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| League Level Qualifying | November 2-30, 2024 | January 4-25, 2025 |
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| Sectional Level Qualifying | March 16, 2025 March 2, 2025 March 1-2, 2025 March 8, 2025 March 2, 2025 February 16, 2025 | Millsboro Lanes (Millsboro, DE) AMF Towson Lanes (Towson, MD) Forest Hill Lanes (Forest Hill, MD) The Alley (Oakland, MD) Greenmount Bowl (Hampstead, MD) Turner's Dual Lanes (Hagerstown, MD) |
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| State Finals | April 12-13, 2025 | Turner's Dual Lanes (Hagerstown, MD) |
| State Finals Certification Number | | Cert. #05177 |
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| Rules | See Below | |



2024-2025 Pepsi Youth Championships State Handbook



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To: State/Zone Pepsi USBC Youth Championships
Tournament Directors



From: Gary Brown, Senior Manager of Youth Championship Events
Pepsi Youth Championships

Date: September 2024

Subject: 2024-2025 Pepsi Youth Championships

Welcome to the beginning of the 2024-2025 Pepsi Youth Championships. This tournament, sponsored by Pepsi Co. and conducted by the United States Bowling Congress, is an invaluable opportunity for your state's/zone's athletes to become involved in the premier national tournament for youth bowlers.

Tournament Directors will receive all materials relative to conducting the Pepsi Youth Championships in an electronic format. All items will be available on BOWL.com. **Even if you have conducted this tournament in the past, still thoroughly read all uploaded information.** If you have any questions, challenges, or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly at 1-800-514-BOWL (extension 8426) or tournaments@ibcyouth.com

USBC requires that sectional and state/zone finals be held in BPAA member centers having the national Pepsi contract. We need to continue our efforts to provide more exposure and recognition to our sponsor. **This contract is required to be signed and kept on file for submission to USBC if requested.** Please contact Amy Arcuri at BPAA with any questions or requests for assistance (amy@bpaa.com or 1-800-343-1329). As you do your site inspections, we request you take notice of any other soft drink manufacturer inside of BPAA centers that have signed the national Pepsi contract. If another soft drink manufacturer is distributing their product inside of these centers (via bottles, cans or fountain), we would appreciate it if you contacted Amy directly at BPAA. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

*******IMPORTANT RULE: ALL Pepsi Events will be conducted on a SCRATCH basis only. These events will be run with 10 divisions (U8, U10, U12, U15 and U18 for each Boys and Girls).**

To protect bowlers' eligibility to participate in high school and/or collegiate level varsity sports, USBC rules mandate use of USBC's SMART (Scholarship Management and Accounting Reports for Tenpins) program for all scholarship awards assigned to USBC Youth members from certified league and tournament competition. All scholarship prize awards must be forwarded to USBC Headquarters for deposit with the SMART program within 30 days after the end of the tournament (USBC Rules 301d and 309). Therefore, all scholarship dollars assigned and awarded in connection to the Pepsi Youth Championships at the league, center, sectional, and/or state/zone level must be forwarded to SMART.

- A current BPAA/Pepsi center list will be provided to each State Pepsi Director. An updated listing will be provided no later than the end of August.

USBC has created a centralized location on BOWL.com to provide members with access to all information regarding Pepsi qualification events in your state/zone. In order to provide this data on a timely basis, we have created a form called the Tournament Date/Location Form. This form needs to be submitted by Sept. 15, 2024. For your convenience, we have created this form as an editable pdf document that can be easily emailed to USBC.

A draft of your state rules must be submitted for approval by Sept. 22, 2024. You will need to go online and certify your event through the Online Tournament Certification portal on BOWL.com. When completed, you will receive a unique certification number that will be used for your event. Make sure this number is included in your rules.

USBC and the event staff wish you a successful year with the 2023-2024 Pepsi Youth Championships!

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The Pepsi Youth Championships begins with league level qualifying.

Bowling centers with certified USBC Youth leagues are automatic qualifying sites. Since qualifying begins during league level, there is

no entry fee at this level. **League level qualifying will be between Nov. 1, 2024 and Jan. 31, 2025. Please note: Please contact your state/zone Pepsi Tournament Director if your league needs to take advantage of a window earlier than the one specified by your state/zone.**



Qualifying competition is held in divisions based on the bowler's date of birth as of the dates below:

| DIVISION | CODE | BIRTH DATE INFO | CODE | DIVISION |
|----------|------|---|------|-----------|
| U8 Boys | U8B | Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2016 or later | U8G | U8 Girls |
| U10 Boys | U10B | Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2014 thru 7/31/2016 | U10G | U10 Girls |
| U12 Boys | U12B | Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2012 thru 7/31/2014 | U12G | U12 Girls |
| U15 Boys | U15B | Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2009 thru 7/31/2012 | U15G | U15 Girls |
| U18 Boys | U18B | Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2006 thru 7/31/2009 | U18G | U18 Girls |

Winners in these divisions will advance to the state/zone competition with some earning scholarships.

