

Iowa

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League Level Qualifying	October 1-November 30, 2024	NA
Sectional Level Qualifying	February 15-16, 2025	TBD
State Finals	March 15-16, 2025	Bowlerama (Des Moines, IA)
State Finals Certification Number		
Rules	See Below	

2025 Iowa Pepsi USBC Youth Championships

LEAGUE LEVEL RULES

“USBC Certification #”

(ATHLETES MUST SEE THESE RULES AND CHOOSE THEIR OWN DIVISION)

1. The Pepsi USBC Youth Championships is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (#) and governed by USBC rules.
2. Competition is open to all 2024-2025 USBC Youth members. To compete, a bowler must be a regular member of a certified USBC Youth league. USBC Collegiate members are eligible if they are 2024-2025 USBC Youth members, bowl in a USBC Youth league, and have not violated USBC Rule 400.
3. All USBC Youth members in good standing are eligible for the league level competition. There is no entry fee at the league level. Bowling centers having 2024-2025 USBC certified leagues 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. These items are contained in the specific state/zone rules from the State/Zone Pepsi tournament director, Seth Ketelsen.
5. Competition will be conducted in twelve (12) divisions based on the participant's age as listed below. Participation in the wrong age division will lead to automatic disqualification. Bowlers must stay in the given division in that particular league throughout the entire window:

U8 Boys	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2016 or later	U8 Girls
U10 Boys	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2014 thru 7/31/2016	U10 Girls
U12 Boys	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2012 thru 7/31/2014	U12 Girls
U15 Boys	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2009 thru 7/31/2012	U15 Girls
U18 Boys	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2006 thru 7/31/2009	U18 Girls

*One way to think about this is...If a bowler turns 9, 11, 13, or 16 during the bowling season, he/she would be in the next highest age division.

***There is no requirement of USBC Junior Gold membership to enter U12, U15, and U18 Divisions!**

6. Participants 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. League level qualifying will be conducted in certified leagues during the qualifying windows. Qualifying windows are any two one-week periods between October 1, 2024 and November 30, 2024. The two one-week periods do **not** need to be consecutive. Each state/zone Pepsi tournament committee decides the qualifying window dates. If needed, the state/zone Pepsi tournament director can grant changes in the qualifying dates to individual bowling centers.
8. Qualifying scores must be bowled during regularly scheduled league play. **Pre-bowled or post-bowled scores may not be used as scores for advancement purposes.** Advancement to the next competition level (district level) will be from the league level. Advancement ratio from league competition to district competition is at least 1:4 entries per division, per league, or any fraction thereof, including last place ties for all divisions. The base number for each division is **the number of certified individuals that could have participated in that division.** In all cases at least one person per division shall advance.
9. Participants can attempt to qualify in any state/zone where they hold a 2024-2025 USBC Youth membership card. However, the bowler can only advance once using the following criteria:
 - 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 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.

10. Participants are not allowed to use tobacco products of any kind during competition play, under penalty of disqualification from the tournament.

STATE/ZONE LEVEL

11. The top one (1) bowlers in the U12 Boys, U12 Girls, U15 Boys, U15 Girls, U18 Boys, and U18 Girls divisions at the state/zone competition with the highest scratch score will earn a berth to the Junior Gold Championships to be held July 12-20, 2024 in Detroit, MI. Bowlers are not required to have a minimum average or be a Junior Gold Program member to enter the U12 Boys, U12 Girls, U15 Boys, U15 Girls, U18 Boys, and U18 Girls at the local level of qualifying for the Pepsi USBC Youth Championships. However, to receive the berth, the bowler must be a USBC Youth Standard member and USBC Junior Gold Program member prior to the Junior Gold 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 Junior Gold Championships. 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, the next subsequent high score will be used until the tie is broken.**
12. Advancers to the Junior Gold Championships must agree to bowl in the Junior Gold Championships or, failing to do so, agree to waive all rights. Replacements will be selected based on the order of finish in their division at the state/zone level.
13. Failure to abide by any rules and regulations will lead to disqualification from this event. The Pepsi USBC Youth Championships National Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.
14. The Pepsi USBC Youth Championships National Tournament Committee will decide all matters not covered by these rules and regulations, or USBC rules and regulations. All decisions are final.

