



ATTENTION COACHES

League qualifying MUST be conducted for USBC Youth members - it is a benefit of their membership!

Please read this packet carefully

There is one (2 wk) league qualifying window (Oct. 13-26). The advancement ratio is 1:3, with at least 3 bowlers per division, per league, advancing to the Zone tournament.

The 11 & Under Divisions will bowl their Zone in January. The 12 & Over Divisions will bowl their Zone in February. Your Zone Director will provide you with the dates for your area.

The State Tournament for 11 and under Divisions will be May 2-3, 2009. The State Tournament for the 12 and over Divisions will be May 15-17, 2009. BOTH tournaments will be held at Strike-n-Spare II Lanes in Lockport, IL (NOTE: This is a reversal of timeframe from previous season's State Tournaments for each age group)

Further details are explained in this packet.

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IL PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS!**



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USBC will no longer be conducting a national tournament for our state winners and high finishers. We will continue to send our top two scratch boys and girls to the 2009 Junior Gold Championships in Indianapolis. Because there is no national tournament this year, we have decided to make a considerable improvement in the scholarships awarded at the zone and state tournaments. This year we anticipate awarding over \$45,000 at the zone level tournaments and over \$55,000 in scholarships at the state tournament. This is a total of over

\$100,000

for our youth bowlers in the PEPSI tournaments. We will be offering a guarantee of \$2,000 for each division winner and \$1000 for second place in each division at the state level.

We have one more minor change. The state finals for 11 and under will be held May 2 and 3, 2008 while the 12 and overs will be held May 15-17. Both tournaments will be held at Strike-n-Spare II in Lockport. This is a switching of dates to alleviate some of the conflicts that prevented many 12 and over bowlers from participating at the state level.

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2008-2009 ILLINOIS PEPSI USBC Youth Championships GUIDELINES

This packet contains the following:

Illinois Zone Rules and Format
League Report Forms
List of IL State YABA Zone Directors

IL Star of Tomorrow Application
Map of Illinois and Zone Boundaries

*****NOTE:** You will receive the **IL PEPSI YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS ENTRY FORM** from your Zone Director

Please remember that League Qualifying **MUST** be conducted for **USBC YOUTH** members – **IT IS A BENEFIT OF THEIR MEMBERSHIP!** All USBC youth leagues should be participating in the league level qualifying. It is **NOT** a requirement that the bowling center be a “BPAA/Pepsi center” for league level qualifying. *Those requirements only apply when hosting the Zone Tournament and State Finals.*

LEAGUE QUALIFYING

October 13 through October 26, 2008

Advancement Ratio from league to Zone is 1 for every 3, or major fraction thereof, with a minimum of 3 per division, per league

ZONE TOURNAMENTS:

11 & Under Divisions – January, 2009

12 & Over Divisions – February, 2009

Your Zone Director will let you know the exact dates/location/squad times of the Zone tournaments for your area. (*Entry into the Zone tournament is a one-time entry*)

ENTRY DEADLINE for Zone tournaments:

11 & Under Divisions – December 3, 2008

12 & Over Divisions – January 2, 2009

STATE FINALS:

Ages 12 and Above – May 15 or 16 and May 17, 2009

at Strike-n-Spare II Lanes, Lockport, IL

Ages 11 & Under – May 2 or 3, 2009

at Strike-n-Spare II Lanes, Lockport, IL

Before the Qualifying:

- 1) Make copies of League worksheet for each division in every league
- 2) **YOU MUST** ask ages 12 & Over if they want to bowl scratch or handicap – they must decide **before** they start bowling
- 3) Make copies of the 2008-2009 League Level Rules (in the league sanction packet you received from your local Association) and pass them out to bowlers & parents. *If you did not receive the League Level Rules, they are available at <http://www.bowl.com>. Select the USBC YOUTH tab, then the Pepsi tab and download the League Level Kit.*

League Worksheet:

- 1) If you currently use the CDE or Perfect Secretary software, this form may be completed on your computer.
- 2) List bowler name, date of birth, current average; obtain bowler’s initials.
- 3) Enter the bowler’s scratch series (Remember: *pre and post-bowled scores are not allowed*)
- 4) Enter handicap from the handicap charts included in league packet
- 5) Do not add the first and second week scores together
- 6) Advance 1 for every 3 members in each division, or major fraction, with at least 3 members per division, per league. Your base for this is the REGULAR number of league members at that time.

All forms and other necessary paperwork can be found at the ISYABA website at: www.isyaba.net

ZONE ENTRY FORM:

- 1) **This form will be provided to you by your Zone Director.**
Ask the advancing bowler to complete the bowler information on the entry form, have parent or guardian sign the entry form; collect the entry fee (\$13.00 for both divisions) and the lineage fee (The total entry fee will be listed on the Entry Form)
- 2) Fill in Zone Average (as of November 14, 2008 for both divisions), sign the Coach Verification, fill in league certification number [which can be found on your league certification application] and complete the bowling center information.

League Report Form:

- 1) Complete a League Report form for each league
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SEND to the ZONE DIRECTOR:

- 1) League Worksheet
- 2) League Standing Sheet as of November 14, 2008 (both divisions), with advancing bowlers' names highlighted
- 3) League Report Form
- 4) Zone/State Entry Form for each advancing bowler
- 5) Zone Entry fee of **\$13.00 PLUS lineage** for each advancing bowler (The total entry fee will be listed on the zone entry form)
- 6) Send all of the above to your Zone Director no later than DECEMBER 3, 2008 for 11 & Under Divisions and JANUARY 2, 2009 for the 12 & Over Divisions
- 7) League Report Form for each league (please make copies of the appropriate form as this is provided to you as a two sided form to save in printing and postage costs)

Scholarships are awarded at the Zone Tournaments as well as the State Finals. In 2008, the IL YBC awarded over \$70,000 in scholarships between the zone and state tournaments. We have been advised by the SMART program director that Illinois awards more in scholarships than any other state participating in the Pepsi Youth Bowling Championships! **This year we anticipate giving out over \$100,000 in Scholarships**

At the 2008 Pepsi National Finals in Detroit, **we had two CHAMPIONS – Adam Keith from Bloomingdale and Katie Jones from Downers Grove.** Unfortunately, there will be no national tournament this year and future years. However, we are using that and some of those funds collected to increase **OUR STATE** scholarship fund for 2009 to **OVER \$100,000**

At the 2008 USBC Junior Gold Championships in Buffalo, Jessica Earnest qualified for Junior Team USA.

Thank you for your assistance in running the league qualifying. Without your help, the Illinois PEPSI USBC Youth Championships would not be the success it is today!

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