

Minnesota

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League Level Qualifying	October 30- November 12, 2023	January 8-21, 2024
Sectional Level Qualifying	March 23-April 14, 2024	Junction Bowl (Isanti, MN) Southway Bowl (St. Cloud, MN) Thunder Alley XL (Grand Rapids, MN) Incline Station (Duluth, MN) Bemidji Bowl (Bemidji, MN) Prairie Grill (Belle Plaine, MN) 2 Brother's (Stewartville, MN) Granite Bowl (Granite Falls, MN) Wadena Lanes (Wadena, MN) Ham Lake Lanes (Ham Lake, MN) Super Bowl (Ramsey, MN) Drkula's 32 Bowl (Inver Grove Heights, MN) Country Club (Tonka Bay, MN)
State Finals	May 3-5, 2024	Flaherty's Arden Bowl (Arden Hills, MN)
State Finals Certification Number		Cert. #06028
Rules	See Below	

2024 MINNESOTA USBC PEPSI YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Qualifying for 2024 Junior Gold Championships (for bowlers in the U12, U15, and U18 divisions)
Sponsored by Pepsi, USBC, Community Charities of Minnesota, and the BPA of Minnesota

More than \$10,000 in
Scholarships & Awards!



Every Minnesota USBC bowler is eligible to be entered into this tournament at the house-level. For this there is no cost. Those bowlers that qualify for the district level must pay \$25.00 to advance. 1 out of every 5 bowlers will advance from the district to state finals. State advancers pay no additional money.

TWO WINDOWS FOR LEAGUE QUALIFYING: October 30 to November 12, 2023 & January 8 – 21, 2024

Bowlers that have qualified for the district level of this tournament, please fill-in the following information. Do not forget to return this form to your youth coach!

Name: _____ Home Bowling Center: _____

Is this bowler (also) advancing to the district level of the Take Minnesota By Storm Youth Bowling Championships? _____

Birth date (Please **TRIPLE-check** for accuracy): _____ / _____ / _____ - Use birth date to circle correct division below***.

Address: _____ City, ST Zip: _____

Guardian Name: _____ Day Phone: _____ Night / Cell Phone: _____

*** Place a circle around the division this bowler is in:

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| Girls U18 (\$25.00)
Female bowlers whose
DOB is 8/1/05 thru 7/31/08 | Girls U15 (\$25.00)
Female bowlers whose
DOB is 8/1/08 thru 7/31/11 | Girls U12 (\$25.00)
Female bowlers whose
DOB is 8/1/11 thru 7/31/13 | Girls U10 (\$25.00)
Female bowlers whose
DOB is 8/1/13 thru 7/31/15 | Girls U8 (\$25.00)
Female bowlers whose
DOB is 8/1/15 or later |
| Boys U18 (\$25.00)
Male bowlers whose
DOB is 8/1/05 thru 7/31/08 | Boys U15 (\$25.00)
Male bowlers whose
DOB is 8/1/08 thru 7/31/11 | Boys U12 (\$25.00)
Male bowlers whose
DOB is 8/1/11 thru 7/31/13 | Boys U10 (\$25.00)
Male bowlers whose
DOB is 8/1/13 thru 7/31/15 | Boys U8 (\$25.00)
Male bowlers whose
DOB is 8/1/15 or later |

ATTENTION BOWLERS & PARENTS! Select at least 2 possible shifts to bowl at the district level (March 23 – April 14). Ask your youth director what location you must bowl at. Circle your most preferred choice. Place just a star next to your second & third choices. The tournament director reserves the right to assign a shift time for any bowler who fails to indicate a first and second choice. **NO LETTERS OR EMAILS WILL SENT OUT! YOU MUST GO TO GoBowlingMinnesota.Com TO SEE WHAT SHIFT YOUR BOWLER IS ASSIGNED TO.**

