/4/24
U15/U18	Stardust Bowl, Addison	3/2/24-3/3/24
Zone 5		
U8/U10/U12	Channahon Lanes, Channahon	1/27/24-1/28/24
U15/U18	Channahon Lanes, Channahon	3/2/24-3/3/24
Zone 6		
U8/U10/U12	Western Bowl, Champaign	1/27/24-1/28/24
U15/U18	Western Bowl, Champaign	3/2/24-3/3/24
Zone 7		
U8/U10/U12	Plaza Lanes, Washington	2/10/24-2/11/24
U15/U18	Linn Lanes, Canton	3/2/24-3/3/24
Zone 8		
U8/U10/U12	Bel-Air Bowl, Belleville	2/10/24-2/11/24
U15/U18	Bel-Air Bowl, Belleville	3/2/24-3/3/24
State		
U8/U10/U12	Mardi Gras Lanes, DeKalb	5/3/24-5/5/24
U15/U18	Spare Time Lanes, Decatur	5/10/24-5/12/24



2023-24 ILLINOIS PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

STATE RULES and FORMAT

1. This tournament is certified by the USBC and shall be governed by the rules of the USBC. Tournament Certification number 05214.
2. **DIVISIONS:** Competition will be held in the following divisions. ALL competition will be on a scratch basis. **Bowlers MUST compete at the state tournament in the same division they qualified through at the league level.**

U8 Division – Boys/Girls – Birth date is 8/1/2015 or later

U10 Division – Boys/Girls – Birth date is 8/1/2013 through 7/31/2015

U12 Division – Boys/Girls – Birth date is 8/1/2011 through 7/31/2013

U15 Division – Boys/Girls – Birth date is 8/1/2008 through 7/31/2011

U18 Division – Boys/Girls – Birth date is 8/1/2005 through 7/31/2008

3. **Participation** in the State Finals is a one-time entry. If an individual qualified and cannot participate in the State competition, replacements will be eligible based on order of finish in the previous Zone competition.

Advancers out of the league level must remain in the division they qualified during all subsequent levels. 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. Participation in any level of competition past the league level in more than one state/zone will result in automatic disqualification from both tournaments.

4. **ADVANCEMENT RATIO:** The advancement ratio from **Zone** competition to **State** competition is **one (1) for every five (5) entries** per division, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties. In all cases, **at least six persons per division shall advance** to the State Finals from each division in each zone tournament. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all divisions.

5. **STATE COMPETITION** will take place at

- **U8, U10 and U12 Divisions – May 3-5, 2024 at Mardi Gras Lanes, DeKalb, IL**
- **U15 and U18 Divisions – May 10-12, 2024 at Spare Time Lanes, Decatur, IL**
- Squad times at the State Tournament will be assigned by the State Director.
- Competition shall be conducted in ten (10) divisions as listed in Rule 2.

6. **ENTRY FEE** for all divisions is:

U8 and U10 Divisions	U12 Division	U15 and U18 Divisions
Expense \$25.00	Expense \$30.00	Expense \$40.00
TOTAL: \$25.00	TOTAL - \$30.00	TOTAL: \$40.00

7. **ENTRY CLOSING DATE: MARCH 29, 2024 for U8, U10 and U12 divisions and APRIL 5, 2024 for U15 and U18 Divisions.**

8. Paperwork will be emailed to each bowler who, in turn, then must do the following:
 - Verify and/or supply all personal information requested on the personal information form
 - Return verification form and entry fees to the State Director by the deadlines indicated in Rule 7.

9. TOURNAMENT FORMAT:

U8 and U10 Divisions will bowl either May 3, 4 or 5, 2024 at Mardi Gras Lanes in DeKalb. All bowlers will bowl three (3) games, staying on the same pair of lanes. Position in standings will be determined by total scratch pinfall. Scholarships for tied positions will be added and divided equally.

U12 Division

- Qualifying rounds will bowl April May 3 or 4, 2024. All bowling will be at Mardi Gras Lanes in DeKalb.
- Qualifying round will consist of four games, moving after two (2) games.
- The field will be cut to the top **16 girls and top 16 boys** after qualifying for the Semi Finals. All ties for the final spot(s) will advance.
- Semi Final round will consist of four (4) games on May 5, 2024 at 8:30 AM. Position in standings will be determined by total scratch pins. **QUALIFYING PINFALL WILL BE CARRIED FORWARD TO SEMI FINALS.**
- Upon the completion of four semi final games, total score (8 games) will determine the top 4 bowlers in each division that will qualify for the match play final round. **QUALIFYING AND SEMI FINAL PINFALL WILL BE CARRIED OVER INTO THE MATCH PLAY FINALS.**
- The top 4 bowlers in each division will then bowl four games of match play following a USBC round robin schedule. Twenty (20) bonus pins will be awarded to the winner of each game. Ties will each receive 10 bonus pins. The first and last rounds will be based on position (first round based on 8 game positions, fourth game based on position after three games of match play).
- The final standings will be based on the total of the 12 games bowled plus bonus pins earned during the match play round.