The U12, U15 and U18 Division Champions from the state/zone finals will receive a berth from IBC Youth into the 2025 Junior Gold Championships. IBC Youth will waive the \$200 (U18), \$150 (U15) and \$100 (U12) entry fee for the U12, U15 and U18 Division Champions. There, the bowlers will compete for additional scholarships available to all athletes at the Junior Gold Championships. All advancers must be Junior Gold program members or be eligible and purchase a membership prior to the championships. **YOUR STATE/ZONE PEPSI TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DATES**

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| NOV 1, 2024-JAN 31, 2025 | League level qualifying will take place. Qualifying window dates are determined by the state/zone Pepsi Tournament Committee and listed in the rules and information. Consult BOWL.com for the Pepsi Tournament Director in each state/zone or see this handbook if you have not received the rules for your specific state/zone. |
| MARCH 1-APRIL 30, 2025 | Center and sectional qualifying will take place (if applicable in your specific state/zone). Contact the Pepsi Tournament Director for your state/zone in case of questions (see BOWL.com for the list of directors). |
| MARCH 1-MAY 15, 2025 | 2025 State/zone competition will take place. |
| MAY-JUNE 1, 2025 | USBC sends confirmation e-mails to state/zone advancers to Junior Gold Championships. |
| JUNE 1, 2025 | Deadline for USBC's receipt of information on state/zone advancers to Junior Gold Championships. |
| JULY 11-19, 2025 | 2025 Junior Gold Championships – Green Bay, WI |
| JULY | bowling.com Youth Open Championships |

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2024-2025 LEAGUE LEVEL RULES

(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 league and not be under suspension at the time of qualifying. League substitutes are allowed to participate if it is their only USBC Youth league. USBC Collegiate members are eligible if they are 2023-2024 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 and all associated rules, fees and deadlines. These items are contained in the specific state rules from the State Pepsi tournament director. (State director information can be found on BOWL.COM.)**
5. Competition will be conducted in 10 divisions based on the participant's date of birth 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.

| DIVISION | CODE | BIRTH DATE INFO | CODE | DIVISION |
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| U8 Boys | U8B | Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2016 or later | U8G | U8 Girls |
| U10 Boys | U10B | Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2014 thru 7/31/2016 | U10G | U10 Girls |
| U12 Boys | U12B | Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2012 thru 7/31/2014 | U12G | U12 Girls |
| U15 Boys | U15B | Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2009 thru 7/31/2012 | U15G | U15 Girls |
| U18 Boys | U18 | Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2006 thru 7/31/2009 | U18G | U18 Girls |

***There is no requirement of Junior Gold membership to enter U12, U15, & U18 Division!** In states offering a side handicap division, the qualifying window average will be the current league average as of the first date of competition (no minimum number of games). 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.

6. League level qualifying will be conducted in certified leagues during the qualifying window(s) between Nov 1, 2024 and January 31, 2025. Each state/zone Pepsi tournament committee decides the qualifying window dates. Consult state/zone rules for the specific dates. **If needed, the state/zone Pepsi tournament director can grant changes in the qualifying dates to individual bowling centers.**
7. 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 will be from the League Level
8. Participants must remain in the same 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.
9. USBC earned awards are based on the member's league average as of that day.

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10. League level qualifying will be conducted in certified leagues during the qualifying window(s):

- **1st Window:** Any two consecutive weeks from November 2 through November 30, 2024.
- **2nd Window:** Any two consecutive weeks from January 4 through January 25, 2025.

If needed, the state Pepsi State Director can grant changes in the qualifying dates to individual bowling centers.

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 will be from the league level.

11. 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, the bowler **must** declare one state 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 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.

STATE/ZONE LEVEL

12. The top one (1) bowler in both the U12, U15, and U18 divisions for boys and girls at the state/zone competition who wins the stepladder final will earn a berth to the Junior Gold Championships to be held July of 2025. Bowlers are not required to have a minimum average or be a Junior Gold Program member to enter the U12, U15, or U18 Divisions 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, but the next eligible bowler will receive the berth to the Junior Gold Championships.**

13. 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 level.