District	Center and City	Saturday March 23	Sunday March 24	Saturday March 30	Easter Sunday March 31	Saturday April 6	Sunday April 7	Saturday April 13	Sunday April 14
EAST CENTRAL	Junction Bowl Isanti	Noon 3:00pm	Noon 3:00pm					Noon 3:00pm	Noon 3:00pm
MID CENTRAL	Southway Bowl (8) St. Cloud					11:30am 2:30pm	11:30am 2:30pm	11:30am 2:30pm	11:30am 2:30pm
NORTH CENTRAL	Thunder Alley XL Grand Rapids						Noon	Noon	
NORTH EAST	Incline Station Duluth	2:00pm	10:00am Noon					2:00pm 4:00pm	
NORTH WEST	Bemidji Bowl Bemidji	10:00am Noon	10:00am Noon			10:00am Noon	10:00am Noon		
SOUTH CENTRAL	Prairie Grill Belle Plaine	9:00am 11:00am 1:00pm	9:00am 11:00am 1:00pm	9:00am 11:00am 1:00pm		9:00am 11:00am 1:00pm			
SOUTH EAST	2 Brother's Stewartville					Noon 2:30pm	Noon 2:30pm	Noon 2:30pm	Noon 2:30pm
SOUTH WEST	Granite Bowl Granite Falls					12:30pm	10:30am 12:30pm	12:30pm	10:30am 12:30pm
WEST CENTRAL	Wadena Lanes Wadena	1:30pm 3:00pm	1:00pm			1:30pm 3:00pm	1:00pm		
Metro Northeast	Ham Lake Lanes (16) Ham Lake					12:30pm 3:00pm	12:30pm	12:30pm 3:00pm	12:30pm 3:00pm
Metro Northwest	Super Bowl Ramsey	Noon 3:00pm	Noon 3:00pm					Noon 3:00pm	Noon 3:00pm
Metro Southeast	Drkula's 32 Bowl Inver Grove Heights			Noon 2:30pm			11:00am 1:30pm	Noon 2:30pm	11:00am 1:30pm
Metro Southwest	Country Club Lanes Tonka Bay					2:00pm (6)	4:00pm (12)	2:00pm (6)	3:00pm (6)

Please Complete	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Total	Total (State Only)
League Level (Circle one: Fall or Winter)					
District Level					
State Level (Games 1,2,3) All Divisions					
State Level (Games 4,5,6) U15 & U20					

State Finals Flaherty's Arden Bowl May 3 - 5, 2024

TENTATIVE Shift Times: Friday, May 3rd at 6:00pm / Saturday, May 4th at 9:00am or 1:15pm or 5:30pm / Sunday, May 5th at 10:30am or 2:45pm

State advancers will be pre-assigned to one of these six shifts. Most bowlers will be allowed to move to a different shift (assuming room is available).

Parental Consent: I certify that I have read the information on this entry form, as well as the official rules and regulations on the back page, and hereby grant my permission for my son/daughter/ward to compete on all levels of this event. I further release the Bowling Proprietors Association of Minnesota (BPAM) and the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) from any and all liability or accidents involving entrant as a result of his/her participation in this event. **Learn your district shift time at GoBowlingMinnesota.com.**

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Bowler Signature (if 18 or older)

