Missouri

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League Level Qualifying	November 2-11, 2024	January 11-20, 2025		
Sectional Level Qualifying	NA	NA		
State Finals	April 5-6, 2025 April 12-13, 2025 April 26-27, 2025 May 3-4, 2025	Tiger Bowl (Excelsior Springs, MO)		
State Finals Certification Number		Cert. #04652		
Rules	See Below			



2025 MISSOURI STATE USBC PEPSI YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS RULES

- 1. This tournament is certified by USBC. Tournament Certification Number: 04652. Entry is open to all USBC Youth Bowlers.
- 2. This is a one-time entry. If an individual qualifies and cannot participate at the next level, replacements will be eligible based on the order of finish in the same division of the same window of the qualifying event.
- 3. Advancement ratio from league level to state is at least one (1) for every three (3), or major fraction thereof league members in that division. In all cases, at least one (1) person per division will advance. The base number of league members are those who were eligible to compete in each division, not just members present on the day of competition.
- 4. League level qualifying to determine bowlers who will advance to the state level competition will be held during sanctioned league play within two separate one-week qualifying windows. The dates for these windows are

November 2-11, 2024 and January 11-20, 2025

These qualifying dates may not be changed without permission from the state director. **Important Rule: All Pepsi Events** will be conducted on a **Scratch** basis only.

Advancers out of the league level must remain in the division they qualified in during all subsequent levels. If a bowler advances out of the league level in more than one state, the bowler must declare one state in which to continue his or her competing before the next competition level. Participation in any level of competition past the league level in more than one state will result in automatic disqualification.

5. **Entry closing date is April 1, 2025.** We will be using the USBC Online Registration System for the 2025 MOUSBC Pepsi Youth Championships. Parents of qualifying bowlers or Youth Coordinators may register bowlers using the link at http://mousbc.org/tournament-pepsi/. This will give immediate feedback on squad availability and scheduling for each participant. **Even though registration is through the online portal, Youth Coordinators will still provide a list of bowlers who qualify to the Tournament Director using the form included in the packet, or something similar.**

State Competition will take place at:

Dates and Squads

Tiger Bowl	April 05, 06, 12, 13, 26, 27, and May 03, 04
1729 W Jesse James Rd	Saturdays: 9:00 AM, 1:00 PM, and 5:00 PM
Excelsior Springs, MO	Sundays: 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM
(816) 637-2901	(Other squads may be added as needed.)

6. Competition will be conducted in ten (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.

*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 JUNIOR GOLD MEMBERSHIP TO ENTER U12, U15, & U18 DIVISIONS!**

7. The U8 and U10 for both boys and girls will bowl three (3) games, with total pin fall determining the winners. The U12, U15, and U18 for both boys and girls will bowl six (6) games, with total pin fall determining the winners. All six (6) games will be bowled on one pair of lanes.

BOYS	Bowlers whose Birthdate is:	GIRLS
U8	8/1/2016 or later	U8
U10	8/1/2014 thru 7/31/2016	U10
U12	8/1/2012 thru 7/31/2014	U12
U15	8/1/2009 thru 7/31/2012	U15
U18	8/1/2006 thru 7/31/2009	U18

8. Awards and scholarship fees will be returned to the bowlers 100%. All scholarships will be maintained by the SMART Program, Account #08530 (USBC, Extension 8968).

Entry Fees are as follows:

PAYMENTS WILL BE MADE THRU ONLINE PORTAL

Link at http://mousbc.org/tournament-pepsi/

U8 and U10		U12, U15, and U18	
Lineage	\$ 12.00	Lineage	\$24.00
Expenses	6.50	Expenses	8.00
Awards	1.75	Awards	1.75
Scholarships	9.75	Scholarships	16.25
TOTAL	\$ 30.00	TOTAL	\$ 50.00

- 9. <u>DRESS CODE</u>: Requirement for entry into this tournament is the wearing of nice jeans, slacks, or fingertip length skirts, shorts, or skorts. No sleeveless blouses or shirts, tank tops, or halter tops will be allowed. Any clothing depicting violence, foul language or gestures, tobacco or alcohol products will not be allowed. Head gear is not allowed. Smoking will not be allowed on the concourse or in the settee area during competition.
- 10. Replacements may only be chosen from the same qualifying window and division as the individual who has dropped. The order of replacement must be in the order of finish. If there is a tie for the replacement, all bowlers with that score can advance.
- 11. A bowler arriving late shall begin play with their score counting in the frame then being bowled. Frames missed will be counted as a 0. A bowler not present and ready to bowl when it is his/her turn will be credited with 0 for that frame.
- 12. Only bowlers and tournament officials will be allowed in the settee area.
- 13. Scholarships will be given to at least first place in every division. Symbolic awards will be given to at least first place in every division.
- 14. The Champions of the U12, U15, and U18 divisions for both boys and girls will advance to the 2024 Junior Gold Championships from July 14-22, 2025 in Green Bay, WI. Winners 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, 2025. 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 US 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, and U18 Division Champion is 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. 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. No stipend or travel reimbursement will be provided to these athletes.
- 15. U8 and U10 boys and girls divisions do not advance beyond state competition.
- 16. Failure to abide by any rules and regulations will lead to disqualification from this event.
- 17. The Missouri USBC Tournament Committee will decide all matters not covered by these rules and regulations, and USBC rules and regulations. The National Youth Championships Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.
- 18. ALL BOWLERS MUST SEE AND UNDERSTAND THESE RULES.
- 19. Confirmation Letters will be automatically sent when registration is completed online.

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