14. 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.

15. 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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GUIDELINES FOR LEAGUE OFFICIALS/PROGRAM DIRECTORS

The following are general guidelines to help you conduct the league level competition. The packet and information from your state Pepsi tournament director will have specific information. **This event is provided for all USBC Youth members -- do not disappoint your bowlers. USBC Youth members deserve your assistance!**



It is **not** mandatory to use the provided league worksheets. It is acceptable to produce the required information on your computer through a league secretary program. CDE Software and Treasure Software produce league secretary software that contains the Pepsi USBC Youth Championships forms. Please enter all information accurately. If you want to purchase software, please contact the company directly: CDE Software at (206) 937- 8927 (cdesoftware.com), or Treasure Software at (800) 552-2695 (treasuresoftware.com). **Each athlete is required to read the league level rules and agree to the division in which they have been placed for this tournament.**

COMPETITION SET-UP

Locate your qualifying window dates provided in this packet. **If the dates conflict with other league or center obligations, please notify your State Pepsi Director, Evelyn Testerman at 410-459-2023 or by email at mdusbc@yahoo.com. She has the authority to change these dates for you.**

STEP-BY-STEP PLAN FOR ALL QUALIFYING WINDOWS

1. The week before the league level competition begins, inform the bowlers and parents that the league will be participating in the Pepsi USBC Youth Championships.

Make copies of the League Level Rules included in this handbook and pass them out to the bowlers and parents. All athletes must read and be aware of these rules.

2. Locate the league worksheet in this handbook. Make a worksheet for each division. "Division" corresponds to the tournament's ten divisions: Boys Divisions of U8, U10, U12, U15, and U18. Girls Divisions of U8, U10, U12, U15, and U18. All divisions will be SCRATCH.
3. Before the window begins, ask each league member to choose the division he or she wishes to bowl in and enter their name on the corresponding worksheet. **Divisions are based on bowler's age.** Make sure you check the ages to be sure the bowlers are participating in the correct divisions. Bowlers can participate in a different division for each league in which they are members, regardless of center. However, the bowler must remain in that division for that league during the entire window.
4. During this window USBC earned awards are based on the league average not the tournament average.
5. After the first league session, enter the scratch series for each participant in the "first week" row of the league worksheet. **If a member is not physically present this week, list his or her score as absent/"0." Pre-bowled and post-bowled scores are not allowed.**
6. During the second week, remind league members they are competing in the Pepsi USBC Youth Championships qualifying competition. This week is a second chance to bowl in a qualifying series. Include the same number of participants as in the first week. After the league session, enter the scratch series again on the League Worksheet. **Reminder: If a member is not physically present this week, list his or her score as absent/"0." Pre-bowled and post-bowled scores are not allowed.**
7. Determine each participant's highest series and circle that score.

Do not add the first-week and second-week scores together. Each week is a separate opportunity for the bowler to post a score. The bowler's highest series is the score used for qualifying. A participant does not need to be present both weeks to qualify.

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8. Using the scores you have just circled, rank the bowlers by best qualifying score. Using the advancement ratio set by your state Pepsi Tournament Director; determine the bowler(s) who advance in that division in that league. After determining who has qualified, notify the winners. (Please inform the participants who qualified bowling only two games that they will bowl at least three games at the next competition level.) It is the winner's choice to advance to the next level and pay all applicable fees.
9. On the league worksheet, show the bowlers who have qualified and accepted or declined to advance to the next competition level. **Remember, each division per league must advance at least one person regardless of the ratio and the number of bowlers participating in that division.**
10. Since bowlers were given several qualifying opportunities, some may have advanced in more than one division and/or more than once in the same division. **A participant can only advance once into the next competition level regardless of the ways he or she qualified. A bowler automatically is disqualified if he or she attempts to advance more than once.** If a participant should win in multiple qualifiers, the following guidelines will decide where the bowler advances from:
 - a. If qualified in more than one state, choose one state.
 - b. If qualified in more than one division, choose one division.
 - c. If qualified in the same division during both windows, he or she advances from the first window.
 - d. If a bowler qualified in more than one league in the same division during a window, he or she must advance from the league in which the highest series was bowled.

