



2008-09 ILLINOIS PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS ZONE RULES and FORMAT

1. This tournament is certified by the USBC and shall be governed by the rules of the USBC Youth Division.
2. **Participation** in the Zone competition is a one-time entry. Any individual who attempts to bowl twice in the Zone competition will be disqualified.

Advancers out of the league competition must remain in the division they qualified in all subsequent competition. In the event a bowler qualifies in more than one league in the same division, the bowler must advance from the league in which the highest series was bowled. For identical qualifying scores, the bowler will advance from the league where the first score was bowled. An individual advancing from leagues in more than one division must use the division they specified in the league they are advancing from

If a bowler advances out of league competition 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 competition in more than one state/zone will result in automatic disqualification.

If an individual qualified but cannot bowl in the Zone competition, replacements will be eligible based on order of finish in previous level of competition. If league competition is the prior level, the advancer must come from the same division and league as the "out-going" bowler. **Once a replacement has been made, the original bowler cannot be placed back into the tournament.**

****Bowlers must show MEMBERSHIP CARD when checking in for this tournament.**

3. **LEAGUE COMPETITION** for the State of Illinois will take place on the following dates:

OCTOBER 13 through OCTOBER 26, 2008

4. **ADVANCEMENT RATIO**: The advancement ratio from **league** competition to **Zone** competition is at least **one (1) for every three (3)** entries per division, per league, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties. The base number for each division in league level is the number of league members that would have participated in that division. In all cases **at least three persons per division** shall advance. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all eligible divisions.
5. **ZONE COMPETITION**: Zone competition will take place at a bowling center chosen by the Illinois Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Committee, in the State of Illinois. ***The Zone Director for your area will advise you as to the location, squad dates and times for your area. Zone tournaments will typically be run in the following timeframe, however, check with your zone director for your exact dates.***

11 & UNDER DIVISIONS:
12 & OVER DIVISIONS:

Any weekend in JANUARY, 2009
Any weekend in FEBRUARY, 2009

If needed, the STATE DIRECTOR may grant changes in the qualifying dates to individual bowling centers, if dates for zone tournament can be met.

6. **ENTRY CLOSING DATES:** The entry closing dates for the Zone tournament are as follows:

11 & Under Divisions -- DECEMBER 3, 2008

12 & Over Divisions -- JANUARY 2, 2009

League coaches must have the completed signed entries, worksheets and money to their Zone Director by **DECEMBER 3, 2008 for the 11 & Under Divisions and JANUARY 2, 2009 for the 12 & Over Divisions. Bowlers cannot bowl in the Zone Tournament without the entry and fees being remitted to the Zone Director.**

7. **DIVISIONS:** Athletes in the 12 & Over Divisions must choose the division in which they will compete. Athletes are not mandated to be USBC Junior Gold Program Members to enter the Scratch Division. However, athletes must be USBC Junior Gold Program Members or be eligible and buy membership prior to advancement to the USBC Junior Gold Championships. Competition shall be conducted in six (6) divisions (based on age as of 08/01/2008) Any 12 and over bowler with an average of 211 or greater (at the time of center level qualifying) must bowl in the respective scratch division.

DIVISION A	Boys' Ages 11 & Under
DIVISION B	Girls' Ages 11 & Under
DIVISION C	Girls' Handicap - Ages 12 & Over
DIVISION D	Girls' Scratch - Ages 12 & Over
DIVISION E	Boys' Handicap – Ages 12 & Over
DIVISION F	Boys' Scratch – Ages 12 & Over

NOTE: The upper limit of 21 years of age to compete in the Youth Bowling Championships has been eliminated. All members (example: USBC mentally challenged bowlers over the age of 21) are able to compete in all levels of the Youth Bowling Championships.

8. **FORMAT:** Divisions A and B (**Ages 11 and Under**) will bowl three (3) games. Total pinfall for three (3) games plus handicap will determine winners in each division.

Divisions C, D, E, & F (**Ages 12 and Over**) will bowl four (4) games, changing lanes after two (2) games. Total pinfall for four (4) games plus handicap (where applicable) will determine winners in each division.

9. **ENTRY FEE:** Entry fee for 11 and under divisions is \$13.00, plus lineage to be determined by Zone Director. Entry fee for 12 and Over divisions is \$13.00 plus lineage (see breakdown below).