U15 and U18 Divisions

- Qualifying rounds will bowl May 10 or 11, 2024. All bowling will be at Spare Time Lanes in Decatur.
- Qualifying round will consist of two (2) three (3) game blocks, moving after three (3) games.
- The field will be cut and advancers in each division will bowl at 8:30 AM on Sunday based on qualifying round scores. The exact number of advancers in each division will be based on participation in each division using a 1:4 ratio.
- Semi Final round will consist of five (5) games on May 12, 2024 at 8:30 AM. Semi Final Position standings will be determined by total scratch pins. **QUALIFYING PINFALL WILL BE CARRIED FORWARD TO SEMI FINALS.**
- Upon the completion of five semi final games, total score (11 games) will determine the top 6 bowlers in each division that will qualify for the match play final round. **QUALIFYING AND SEMI FINAL PINFALL WILL BE CARRIED OVER INTO THE MATCH PLAY FINALS.**
- The top 6 bowlers in each division will then bowl six games of match play following a USBC round robin schedule. Twenty (20) bonus pins will be awarded to the winner of each game. Ties will each receive 10 bonus pins. The first and last rounds will be based on position (first round based on 11 game position, sixth game based on position after five games of match play).
- The final standings will be based on the total of the 17 games bowled plus bonus pins earned during the match play round.

NOTE: If at the conclusion of the Semi Final Round in all divisions there is a tie for the last advancing spot (6th place for U15/U18 Divisions and 4th place for U12 Division) a 9th and 10th frame roll off will be immediately held to determine the advancer. If at the conclusion of this roll off a tie still exists, bowlers will bowl sudden death single balls at a full rack until the tie is broken. Ties for other positions prior to match play will be broken by the last single non tied game bowled during the Sunday semi finals.

10. No substitutes will be permitted once the athletes have started tournament play; however, replacements may

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be used for bowlers not present 30 minutes prior to squad time. Replacements may only be used in the order of finish from the zone reports for 2023-24. Replacements in order must be called and decline before continuing down the list. Replacements must be from the same Zone as the "no-show" bowler. **Once a replacement has been made, the original bowler cannot be placed back into the tournament.**

11. The State Tournaments will be contested on a non 'house shot' condition as determined by the State Pepsi Director. The condition will not be disclosed until after the tournament is completed.
12. No tobacco products or consumption of alcoholic beverages by guests or athletes shall be allowed on the concourse or in the settee area. No alcohol or tobacco products may be used by competitors while competition is in progress. No smoking will be allowed within the bowling center (Illinois State Law) or within 15 feet of any entrances.
13. **DRESS CODE:** Bowlers are required to wear suitable attire in good repair (i.e. no holes) while bowling in ISUSBC Youth Championship Tournaments. Bowling shoes must be worn. Participants in the ISUSBC PEPSI Youth Championship Tournaments must be neat in both clothing and personal grooming and meet the following dress code rules:

What You CAN Wear

- All competitors must wear a shirt with a "butterfly" collar or mock collar. Mock collar must be a minimum of $\frac{3}{4}$ of one inch. All shirts must have finished sleeves for all competition. Females may wear a sleeveless shirt with a butterfly collar only if the sleeves are finished.
- T-shirts will be allowed provided they are those that have the bowling center logo, a USBC provided jersey or one purchased at our sales table (in zone or at the state tournament). T-Shirts as described earlier in this rule may be worn ONLY during qualifying rounds for the U12, U15 and U18 Divisions.
- During the Sunday Semi Finals and Finals bowlers in the U12, U15 and U18 Divisions **must** wear a shirt with a "butterfly" or mock collar or a USBC Youth Jersey as stated above or bowling 'jersey'.
- Boys may wear slacks, jeans or "walking/golf style shorts. Slacks must not contain drawstring waists or elastic bottoms.
- Female participants may wear slacks, jeans, skirts, capris, skorts or walking shorts. All skirts, capris, skorts, or walking shorts must be below the competitor's fingertips when they are standing and their arms are hanging loosely at their side.