Remember some of your bowlers might bowl in different bowling centers. Check to make sure they are only advancing from one center. **In all cases, once a bowler has made the choice to advance from a certain state and division, he or she forfeits advancing in other states, centers and divisions.**
11. Once you have figured out how many bowlers will advance per league and who they are, enter the information on the bottom of the league level worksheet. Complete one form per division per league.
12. After completing your league worksheet, make copies for your files and send the originals to your Regional Pepsi tournament director.

THANK YOU!

What to send where: Send all of the following information to your Regional Tournament Director. Information regarding your Regional Director can be found on the next page or on our web site at www.mdusbc.org.

NOTICE:

State Tournament Director Evelyn Testerman – 410-459-2023 or mdusbc@yahoo.com
Please submit the 2024 Pepsi Regional Participation form to State Pepsi Director as soon as your qualifying level has completed.

Retain copies of everything for your records.

For Regional Bowling Fees, please contact your Regional Tournament Director.

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Regional Tournament Contact Information Regional Directors

Eastern Shore

Director: **Scott West** – P.O. Box 666, Fruitland MD, 21876
443-365-7353 - scottwest@lowershoreusbc.org

Regional Location: Millsboro Lanes, Millsboro, DE Date: March 16, 2025
Squad times - 10:00am & 2:00pm Lineage – \$13.50 (3 games)

Greater Baltimore

Director **Kimberly Dandridge** – 4 Charleswood Ct, Gwynn Oak 21207
443-854-2581 – halfpint4710@gmail.com

Regional Location: AMF Towson Lanes, Towson, MD Date: March 2, 2025
Squad times – 9:00am & 1:00pm Lineage - \$4.00 per game

Cecil Harford

Director: **Donna Vernon** – 200 Secretariat Dr, Unit F, Havre de Grace, MD 21078
443-417-4839 - dmvernon@comcast.net

Regional Location: Forest Hill Lanes, Forest Hill, MD Dates: March 1 & 2, 2025
Squad times – TBD Lineage \$4.50 per game

Western Maryland

Director: **James Gill** – P O Box 1014, Ridgeley, WV 26573
301-268-8067 – jgill1966.jg@gmail.com

Regional Location: The Alley, Oakland, MD Date: March 8, 2025
Squad Times – 10:00am & 1:00 pm Lineage \$4.35 per game

Mid Maryland

Director: **Lisa Baker** – P O Box 396, Thurmont, MD 21788
301-748-0861 – midmarylandba@gmail.com

Regional Location: Greenmount Bowl, Hampstead, MD Date: March 2, 2025
Squad Time – 9:00am Lineage-\$4.25 per game

Antietam

Director: **Tina Reedy** – 1048 Valletbrook Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21742
301-730-7681 treedy1959@aol.com

Regional Location: Turner's Dual Lanes, Hagerstown, MD Date: February 16, 2025
Squad Time – TBD Lineage-\$10.00 (3 games)

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REGIONAL LEVEL RULES

1. The Pepsi USBC Youth Championships is certified by the United States Bowling Congress and governed by USBC rules.
2. The Maryland State USBC Youth will conduct two qualifying windows. The qualifying windows dates for entries are as follows: **1st Window:** Any consecutive two weeks between November 2 through November 30, 2024; **2nd Window:** Any two consecutive weeks between January 4 through January 25, 2025; **Replacements must advance from the same league and window based on order of finish.**
3. Advancement ratio from the previous competition (league) to Regional competition is at least one (1) for every four (4) entries per division, including last place ties. In all cases at least two person per division shall advance. There is a ratio chart in the back of the manual
4. Advancers out of 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. **Bowlers must declare at the time of their first qualifying window within EACH league if they choose to “PLAY UP” to a higher age division. All bowlers that choose to “PLAY UP” MUST COMPLETE a “PLAY UP” Wavier PRIOR to competition.**
5. Regional competition will take place at a designated center, time and place to be determined by the Regional Tournament Director. (Please visit our web site for an updated Regional Level Schedule,)
6. Entry closing date for the regional level will be determined by the regional directors.
7. Competition will be conducted in 10 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.

| DIVISION | CODE | BIRTH DATE INFO | CODE | DIVISION |
|----------|------|---|------|-----------|
| U8 Boys | U8B | Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2016 or later | U8G | U8 Girls |
| U10 Boys | U10B | Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2014 thru 7/31/2016 | U10G | U10 Girls |
| U12 Boys | U12B | Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2012 thru 7/31/2014 | U12G | U12 Girls |
| U15 Boys | U15B | Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2009 thru 7/31/2012 | U15G | U15 Girls |
| U18 Boys | U18B | Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2006 thru 7/31/2009 | U18G | U18 Girls |

*** *There is no requirement of Junior Gold membership to enter U12, U15, & U18 Division!**

8. All divisions shall bowl three (3) games on the same pair of lanes. Results will be determined by total pin fall in each division.

