

Puerto Rico

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State Finals Certification Number		
Rules	See Below	



**2023 PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP
P.R.Y.B.A REGIONAL FINALS**

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1. This tournament with certification # is certified by the PEPSI USBC YOUTH Championships.
2. The competition will take place at AMF Bolera Paradise Lanes, San Juan, PR on **February 24, 2024**. **Competition will start at 9:00 am.**
3. Competition is open to all 2023-2024 USBC Youth Division certified members. To compete, bowlers must be regular members of a certified youth league and not be under suspension at the time of the tournament. Members must reside in Puerto Rico. Intercollegiate Bowling Program members are eligible, if they are 2023-2024 USBC Youth Division members and have not violated **USBC Rule 400**. All youth bowlers that play in a Sport Condition youth league are also eligible: but their average will be adjusted according to the USBC Rules Book.
4. Participation in any level of competition past the league level in more than one state/zone will result in automatic disqualification. Advancers from the regional must remain in the same division that they qualified during all subsequent levels. If a bowler advances out of a league level in more than one state/zone, the bowler must declare one state/zone to continue competing before the next competition level.
5. The tournament will be divided into eight (8) categories:
 - A. U8 Scratch Girls (Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2015 or later)
 - B. U8 Scratch Boys (Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2015 or later)
 - C. U10 Scratch Girls (Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2013 thru 7/31/2015)
 - D. U10 Scratch Boys (Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2013 thru 7/31/2015)
 - E. U12 Scratch Jr. Gold Boys (Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2011 thru 7/31/2012)
 - F. U12 Scratch Jr. Gold Girls (Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2011 thru 7/31/2012)
 - G. U15 Scratch Jr. Gold Boys (Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2008 thru 7/31/2011)
 - H. U15 Scratch Jr. Gold Girls (Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2008 thru 7/31/2010)
 - I. U18 Scratch Jr. Gold Boys (Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2005 thru 7/31/2008)
 - J. U18 Scratch Jr. Gold Girls (Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2005 thru 7/31/2008)
6. The oil pattern for the tournament will be an IBF official oil pattern. The pattern will be notified to all participants in the remaining categories at least 2 weeks before the event.
7. The U12, U15 & U18 scratch categories will compete for six (6) or more spots at the [2024 Junior Gold Championships](#) at Detroit, Michigan.

All Junior Gold spots will be dependent on the number of entries for each category.
8. All Junior Gold Bowlers must have a Junior Gold Membership or buy their Junior Gold membership prior to July 1, 2024. The winners of all the available spots will represent PRYBA in the 2024 Junior Gold Championships.
9. Participants in the **Junior Gold categories (E,F,G,H,I,J)** will play **four (4) games**. After the fourth game, depending on the number of entries for each category, will award the number of spot winners for the 2024 Junior Gold Championships Tournament. If any of the Junior Gold spot winners cannot attend the tournament, the next place will win the spot.

10. **Entry Fees are:**

<u>All Categories:</u>	Lineage:	\$15.00
	Awards:	\$15.00
	Scholarships:	\$15.00
	Expenses:	<u>\$ 5.00</u>
	Total entry fee:	\$50.00

12. An award will be presented for the first (1st), second (2nd) and third (3rd) winners in each category. One hundred percent (100%) of the award/scholarship fees will be returned to the participants. Scholarships of the amount of \$150.00 for 1st place, \$100.00 for 2nd place and \$50.00 for 3rd place will be awarded to the winners of all Categories. The return of the award/scholarships are subject to a minimum of eight (8) participants in each division.

13. All the scholarships will be handled by the SMART Program to account #8565, for more information please contact the SMART Scholarship administrator, at (1-800-514-2695 extension 8292).

14. Participants can attempt to qualify in any state/zone where they hold a 2023-2024 USBC Youth Division certification card. However, they can only advance from one (1) league/state/zone to the level after league level.

15. The closing date for entries is Saturday, **February 16, 2024 6:00pm**. All participants must submit their entry form and corresponding fee to the Tournament Director or committee member by closing date complete with name and telephone number. **No refund will be made to bowlers who pay in advance and do not participate in the regional tournament.**

16. Participants arriving late will receive 0 pins for each frame bowled during their absence. They shall receive credit for all pins knocked down in the remaining part of the game.

17. Ties for the qualifying positions will be decided by the highest pin fall from the last game. A tie is defined as the same number of total pins between two (2) bowlers needed to secure one (1) qualifying position.

18. All participants must wear suitable attire. No short pants or skirts will be permitted. **Bowling shirts (polo or sublimated jerseys) and long pants are required. Electronic equipment will not be permitted.**

19. Advancers must agree to bowl in the Junior Gold Championship, failing to do so, agree to waive all rights. Replacements will be selected in the order they finish. All finalists must be active members in a USBC YOUTH certified league. Any advancers who fail to bowl in the Junior Gold Championship after the tournament deadline will be penalized and will not be able to participate in any PRYBA tournaments until the advancer reimburses the total cost of entry fee.

20. Replacements will be incurred to all expenses associated with changing the airline tickets, if applicable. If new airline ticket is required to send an alternate to the national finals, the alternate will be responsible for the cost of the ticket and any increase of the fare price.

23. Claims for errors in the scoring or general playing rules must be made to the Tournament Director no later than the start of the next block or thirty (30) minutes after the completion of competition. 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 in itself.

24. Any matter not covered in the rules and regulations above shall be decided by the Regional Tournament Committee. The National PEPSI USBC Youth Championship Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.

25. **Tournament Director:**

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