11 and Under Division		12 and Over Division	
Expenses	\$4.75	Expenses	\$4.75
State Scholarships	2.50	State Scholarships	\$2.50
Zone Scholarships	3.75	Zone Scholarships	\$3.75
State Expense Fee	<u>2.00</u>	State Expense Fee	<u>\$2.00</u>
Total:	\$13.00	Total	\$13.00

The zone and state scholarship fees will be returned 100% to the bowlers. Scholarships will be held in the S.M.A.R.T. Program, account #8519.

10. **ZONE AVERAGE:** Bowlers shall use their *highest current average in any league*, with a minimum of nine (9) games, as of the following dates:

11 & UNDER DIVISIONS: as of NOVEMBER 14, 2008

12 & OVER DIVISIONS: as of NOVEMBER 14, 2008

Averages must be verified with a copy of the league standing sheet with the advancing bowler names being highlighted. If a bowler does not have nine games they must present an individual record sheet. If the bowler's only league is a Sport League, the Sport average will be adjusted according to the adjustment

scale in the USBC Rulebook. **Composite averages will not be permitted at the zone level of competition.**

11. **DRESS CODE:** All bowlers must wear suitable attire. Zone Directors will have the final say on Zone Tournament dress code.

What NOT to Wear !!

- Clothing depicting sex, tobacco products, gambling or alcoholic beverages
- Hats/caps/headgear
- Fleece, parachute material, or spandex
- Shorts, capris, skorts, skirts, warm-up suits or clothes with drawstrings at the waist or elastic/velcro at the ankles
- Headphones of any sort while bowling

Dress Code at the State Finals will be strictly enforced. Coaches are asked to review the dress code for Zone and State Finals with bowlers who advance (they will be sent State Rules and they will also be posted on the website).

12. If no replacement has been made, any bowler arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then bowled. Frames missed shall be credited with a zero. A bowler not present to bowl when it is his/her turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
13. Competitors shall be allowed ten (10) minutes of practice on their starting pair. No practice will be allowed when moving lanes. Extreme exceptions shall be determined by the tournament director and any committee members present.
14. **SUBSTITUTIONS:** No substitutes will be permitted once athletes have started tournament play; however, replacements may be used for bowlers not present 30 minutes prior to squad time as stated in Rule #2. Replacements must be from the same league and same center as the “no-show” bowler. They must follow the order of advancement within that league. Bowlers unable to bowl in the Zone must notify the Zone Director at least 48 hours in advance so a replacement can be called. All schedule changes are made at the discretion of the Zone Director. **Once a replacement has been made, the original bowler cannot be placed back into the tournament.**
15. Handicap shall be 100% of the difference between the bowler’s average and 210.
16. Symbolic awards will be given as follows: First, Second and Third place medallions in each division. Lapel pins will be given to all Zone participants.
17. Zone Scholarships will be given as follows: One (1) out of ten (10) bowlers in each division will be awarded scholarships based on the number of entrants in each division in each zone. Scholarships will be held in the S.M.A.R.T. Program, account 8519.
18. No tobacco products or consumption of alcoholic beverages shall be allowed by guests or athletes on the concourse or in the settee area.
19. Advertisements on apparel or bowling equipment depicting alcohol, tobacco, gambling or inappropriate language/gestures during tournament competition will not be allowed and may result in disqualification from the tournament.
20. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
21. 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 submitted in writing to the Tournament Director within 48 hours or before awards are given out. Each protest under this rule must be specific in itself.

22. Advancement ratio from Zone competition to the State Finals is **at least one (1) for every seven (7) entries** per division, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties. **In all cases at least 5 persons per division shall advance to State Finals.** The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all eligible divisions.

23. The next level of competition (State Finals) will take place at: **Strike – n – Spare II Lanes in Lockport, IL**

Ages 12 and Over will bowl: Friday, May 15, 2009, or Saturday May 16, 2009 (6 games qualifying)
The top 24 (and ties) in each division will also bowl on May 17, 2009

Ages 11 & Under will bowl (three games): May 2 or May 3, 2009

All bowlers will be assigned squad times**

24. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Illinois Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee. The IL Tournament Committee and/or the Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee reserve the right to accept or reject any participant.

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