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REGIONAL LEVEL RULES (Cont.)

9. **ENTRY FEES AND WHERE TO SEND:** Completed entry forms must be submitted by the closing dates. A copy of the entry form and along with the required fees should be sent to the Regional Tournament Director. Entry fees are as follows:

Expenses: \$4.50 Awards: \$4.50 Scholarships: \$1.00 *Lineage: \$ TBD (To be determined)

***LINEAGE VARIES BY DISTRICT AND IS NOT INCLUDED IN ABOVE FIGURES. FOR REGIONAL BOWLING CENTER AND BOWLING FEES, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR REGIONAL TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR.** Awards fees and scholarship fees shall be returned 100% to the bowlers. Bowlers will be responsible for bowling fees in the REGIONAL tournament.

10. All bowlers must wear suitable attire as per the State USBC Youth Tournament Dress Code. Penalty: First offense will result in a verbal warning and apparel change or removal of equipment. Failure to comply will cause the bowler's scores to be disqualified and the bowler to be removed from the competition.
11. No substitutions will be permitted once athletes have started tournament play however replacements may be used for bowlers not present 15 minutes prior to their scheduled squad time. **Replacements must be from the same window, same league and same centers as to the "no-show" bowler. They must follow the order of advancement within that window/league.**
12. Competitors shall be allowed up to 5 minutes of practice on 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. Frames missed shall be credited with a zero (0). Bowlers not present to bowl when it is his/her turn shall be credited with a zero for that frame.
14. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
15. All ties will receive a scholarship equal to the amount designated for that position.
16. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the District Tournament Director no later than 30 minutes after the completion of competition. Questionable errors shall be decided upon by the tournament director. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the District Tournament Director within 72 hours or before the awards are presented. Each protest under this rule must be specific in itself.
17. Advancement ratio from the Regional level to the State level shall be at least one (1) for every four (4) entries in all divisions. All ties for advancement shall advance. At least two from each division will be sent to the State level. (Advancement Chart on Page 17)

State competition will take place: April 12 and 13, 2025– Turner’s Dual Lanes
1350 Dual Highway
Hagerstown, MD 21740

All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Maryland State USBC Association State Pepsi Director - Evelyn Testerman at 410-459-2023 or by email at mdusbc@yahoo.com. She reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.

PLEASE NOTE: Coaches are responsible for all USBC awards earned in this competition.
Tournament Certification number is #5177.

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STATE LEVEL RULES

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- The logo for the Pepsi Youth Championships. It features the Pepsi globe logo on the left, followed by the word "PEPSI" in large, bold, blue capital letters. Below "PEPSI" is the tagline "THE OFFICIAL SOFT DRINK OF BOWLING" in smaller, blue, sans-serif capital letters. To the right of the tagline is the text "YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS" in large, bold, blue capital letters. A stylized blue and white star with red and white stripes is positioned to the right of the text. A red and blue swoosh underline runs across the bottom of the logo.

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| U15 Boys | U15B | Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2009 thru 7/31/2012 | U15G | U15 Girls |
| U18 Boys | U18B | Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2006 thru 7/31/2009 | U18G | U18 Girls |

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7. The Under 8 and Under 10 shall bowl three (3) games on the same pair of lanes. Results will be determined by total pin fall in each division.
8. The Under 12, 15 and 18 shall bowl six games moving a pair to the right after the third game. The top five bowlers will advance to the stepladder final to determine the winner
9. **ENTRY FEES:** Under 8,10 - \$20.00 Under 12, 15, and 18 - \$35.00

Under 8 & UNDER 10 - Expenses: \$6.50 Lineage: \$13.50

UNDER 12, 15, & 20 - Expenses: \$8.00 Lineage: \$27.00

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STATE LEVEL RULES (cont.)

