



2016 MISSOURI STATE USBC PEPSI YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

RULES

1. This tournament is certified by USBC. Entry is open to all USBC Youth Bowlers.
2. There 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 five (5), 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 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 7-15, 2015 and January 23-30, 2016

These qualifying dates may not be changed without permission from the state director.

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, 2016.** Name, USBC Membership Number, Date of Birth, Address, Telephone Number and Squad Choice of each state qualifier along with all tournament entry fees for all qualifiers must be postmarked to the state director by that date.

State Competition will take place at:

ST. CHARLES LANES
2187 First Capitol Drive
St. Charles, MO 63301
(636) 949-0311

Dates and Squads

April 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 and May 1, 2016
Saturdays: 10:00 AM, 1:30 PM, and 5:00 PM
Sundays: 9:00 AM and 12:30 PM
(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.

BOYS	Bowlers whose Birthdate is:	GIRLS
U8	8/1/2007 or later	U8
U10	8/1/2005 thru 7/31/2007	U10
U12	8/1/2003 thru 7/31/2005	U12
U15	8/1/2000 thru 7/31/2003	U15
U20	8/1/1995 thru 7/31/2000	U20

*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, & U20 DIVISIONS!**

7. The U8 and U10 for both boys and girls will bowl three (3) games, with total pinfall determining the winners. The U12, U15, and U20 for both boys and girls will bowl six (6) games, with total pinfall determining the winners. **All six (6) games will be bowled on one pair of lanes.**
8. Awards and scholarship fees will be returned to the bowlers 100%. All scholarships will be maintained by the SMART Program, Account #8530 (USBC, Extension 8968).

Entry Fees are as follows:

	U8 and U10	U12, U15, and U20
Lineage	\$ 6.75	Lineage \$13.50
Expenses	6.00	Expenses 7.00
Awards	1.75	Awards 1.75
Scholarships	5.50	Scholarships 11.75
TOTAL	\$ 20.00	TOTAL \$ 34.00

9. DRESS CODE: 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 g in the order of finish.
11. Bowlers will be allowed two (2) practice balls on each lane.
12. 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.
13. Only bowlers and tournament officials will be allowed in the settee area.
14. Symbolic awards will be given to at least first place in every division.
15. Scholarships will be given to at least first place in every division.
16. **The first place winners of the U12, U15, and U20 divisions for both boys and girls will advance to the 2016 Junior Gold Championships on July 16-22, 2016 in Indianapolis, IN. 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 June 8, 2015. USBC will waive the \$200 (U20), \$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 2016 to represent the United States in national and international competition. If the U12, U15 and U20 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. No stipend or travel reimbursement will be provided to these athletes.**
17. **U8 and U10 boys and girls divisions do not advance beyond state competition.**
18. Failure to abide by any rules and regulations will lead to disqualification from this event.
19. The Missouri Pepsi 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.
20. **ALL BOWLERS MUST SEE AND UNDERSTAND THESE RULES.**

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