

# Nebraska

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<b>League Level Qualifying</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>
<b>Sectional Level Qualifying</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>
<b>State Finals</b>	<b>March 9-10, 2024 March 16-17, 2024</b>	<b>Wild Bill's Fun Center (North Platte, NE)</b>
<b>State Finals Certification Number</b>		<b>Cert. #05697</b>
<b>Rules</b>	<b>See Below</b>	

# Pepsi Youth Championships ~ Nebraska State Tournament Rules

1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress **#05697** and shall be governed by USBC rules. Participants must be a member of the USBC youth division.
2. This is an open entry tournament. Entry is open to all USBC Youth Members competing in a 2023-2024 Certified USBC League within the State of Nebraska.
3. State Competition will take place at **Wild Bill's Fun Center**, 1100 S Jeffers Street, Norfolk, NE 69101. Squads will be held on **March 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. Additional dates may be added to the event related to weather.
4. U12, U15, & U18 Squad Times:
 

Saturdays	9:00 AM	2:30 PM
Sundays	9:00 AM	
U8 & U10 Squad Times:	Saturday, March 9 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 AM
	Saturday, March 16 <sup>th</sup>	2:30 PM
5. Entries close **February 16, 2024**. Entries postmarked after **February 16, 2024** will be accepted as space allows. Please call for space availability before sending in a late entry. A **\$5.00 Late Entry Fee** will be applied. No phone, text or Facebook reservations will be accepted.
6. Divisions are based on the participants age. Competition shall be conducted in the following divisions:

U8 Boys Scratch and U8 Girls Scratch	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2015 or Later
U10 Boys Scratch and U10 Girls Scratch	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2013 thru 7/31/2015
U12 Boys Scratch and U12 Girls Scratch	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2011 thru 7/31/2013
U15 Boys Scratch and U15 Girls Scratch	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2008 thru 7/31/2011
U18 Boys Scratch and U18 Girls Scratch	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2005 thru 7/31/2008

7. The tournament format shall be: Divisions U8 and U10 will bowl three games at the state level, total pinfall will determine final standings. Divisions U12, U15 and U18 will bowl six games, moving to another pair of lanes after each two games, total pinfall will determine final standings. Lane movement is subject to change based on current COVID-19 restrictions and local health mandates. Tournament director will announce final lane movement sequence prior to tournament start.

**8. Entry Fees:**

<u><b>U8 and U10</b></u>		<u><b>U12, U15, and U18</b></u>	
Lineage	\$10.00	Lineage	\$25.00
Expenses	\$ 7.00	Expenses	\$ 7.00
Awards & Scholarships	\$13.00	Awards & Scholarships	\$18.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE:** A \$25.00 fee will be charged for any insufficient funds checks.

9. Awards and scholarships fees will be returned 100% to the bowlers. Scholarship money will be held in SMART account **#8532**. Scholarships will be awarded to the top three places in every division.
  - a. U8/U10      First Place: \$75              Second Place: \$50              Third Place: \$25
  - b. U12        First Place: \$200              Second Place: \$125              Third Place: \$100
  - c. U15/U18    First Place: \$250              Second Place: \$175              Third Place: \$125

**\*\*Please note these are the guaranteed prize amounts. Additional funds may be added based on number of entry in division and fundraising totals.**

10. In the event of a tie, either for scholarship or Junior Gold advancement, the highest game in the tournament will be used to break the tie. If the highest game is a tie, the next subsequent highest game will be used until the tie is broken.

11. All bowlers must wear suitable attire. Bowlers must wear collared shirts or bowling jerseys and slacks, dress shorts or skorts. Shorts and skorts must be mid-thigh length. No gym shorts or tops, no yoga or compression pants, no jeans or leggings, no t-shirts, or attire with alcohol, tobacco or inappropriate wording or figures will be allowed. The tournament director has the discretion to ask the bowler to change. No hats or caps allowed.
12. No cigarettes, E-Cigs or vaping will be allowed in the bowling center during tournament play.
13. Alcohol must remain the bar and cannot be consumed in the bowling area or tournament viewing areas.
12. Missed frames shall be credited with a zero. Frames may not be made-up. A bowler not present to bowl when it's their turn to bowl will be credited with a zero for that frame.
13. Competitors shall be allowed fifteen minutes of practice on their starting lanes.
14. All divisions will be bowling scratch on an unnamed challenge or sports pattern. Challenge or sports pattern name and details will be released upon completion of all squads of the tournament.
15. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
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 by the tournament director. All other protests must be confirmed in writing within 72 hours of the infraction. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
17. The first-place winner of the U12, U15, and U18 divisions for both boys and girls will advance to the 2024 Junior Gold Championships, July 12 - 20, 2024 in Detroit, MI. Winners must be USBC Junior Gold members to advance. Bowlers without a current Junior Gold Membership must purchase a Junior Gold Membership prior to May 31, 2024. 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 the USBC Junior Team USA 2025 to represent the United States in national and international competition. If the U12, U15, or U18 Division Winner 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 scholarship, but the berth to the Junior Gold Championships will be awarded to the next eligible athlete. Winners in the U12, U15, and U18 divisions receive no financial support. Winners are not confirmed as international finalists until they receive a confirmation letter or email from USBC. Advancers will be required to be accompanied by a parent, guardian or coach.
18. U8 and U10 boy's and girl's division winners do not advance beyond state competition.
19. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Nebraska State Pepsi USBC Youth Tournament Committee. The National Pepsi Youth Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.
20. Failure to abide by any rules and regulations will lead to disqualification from this event.
21. All bowlers must see and understand these rules.

If you have any questions, please call, text or email:

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