10. All bowlers must wear suitable attire as per the State USBC Youth Tournament Dress Code. Penalty: First offense will result in a verbal warning and apparel change or removal of equipment. Failure to comply will cause the bowler's scores to be disqualified and the bowler to be removed from the competition.
11. No substitutions will be permitted once athletes have started tournament play however replacements may be used for bowlers not present 15 minutes prior to their scheduled squad time. **Replacements must be from order of finish from prior level of competition, Districts.**
12. Competitors shall be allowed up to 5 minutes of practice on 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. Frames missed shall be credited with a zero (0). Bowlers not present to bowl when it is his/her turn shall be credited with a zero for that frame.
14. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
15. Scholarships plus awards will be given to the top 5 bowlers in each division. Ties in the Divisions affecting Junior Gold finalists only, will be broken by a one game roll-off. Should a tie still exist, it will be broken with an additional 9th and 10th frame roll-off, until a winner is determined.
16. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the Tournament Director no later than 30 minutes after the completion of competition. Questionable errors shall be decided upon by the Tournament Director. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the Tournament Director within 72 hours or before the awards are presented. Each protest under this rule must be specific in itself.
17. Scholarships will be awarded for every one in ten entries per division at the State Level. The State Pepsi YBC Tournament Committee will determine the scholarships awarded. Total scholarship dollars offered based on participation. All scholarships offered are managed by the USBC SMART fund.
18. The top one (1) bowler in both the U12, U15, and U18 divisions for boys and girls at the state/zone competition who wins the stepladder final will earn a berth to the Junior Gold Championships to be held July 2024. Bowlers are not required to have a minimum average or be a Junior Gold Program member to enter the U12, U15, or U18 Divisions 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, but the next eligible bowler will receive the berth to the Junior Gold Championships.**
19. 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. 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 level. Replacements will incur all costs associated with changing the airline ticket, if applicable. If the eligible advancer decides not to attend the Junior Gold Championships, the state scholarship won may be withdrawn. This decision will be made by the state/zone tournament committee.
21. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Maryland State USBC Association State Pepsi Tournament Director –Evelyn Testerman at 410-459-2023 or by email at mdusbc@yahoo.com. The tournament director reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.

PLEASE NOTE: State Pepsi Director is responsible for all USBC awards earned at the State Tournament. Tournament Certification number is #5178.

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PEPSI YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

"PLAY UP" WAIVER FORM

The Pepsi Youth Championships allows parents/players to request a WAIVER to allow their player to "play up" into an older group. Requests and any approval granted are for the current season's tournament only. Requests are by written application only by the parent or legal guardian. While the Pepsi Youth Championships does not recommend that players play up, the tournament leadership does recognize that there may be a number of factors, including but not limited to, size, maturity, experience, and skill levels that may influence a player's decision to play up.

PLEASE PRINT

PLAYER LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ USBC ID# _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Current Age Division: (Circle one) U8 U10 U 12 U15

Requested Age Division: (Circle one) U10 U12 U15 U18

I, the parent/guardian of the above-minor child, hereby request my child to compete in the division requested above. I understand that this is not the age division he/she was originally assigned by the Pepsi Youth Championships tournament rules. I am aware that my child will be competing against older and potentially more physically developed players with potentially higher level skills, and I, therefore, recognize the added risks to my child's health and safety, as well as to my child's emotional well-being. In signing below, I accept these risks and accept all and every liability and responsibility stemming from such risks as my own, and I absolve the Pepsi Youth Championships, its affiliated clubs, board members, volunteers, and associated personnel against any claims. I also acknowledge that I am making this decision on my own initiative and have not been requested to do so by any outside influence.

It is the policy of the Pepsi Youth Championships that all players compete at a level they are capable of, both physically and developmentally.

This form must be submitted to the Youth Pepsi State Coordinator before participation in the local qualifier. No changes to a division may be made once a bowler has started a qualifier.

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME (PLEASE PRINT) _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