ALL BOWLERS MUST SEE AND UNDERSTAND THESE RULES



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2025 Iowa Pepsi USBC Youth Bowling Championships

District Level Rules and Format

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****YOU MUST FURNISH THESE RULES TO EACH BOWLER ADVANCING TO DISTRICTS****

1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (#) and shall be governed by USBC rules.
2. League level qualifying dates are any two, one-week periods between October 1 and November 30, 2024. The windows do **not** have to be consecutive. Advancement from league is a one-time entry. If an individual qualified cannot participate in this competition, replacements will be eligible based on order of finish in previous competition. **Replacements must advance from the same league and window based on order of finish.**
3. Advancement ratio from league competition to district competition is at least 1:4 entries per division, per league, or **any** fraction thereof, including last place ties for all divisions. The base number for each division is **the number of certified individuals that could have participated in that division**. In all cases, at least one person per division shall advance.
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/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.
5. Competition will take place on February 15-16, 2025. See enclosed list for district sites.
6. Entry closing date in December 6, 2024. A tournament entry form for each qualifier containing the bowler's name, address, telephone number, date of birth, and national ID number must be postmarked by this date and mailed to the state tournament director, Seth Ketelsen, at the address listed at the end of these rules. **Entries will not be accepted if a division has been crossed out and another circled. A new entry form MUST be prepared and submitted.**
7. Divisions are based on the participant's age. **Athletes must choose the division in which they will compete. Athletes must be Junior Gold members or be eligible and buy membership prior to advancement to the Junior Gold Championships. Competition shall be conducted in the following divisions:**

Boys Divisions: U8, U10, U12, U15, and U18

Girls Divisions: U8, U10, U12, U15, and U18

8. The tournament format shall be 3 games for each division.
9. Entry fee is:

Sectional Lineage & Scorekeeping	\$ 9.00
Expenses**	\$ 8.30
Awards***	\$ 0.50
Scholarships***	\$ <u>7.20</u>
	\$25.00

**Expenses include lineage and scorekeeping at the state level for all divisions. There is no additional entry fee for bowlers advancing to the state finals.

***Awards and Scholarship fees shall be returned 100% to the bowlers. Scholarships will be held in the SMART Fund (**Account #8521**).

10. All bowlers must wear suitable attire. All clothing must not contain any reference to alcohol, tobacco, drugs or profanity. No hats or hoods shall be worn. No exposed undergarments or midriffs will be allowed. **Entrants will not bowl if proper attire is not worn.** The Tournament Director will make final determination of attire. No smoking, vaping or alcoholic beverages will be allowed in the center for the duration of the tournament.

11. No substitutions will be permitted once athletes have started tournament play. However, replacements may be used for bowlers not present 10 minutes prior to the squad time as stated in Rule 2. **Replacements must be from the same window, same league and same center as to the “no-show” bowler. They must follow the order of advancement within that window/league.**
12. Competitors shall be allowed 5 minutes of practice balls on each lane of their starting lanes.
13. If no replacement has been made, bowlers arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. Missed frames shall be credited with a zero. **Frames may not be made-up.** Bowlers not present to bowl when it is their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
14. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
15. All last place ties will advance to the state level. There will be no roll-off.
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 block or 30 minutes after the completion of competition. Questionable errors shall be decided upon the tournament director. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the tournament director within 72 hours of the infraction. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
17. No awards will be presented at the district level of competition.
18. Scholarships will be awarded as follows: **The district champion of each division will receive a \$50.00 scholarship.** Scholarships will be held in the SMART Fund.
19. Advancement ratio from district level to the state level is at least 1 for every 5 entries U15 and U18 divisions, or **any** fraction thereof, including last place ties. Advancement ratio from district level to the state level is at least 1 for every 6 entries for the U12, U10 and U8 divisions, or **any** fraction thereof, including last place ties. In all cases at least one individual per division shall advance.
20. Participants are not allowed to use tobacco products of any kind during competition play, under penalty of disqualification from the tournament.
21. The state level competition will take place on March 15 & 16, 2025 at Bowlerama, Des Moines, Iowa.
22. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Iowa Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee. The National Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.