What You CANNOT Wear or Use

- Clothing depicting sex, gambling, tobacco products or alcoholic beverages. Bowling Manufacturers official shirts are acceptable.
- Hats/caps/headgear.
- Spandex, Yoga Pants, sweatpants, pants with draw strings, pants with holes in them and those made out of parachute-like material.
- Chains on clothing.
- Leather clothing including jackets while bowling.
- No electronic devices of any sort will be allowed in the bowling area.
- Gym Shorts, Athletic Shorts, Bicycle Shorts and other shorts that would not fit into a category that would be classified as 'walking' or 'golf' style. Any shorts/skorts/skirts/cullottes shorter than the fingertips when the arms are hanging naturally at the sides while standing.

Dress Code at the State Finals will be strictly enforced. Any Exceptions to the above must be approved by the tournament management prior to check-in. Coaches are asked to review the dress code for State Finals with bowlers.

14. Competitors shall be allowed ten (10) minutes of practice on their starting pair. Practice will begin 10 minutes prior to the scheduled squad starting time. No practice will be allowed when moving lanes. Extreme exceptions shall be determined by the tournament manager if a breakdown lasts more than 15 minutes in accordance with USBC Rules.

15. Bowlers arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then bowled. Frames missed shall be credited with a zero. Frames may not be made-up. A bowler not present to bowl when it is his/her turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
16. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
17. 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. Tournament Staff reserves the right to check equipment for compliance at any time. **Bowlers must use the bowling balls in such a manner that they comply with the Equipment Specifications. No balance holes are permitted. All holes drilled must be used for gripping purposes on every delivery. No more than three (3) ounces of weight on any halves of the ball. Failure to properly use the equipment will be ball removed from competition for 1st violation, forfeiture of game for 2nd violation and disqualification for 3rd violation.**
18. Altering the surface of a bowling ball by the use of abrasives, cleaners or polish is prohibited during competition (**defined as when the first ball is thrown for score in the whole 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 begun competition. Penalty for any infraction of this rule or any USBC Rule 18 infraction will be the immediate removal of that bowling ball for the duration of competition. Repeat offenses may be cause for forfeiture of the game (i.e. zero for the game).
19. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the tournament manager no later than the start of the next block. Questionable errors shall be decided upon by the tournament manager and any committee members present. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the tournament manager within 72 hours. Each protest under this rule must be specific in itself.
20. Symbolic awards will be given as follows: Lapel pins will be given to all State participants.
21. There is NO guaranteed first prize. Prizes will be based on a percentage basis in a ratio of one scholarship for every five paid entrants. At a minimum, in the divisions that bring bowlers back on Sunday, we will award a scholarship to every bowler that comes back on Sunday. Total prize funds for each division will be proportional to the number of participants in each division including any excess over expenses collected for the state tournament in that division. Any SMART unassigned funds used to supplement the prize fund will also be based on the proportional number of entries in each division. ALL prizes will be deposited into the USBC SMART fund in accordance with their rules.
22. The first-place winners of the U12, U15 and U18 divisions for both Girls and Boys will advance to the 2024 Junior Gold Championships on July 12-20 in Detroit, MI, provided they have not already qualified for the 2024 USBC Junior Gold Championships through another tournament. If this is the case the highest finishing bowler in that division who has not already earned a spot in the 2024 Junior Gold Championships will be awarded the spot.
They must be USBC Junior Gold members to advance to the Junior Gold Championships. Bowlers without a current Junior Gold membership must purchase a Junior Gold membership prior to June 8, 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 Junior Gold Championships, as well as other prizes and awards. All U.S. citizens are vying for a spot on USBC Junior Team USA 2025 to represent the United States in national and international competition. If the U12, U15 or U18 Division Champion is unwilling to become a Junior Gold member, they will not advance to the Junior Gold Championships. However, the athlete will still retain the state/zone scholarship, but the berth to the Junior Gold Championships will be awarded to the next eligible athlete.

The Illinois Pepsi USBC Youth Championships will also provide up to \$500.00 toward travel expenses for the 2024 USBC Junior Gold Championships to the first place finisher in each division. To receive this stipend the bowler/parents must submit receipts totaling at least \$500 in expenses incurred for the tournament trip for the bowler. If this bowler does not attend the 2024 Junior Gold Championships the stipend will be awarded to the highest finisher that does attend.

23. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Illinois Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee. Failure to abide by any rules and regulations may lead to disqualification from this event.

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