MARYLAND STATE PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

LEAGUE LEVEL WORK SHEET

☐ 1ST WINDOW ☐ 2ND WINDOW

PER DIVISION - PER LEAGUE – REPRODUCE AS NECESSARY

Division: U12 BOYS

Submitted by: JOE BOWLER

Bowling Center: MY LANES Address: 101 Any Dr, Anywhere PA 17999

League Name: MY LANES JUNIORS

Telephone: 999-999-9999

| PARTICIPANTS NAME ENTER ALL MEMBERS OF THE LEAGUE THAT ARE IN THIS DIV. | DATE OF BIRTH MM/DD/YY | INITIALS ACCEPT DIVISION | WEEK | SCRATCH SERIES | QUALIFIED | |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------------------|------|-------------------|-----------|--------|
| | | | | | RANK | ACCEPT |
| BLACK, ALAN | 9/26/02 | B | 1ST | 575 | 2 | NO |
| | | | 2ND | ABSENT | | |
| MILLER, KEVIN | 10/12/02 | KM | 1ST | 400 | 6 | |
| | | | 2ND | 415 | | |
| SMITH, TOM | 8/25/04 | TS | 1ST | 450 | 5 | |
| | | | 2ND | ABSENT | | |
| JONES, DARYL | 10/7/03 | DJ | 1ST | 500 | 3 | YES |
| | | | 2ND | 520 | | |
| ROGERS, MARK | 8/26/01 | MR | 1ST | 300 | 8 | |
| | | | 2ND | 350 | | |
| MARTIN, PETE | 5/08/02 | PM | 1ST | 493 | 4 | |
| | | | 2ND | 480 | | |
| GRANT, FRANK | 2/25/03 | FG | 1ST | 400 | 7 | |
| | | | 2ND | 397 | | |
| WILLIMAS, BOB | 12/10/03 | BW | 1ST | 625 | 1 | YES |
| | | | 2ND | 580 | | |
| JOHNSON, CHRIS | 7/17/02 | CJ | 1ST | 320 | 9 | |
| | | | 2ND | 300 | | |
| | | | 1ST | | | |
| | | | 2ND | | | |

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SUMMARY – (per division per league)

| Division | # of entrants | Adv-Ratio | # of Advancers | Advance Fee | Total Submitted |
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2024-25 Pepsi Regional Participation Information
(Please return back to the State as soon as you have finished your qualifying)

Local Association: _____

Association Manager: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

UNDER 8

BOYS: _____

GIRLS: _____

UNDER 12

BOYS: _____

GIRLS: _____

UNDER 10

BOYS: _____

GIRLS: _____

UNDER 15

BOYS: _____

GIRLS: _____

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| <p>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY</p> <p>Total Participation Awards: _____</p> <p>Total 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Places Ribbons: _____</p> <p>Other Ribbons: _____</p> |
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UNDER 18

BOYS: _____

GIRLS: _____

Should you have any questions, please contact Evelyn Testerman at mdusbc@yahoo.com
or at 410-459-2023.

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| ADVANCEMENT TO THE REGIONALS AND STATE LEVEL CHART | | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Number of bowlers | How many to send | Number of bowlers | How many to send | Number of bowlers | How many to send | Number of bowlers | How many to send | Number of bowlers | How many to send |
| 1 | 1 | 21 | 6 | 41 | 11 | 61 | 16 | 81 | 21 |
| 2 | 2 | 22 | 6 | 42 | 11 | 62 | 16 | 82 | 21 |
| 3 | 2 | 23 | 6 | 43 | 11 | 63 | 16 | 83 | 21 |
| 4 | 2 | 24 | 6 | 44 | 11 | 64 | 16 | 84 | 21 |
| 5 | 2 | 25 | 7 | 45 | 12 | 65 | 17 | 85 | 22 |
| 6 | 2 | 26 | 7 | 46 | 12 | 66 | 17 | 86 | 22 |
| 7 | 2 | 27 | 7 | 47 | 12 | 67 | 17 | 87 | 22 |
| 8 | 2 | 28 | 7 | 48 | 12 | 68 | 17 | 88 | 22 |
| 9 | 3 | 29 | 8 | 49 | 13 | 69 | 18 | 89 | 23 |
| 10 | 3 | 30 | 8 | 50 | 13 | 70 | 18 | 90 | 23 |
| 11 | 3 | 31 | 8 | 51 | 13 | 71 | 18 | 91 | 23 |
| 12 | 3 | 32 | 8 | 52 | 13 | 72 | 18 | 92 | 23 |
| 13 | 4 | 33 | 9 | 53 | 14 | 73 | 19 | 93 | 24 |
| 14 | 4 | 34 | 9 | 54 | 14 | 74 | 19 | 94 | 24 |
| 15 | 4 | 35 | 9 | 55 | 14 | 75 | 19 | 95 | 24 |
| 16 | 4 | 36 | 9 | 56 | 14 | 76 | 19 | 96 | 24 |
| 17 | 5 | 37 | 10 | 57 | 15 | 77 | 20 | 97 | 25 |
| 18 | 5 | 38 | 10 | 58 | 15 | 78 | 20 | 98 | 25 |
| 19 | 5 | 39 | 10 | 59 | 15 | 79 | 20 | 99 | 25 |
| 20 | 5 | 40 | 10 | 60 | 15 | 80 | 20 | 100 | 25 |