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2025 IOWA PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS TOURNAMENT

STATE RULES AND FORMAT

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1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (#) and shall be governed by USBC rules.
2. Dates of district level qualifying are February 15-16, 2025. If an individual who qualified cannot participate in the state/zone competition, replacements will be eligible based on order of finish in district competition.
3. Advancement ratio from district level to the state level is at least 1 for every 5 entries for the U15 and U18 divisions, or **any** fraction thereof, including last place ties. Advancement ratio from district level to the state level is at least 1 for every 6 entries for the U12, U10 and U8 divisions, or **any** fraction thereof, including last place ties. In all cases at least one individual per division shall advance.
4. Competition will take place on March 15-16, 2025 at Bowlerama, Des Moines, Iowa.
5. Entry closing date is February 16, 2025. A tournament entry form for each qualifier containing the bowler's name, address, telephone number, date of birth and national ID number must be postmarked by this date and mailed to the State Tournament Director, Seth Ketelsen, at the address listed at the end of these rules. **Entries will not be accepted if a division has been crossed out and another circled. A new entry form must be prepared and submitted.**
6. Divisions are based on the participant's age. **Athletes must choose the division in which they will compete. Athletes must be Junior Gold members or be eligible and buy membership prior to advancement to the Junior Gold Championships. Competition shall be conducted in the following divisions:**

Boys Divisions: U8, U10, U12, U15, and U18

Girls Divisions: U8, U10, U12, U15, and U18
7. The tournament format shall be 3 games on one pair of lanes for the U12, U10, and U8 divisions. Bowlers in the U15 and U18 divisions shall bowl 6 games across 6 pairs of lanes.
8. There is no additional entry fee for the state level of competition. All fees are paid at the district level.
9. **All bowlers must wear suitable attire. All clothing must not contain any reference to alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or profanity. No hats or hoods shall be worn. No exposed undergarments or midribs will be allowed.**
10. No substitutions will be permitted once athletes have started tournament play. However, replacements may be used for bowlers not present 10 minutes prior to the squad time as stated in Rule 2. Replacements must be from order of finish from prior level of competition (i.e. the same division and same district as the absent bowler).
11. Competitors shall be allowed 5 minutes of practice balls on each lane of their starting lanes.
12. If no replacement has been made, bowlers arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. Missed frames shall be credited with a zero. **Frames may not be made-up.** Bowlers not present to bowl when it is their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
13. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
14. Ties affecting advancement to the Junior Gold Championships will be broken by a one-game roll-off. Should a tie still exist, it will be broken by an additional 9th and 10th frame roll-off (refer to rule 326a). Ties not affecting advancement will not be subject to a roll-off. The affected scholarships will be added together and divided by the number of tied bowlers. In the case of a tie for the last scholarship position, duplicate scholarships will be presented. In the case of a medal position, duplicate medals will be awarded.

15. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules to the tournament director before the awards are presented. Questionable errors shall be decided upon by the tournament director. All other protest must be confirmed in writing to the tournament director **before the awards are presented**. Under this rule, each protest must be specific.
16. Symbolic awards will be given as follows: each state participant will receive a memento. Scholarship winners in all 10 divisions will receive a certificate. Medals will be given to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in all divisions.
17. Scholarships will be given as follows: 1 for every 10, or any fraction thereof, in all 10 divisions, with a minimum of 3 scholarships per division. Scholarships will be held in the SMART Fund (**Account #8521**).
18. 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 11-19, 2025 in the Green Bay, WI area. 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. USBC 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 championships, as well as other prizes and awards. All U.S. citizens are vying for a spot on USBC Junior Team USA 2023 to represent the United States in national and international competition. If the U12, U15, and 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. 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, the next subsequent high score will be used until the tie is broken.
19. Eligible advancers must agree to bowl in the Junior Gold Championships, or, failing to do so, agree to waive all rights. Replacements will be selected based on the order of finish in their division at the state/zone level. Replacements will incur all costs associated with changing the airline ticket, if applicable.
20. Participants are not allowed to use tobacco products of any kind during competition play, under penalty of disqualification from the tournament.
21. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Iowa Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee. The National Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.



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