

2025 PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

FLORIDA SCRATCH FORMAT



1. This tournament is certified by the USBC, is open to USBC Youth members, and shall be governed by the rules of the USBC. Tournament Competition #04605.
2. **League level qualifying will consist of two (2) one-week qualifying windows.**
The first window will be from November 2-8, 2024, and the second window will be from January 11-17, 2025.
ONE TIME ENTRY. If an individual who qualified cannot participate in the State competition, replacements will be eligible based on the order of finish in the qualifying level.
 If a bowler qualifies in more than one league (including travel leagues), the highest series bowled takes precedence.
Bowlers are responsible to inform house/league coordinators if they participate in other centers or programs. If we receive 2 entries for the same bowler, the 2nd entry will be forfeited if not replaced by an eligible replacement bowler.
3. Advancement ratio from League to State Qualifying is at least one (1) for every four (4) entries per division, per league, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties. The base number for each division is one (1) for 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. Following is a guide to the 1 in 4 ratio per division:

Up to 6 bowlers	Qualify 1	7 to 10 bowlers.....	Qualify 2
11 to 14 bowlers	Qualify 3	15 to 18 bowlers.....	Qualify 4
19 to 22 bowlers	Qualify 5	23 to 26 bowlers.....	Qualify 6 etc.
4. 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/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.

5. State competition will take place at: **CAPITAL LANES**
 820 Capital Cir. NE, Tallahassee, FL 32301 • 850.422.2695

State finals dates are as follows (Squad #'s are in parentheses):

No bowling Easter weekend, April 19-20.

SAT. MAR. 15, 2025 (1)9:00 AM (2)2:00 PM	SUN. MAR. 16, 2025 (3)9:00 AM (4)2:00 PM
SAT. MAR. 22, 2025 (5)9:00 AM (6)2:00 PM	SUN. MAR. 23, 2025 (7)9:00 AM (8)2:00 PM
SAT. MAR. 29, 2025 (9)9:00 AM (10)2:00 PM	SUN. MAR. 30, 2025 (11)9:00 AM (12)2:00 PM
SAT. APRIL 5, 2025 (13)9:00 AM (14)2:00 PM	SUN. APRIL 6, 2025 (15)9:00 AM (16)2:00 PM
SAT. APRIL 12, 2025 (17)9:00 AM (18)2:00 PM	SUN. APRIL 13, 2025 (19)9:00 AM (20)2:00 PM
SAT. APRIL 26, 2025 (21)9:00 AM (22)2:00 PM	SUN. APRIL 27, 2025 (23)9:00 AM (24)2:00 PM

6. Entry closing date for the November window is Dec. 6th, 2024, and the entry closing date for the second window is Feb. 7th, 2025. Complete tournament entry forms containing the qualifier's name, **USBC Bowler ID (mandatory)**, address, **email**, and telephone number, High School graduation year, and House Director's information, must be forwarded to the Tournament Director by these dates. **Once the entry is processed there will be no refund of entry fees.**
INCOMPLETE ENTRY FORMS WILL BE RETURNED.

7. **Divisions are based on participant's age.**

Competition will be conducted in the following divisions:

- Boys Divisions: U8, U10, U12, U15, and U18.
Girls Divisions: U8, U10, U12, U15, and U18.

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

- U8 Boys and Girls: Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/16 or later
U10 Boys and Girls: Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2014 thru 7/31/16
U12 Boys and Girls: Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2012 thru 7/31/14
U15 Boys and Girls: Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2009 thru 7/31/12
U18 Boys and Girls: Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2006 thru 7/31/09

8. The Tournament format shall be:

U15, U18 Divisions will bowl six (6) games. Total pinfall will determine the winners for each division.
U8, U10 and U12 Divisions will bowl four (4) games. Total pinfall will determine winners in each division.

If a tie occurs in any division where scholarship monies are awarded, the amounts for all places involved in the tie will be combined and divided by the number of bowlers who are tied to arrive at an equal amount paid to each bowler involved in the tied position.