MARYLAND STATE PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

LEAGUE LEVEL WORK SHEET

☐ 1ST WINDOW ☐ 2ND WINDOW

PER DIVISION - PER LEAGUE – REPRODUCE AS NECESSARY

Division: _____

Submitted by: _____

Bowling Center: _____

Address: _____

League Name: _____

Telephone: _____

| PARTICIPANTS NAME ENTER ALL MEMBERS OF THE LEAGUE THAT ARE IN THIS DIV. | DATE OF BIRTH MM/DD/YY | INITIALS ACCEPT DIVISION | WEEK | SCRATCH SERIES | QUALIFIED | |
|---|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------|-------------------|-----------|--------|
| | | | | | RANK | ACCEPT |
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All USBC Youth members are eligible (i.e. mentally challenged bowlers over age 20 as of 8/1 are eligible for all levels).

SUMMARY – (per division per league)

| Division | # of entrants | Adv-Ratio | # of Advancers | Advance Fee | Total Submitted |
|----------|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|
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MARYLAND STATE PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS LEAGUE LEVEL REPORT FORM

☐ 1st WINDOW ☐ 2ND WINDOW

CENTER: _____

DIST: _____ ASSN: _____

COACHES NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

| LEAGUE NAME | | U8G | | U8B | | U10G | | U10B | | U12G | | U12B | | TOTALS |
|-----------------|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|--------|
| | | # | ADV | # | ADV | # | ADV | # | ADV | # | ADV | # | ADV | |
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| 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL ADVANCING | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| LEAGUE NAME | | U15G | | U15B | | | | | | U20G | | U20B | | TOTALS |
|-----------------|--|------|-----|------|-----|---|-----|---|-----|------|-----|------|-----|--------|
| | | # | ADV | # | ADV | # | ADV | # | ADV | # | ADV | # | ADV | |
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| TOTAL ADVANCING | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Add the totals from the two blocks above. | Center Total of Entries: | |
| | State Entry Fee/Entry: | |
| | Total Due: | |

| FORWARD COMPLETED COPIES AS FOLLOWS: | | | | | | |
|--|----------------|--|------------------|--------------------------------|---------|--|
| TWO COPIES TO YOUR DISTRICT TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR | | | | KEEP ONE COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS | | |
| INSTRUCTIONS: | | | | | | |
| 1. FOR EACH LEAGUE THAT YOU ARE REPORTING ENTER THE LEAGUE NAME IN THE LEAGUE NAME COLUMN. 2. IN THE # COLUMNS, ENTER THE NUMBER OF BOWLERS IN THAT DIVISION WITHIN THAT LEAGUE. 3. IN THE ADVANCE COLUMN ENTER THE NUMBER OF BOWLERS ADVANCING TO THE DISTRICT LEVEL (SEE LEAGUE LEVEL RULES FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION ON ADVANCEMENT RATIO) 4. TOTAL ADVANCE COLUMNS AND ENTER THE TOTAL NUMBER ADVANCING WITHIN THAT DIVISION, THEN ADD THE TOTAL ADVANCING FROM EACH DIVISION AND ENTER CENTER TOTAL IN FAR RIGHT COLUMN. MULTIPLY THAT BY THE ENTRY FEE AND ENTER THAT VALUE IN THE BOTTOM ROW (ENTRY FEES CAN BE FOUND IN THE TOURNAMENT RULES) | | | | | | |
| DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES | DATE RECEIVED: | | AMOUNT RECEIVED: | | CHECK # | |

CENTER: _____ **SHEET** _____ **OF** _____
ATTACH THIS SHEET TO THE LEAGUE LEVEL REPORT FORM - BOWLERS INFORMATION - PLEASE PRINT - REMEMBER THERE ARE THREE COPIES

DIVISION: _____ NAME: _____ BOWLER'S ID#: _____
ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
BIRTH DATE: _____ PHONE: _____

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DIVISION CODES – PLEASE SEE STATE PEPSI YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS HANDBOOK – TOURNAMENT OVERVIEW FOR CODES TO USE

SEND TO DISTRICT TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

TWO COPIES OF THIS FORM & LEAGUE LEVEL REPORT FORM
AVERAGE SHEET FOR JANUARY 1 & LEAGUE LEVEL WORKSHEETS

COACHES PLEASE KEEP

A COPY OF THIS FORM & LEAGUE LEVEL REPORT FORM
LEAGUE LEVEL WORKSHEETS