Date

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1. **Tournament** – This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) and governed by USBC rules.
- 2a. **There are 10 divisions:**
 - * U18 Boys and U18 Girls: Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/05 thru 7/31/08
 - * U15 Boys and U15 Girls: Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/08 thru 7/31/11
 - * U12 Boys and U12 Girls: Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/11 thru 7/31/13
 - * U10 Boys and U10 Girls: Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/13 or thru 7/31/15
 - * U8 Boys and U8 Girls: Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/15 or later
- 2b. Bowlers born 8/1/13 or later are allowed to bowl as a U12 bowler, but must declare this to the state tournament director prior to entering into in-house qualifying.
3. **League Qualifying** – League level qualifying will consist of two, two-week windows. League series total. The first two-week window will run **October 30 – November 12, 2023**. The second qualifying window will run **January 8 – 21, 2024**. The tournament director has the authority to approve a change of in-house qualifying for any bowling center that makes a request in a writing.
4. **Advancement Ratio** – The advancement ratio at the league level is 1 for 4 entries per division, or minor fraction thereof, including last place ties from the league level to the district level and 1 in 4 from the district level to the state finals. The base number for each division is the number of league members that would have participated in that division. In all cases at least one (1) person per division shall advance. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all eligible divisions from league to district level to state level.
5. **One Time Entry** – Each bowler can advance only once to the next level of competition. If an individual qualified and cannot participate in the next level of competition replacements will be eligible based on order of finish from the same division in the previous qualifying event.
6. **Closing Date** – The entry closing date for the district level is **February 1, 2024**. This is the date your in-house information must be postmarked. Entry closing date for the state level is **April 14, 2024**. This is the date district level information is due back in the state office.
- 7a. **Entry Fee for U8 and U10 Divisions:** (A) League qualifying – NO CHARGE; (B) District Level - \$25.00 [\$17.75 for lineage (includes state), \$2.50 for administration, \$2.00 for plaques; and \$2.75 for scholarships]; (C) State Finals – NO CHARGE.
- 7b. **Entry Fee for U12 Division:** (A) League qualifying – NO CHARGE; (B) District Level - \$25.00 [\$17.75 for lineage (includes state); \$2.25 for administration; \$2.00 for plaques; \$2.00 for Junior Gold stipends; \$1.00 for scholarships]; (C) State Finals – NO CHARGE.
- 7c. **Entry Fee for U15 and U18 Divisions:** (A) League qualifying – NO CHARGE; (B) District Level - \$25.00 [\$19.25 (state tournament Lineage)]; \$0.50 for administration, \$2.00 for plaques; \$2.00 for Junior Gold stipends; \$1.25 for scholarships]; (C) State Finals NO CHARGE.
- 7d. All entry fee refunds are subject to a \$1.00 processing fee.
8. **Scholarships:** Josh Hodney (763-755-2552) will distribute all scholarship funds. SMART (Account #8528) in Arlington, TX will retain all scholarship funds until they are needed for education beyond high school. (Call 1-800-514-2695 ext. 8292)
9. **District Level Competition** – District Level competition will be run weekends from **March 23 - April 14, 2024**. All district participants will bowl three games. Participants will remain on the same pair of lanes for all three games.
10. **Attire & Language** – suitable attire required. No hats, torn jeans, tattered t-shirts. No abusive language allowed at district or state levels.
11. **Substitutes** – No substitutes shall be permitted, however, replacements may be used for bowlers not present 15 minutes prior to the start of bowling as stated in rule #5. Replacements based on order of finish in same division from prior level.
12. **Practice** - Competitors shall be allowed at least 5 minutes practice on their starting pair of lanes. A bowler arriving late shall begin play and the score count with the frame then being bowled. A bowler that is not present to bowl when it is his/her turn shall receive a zero for that frame. No practice on the day of the district or state competition at that site.
13. **Handicap** – There is no handicap for this tournament. All competition is scratch.
14. **Settee Area** – Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
15. **Claims for errors** – Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the tournament director (TD) no later than the start of the next block or 30 minutes after completion. The tournament director shall decide upon questionable errors. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the TD within 72 hours or before awards are given out. Each protest under this rule must be specific in itself.
16. **Advancers out of the league level** must remain in the division they qualified in during all subsequent levels. If a bowler advances out of league level in more than one state, the bowler must declare one state to continue competing before the next competition level period. Participation in any level of competition past the league level in more than one state will result in automatic disqualification.
17. No inducements to the bowlers are allowed. See USBC rule 400.
18. A plaque will be awarded to the top finisher in each division of all thirteen district competitions.
19. **State Finals** – The state finals will be **May 3 - 5, 2024 at Flaherty's Arden Bowl in Arden Hills**. Bowlers in the U8, U10, and U12 divisions will bowl three (3) games. Bowlers in the U15 and U20 divisions will bowl six (6) games. All games bowled by bowlers in U8, U10, and U12 divisions will be on the same pair of lanes. Bowlers in the U15 and U20 divisions will switch pairs (1 time) after three games. Two lane courtesy is not permitted at the state finals. The tournament director reserves the right to give a 0 for a frame to any bowler who is giving/receiving 2 lane courtesy.
20. **Ties at State Finals** – If a tie exists for advancing spot to the 2024 Junior Gold Championships, the player who bowled the highest score for his/her 6th game at the state finals will earn the spot. Should a tie exist for the 6th game, the scores from the bowlers' 5th game will be considered by an additional 9th & 10th frame roll off. If required, tournament directors will determine details of a roll-off.
21. **State Awards** – The total amount of scholarship prize money that will be awarded at the state finals will be determined by how many bowlers compete in each division at the district level (number of district bowlers x \$3.00 or \$6.00 or \$8.00). A minimum of 1:10 state finalists will win scholarship money.
22. **State Finals Dates and Times** – All bowlers must bowl within their division. Each division will have two or three days to choose from. If you cannot make either of the designated times at the state level, please notify the BPAM state office immediately so that we can notify the next highest bowler to substitute. Sorry, no refunds for those unable to bowl at State.
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, 2024 in and near Detroit, MI. 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 July 1. USBC will waive the \$200 (U18); \$150 (U15); or \$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 2025 to represent the United States in national and international competition. If any U12, U15, or U18 state champions are unwilling or unable 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 BPAM will reimburse Junior Gold advancers up to \$300 for travel, room, and board. 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. This decision will be made by the state/zone tournament committee.
24. **Carbons** – Top carbon (white) is for the state office. 4th carbon – athlete at house level. 3rd carbon – athlete following districts.
25. Failure to abide by any of the tournament rules and regulations, including deadline, will result in disqualification from this event.
26. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the State Pepsi USBC Youth Bowling Championship Committee. The National Pepsi USBC Youth Bowling Championships Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.