9. Entry fee is as follows:

<u>U8, U10 and U12 Divisions</u>	<u>U15, U18 Divisions</u>
Lineage..... \$12.80	Lineage\$19.20
Expenses \$10.00	Expenses.....\$10.00
Scholarships \$10.20	Scholarships\$10.80
TOTAL..... \$33.00	TOTAL\$40.00

Scholarship fees will be returned 100%. Scholarships shall be held in the SMART Program at USBC-IBC Youth, 621 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011. Phone contact for these funds is 1-800-514-2695. The Florida Pepsi SMART Account number is 8516.

10. All bowlers must wear suitable attire **AT CHECK IN**. No halters, tank tops, spaghetti straps or head apparel (with the exception of ear buds) will be allowed. **Shorts, skorts or skirts MUST be longer than the end of your fingertips when placed by your side**. All pants will be worn at waist level with no underwear or bare skin showing. Holes (torn or purchased) in clothing are not allowed. *Youth participants will not wear or use bowling equipment depicting alcohol, tobacco, gambling, an illegal substance or inappropriate language/gestures during competition (rule 301b)*. Tournament Officials will determine proper attire. Tournament Director has the right to ask any bowler to change their clothing or equipment. If the bowler refuses he or she will NOT be permitted to bowl and the entry fee will be forfeited.

In accordance with USBC rules and Florida Statutes, no alcohol products can be consumed or used on the concourse, where the tournament is bowling.

No substance **of any kind** may be placed on score tables or ball returns, only dry towels and pads. USBC approved ball cleaners may only be used before tournament play.

11. No substitutes will be permitted. Replacement bowlers must be from the original league worksheet sent in by the House Director at the time of qualifying in their center. Bowlers may be replaced anytime until the start of tournament play.

12. Bowlers will be provided ten (10) minutes of practice time on their starting pair of lanes only.

13. If no replacement has been made, a bowler 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. A bowler not present and ready to bowl when it is his/her turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.

14. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the bowling circle (settee area).

15. 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 thirty (30) minutes after completion of the competition. Questionable errors shall be decided upon by the Tournament Director. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the Tournament Director within seventy-two (72) hours of when the participant bowled. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.

16. Symbolic awards will be given as follows:

Awards for 1st Place Winners, each Division

T-Shirts for all athletes competing in the State Pepsi Finals.

17. Scholarships will be awarded to all Divisions on a ratio of **1:7**, based on the number of entries per division.

18. The first place winners of the U12, U15, U18 Divisions will advance to the 2025 Junior Gold Championships July 11-19, in Green Bay. They must be USBC Junior Gold Program members to advance or purchase a USBC Junior Gold Membership prior to the Junior Gold Championships. USBC will pay their entry fee into the Junior Gold Championships. These athletes will then compete for scholarship funds available to all athletes at the championships, as well as other prizes and awards. All U.S. citizens are vying for a spot on the USBC Junior Team USA to represent the United States in national and international competitions. If the Division Champion is unwilling to become a USBC Junior Gold Program Member and will not advance to the Junior Gold Championships, the athlete will still retain the state scholarship, but the berth to the Championships will be awarded to the next eligible athlete.

Ties for advancement to the Junior Gold Championships, or in the event that a qualifier needs to be replaced and there is a tie to determine who will advance, 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.

FSUSBC will provide a **MAXIMUM \$500 REIMBURSEMENT STIPEND** to each advancing athlete to assist with the cost of travel, meals and housing. Reimbursement will occur only after receipts are provided to the Tournament Director upon return from the Jr. Gold event. In order to accept any stipend money from the FSUSBC the individual athlete must be willing and able to represent the FSUSBC at all tournament events.

19. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the FSUSBC Pepsi Youth Bowling Championships Tournament Committee. The FSUSBC Pepsi Youth Championships Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.

20. All individual bowlers need to check-in thirty (30) minutes prior to their scheduled squad time, wearing suitable attire (see rule 10).



ALL BOWLERS MUST SEE & UNDERSTAND THESE RULES



MAKE LEAGUE CHECK, CASHIERS CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO:

FSUSBC - PEPSI TOURNAMENT

SEND ONLY ONE CHECK PER LEAGUE OR BOWLING CENTER,

INDIVIDUAL PERSONAL CHECKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

SEND NO MAIL REQUIRING SIGNATURE.

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