



2006-07 ILLINOIS PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS STATE RULES and FORMAT

1. This tournament is certified by the USBC and shall be governed by the rules of the USBC. The tournament certification number is **45**.
2. **Participation** in the State Finals is a one-time entry. If an individual qualified and cannot participate in the State competition, replacements will be eligible based on order of finish in the previous Zone competition.

Advancers out of the league level must remain in the division they qualified during all subsequent levels. If a bowler advances out of 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.

Athletes are not mandated to be USBC Junior Gold Program Members to enter the Scratch Division. However, athletes must be Program Members or be eligible and buy membership prior to advancement to the USBC Junior Gold Championships.

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

3. **ADVANCEMENT RATIO:** The advancement ratio from **Zone** competition to **State** competition 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 three persons per division shall advance** to the State Finals. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all eligible divisions.
4. **STATE COMPETITION** will take place at **Don Carter Lanes in Rockford, Illinois on May 4th or 5th and May 6, 2007, for ages 12 and Over; and at The Cherry Bowl in Rockford, Illinois on May 19 or 20, 2007 for ages 11 and Under.** Squad times will be ASSIGNED by the State Director.
5. **THIS SECTION FOR ZONE DIRECTORS ONLY:** **Zone Directors** must submit the names, addresses and telephone number of qualifiers along with the tournament entry fee for all qualifiers to the State Director by February 14, 2007 for the 11 & Under Divisions and March 6, 2007 for the 12 & Over Divisions. The advancing bowlers will be notified by personal letter from the State Director as to their date and squad time.
6. Competition shall be conducted in six (6) divisions (based on age as of AUGUST 1, 2006)

Division A	Boys' Handicap – Ages 11 and Under
Division B	Girls' Handicap – Ages 11 and Under
Division C	Girls' Handicap – Ages 12 and Over
Division D	Girls' Scratch – Ages 12 and Over
Division E	Boys' Handicap – Ages 12 and Over
Division F	Boys' Scratch – Ages 12 and Over

7. **FORMAT: Ages 11 & Under** will bowl either May 19th or May 20th bowling three (3) games, staying on the same pair of lanes. The State Director may cancel some squad times if there are not enough bowlers to hold a full squad. Position in standings will be determined by total pins plus handicap. Scholarships for tied positions will be added and divided equally.

AGES 12 & Over will bowl May 4th or 5th. Bowlers will bowl two (2) three (3) game blocks, moving after three (3) games. The field will be cut to the top 24 (including ties for 24th place) in each division after the six (6) games and Semi Finals will bowl on May 6, 2007. Position in standings will be determined by total pins, plus handicap, where applicable.

PINS WILL BE DROPPED AFTER SATURDAY!!

The Top 24 (and ties) from each division will bowl Sunday, May 6th and will bowl eight (8) games, moving after each game. Starting lanes will be assigned based on qualifying position and bowlers within each division will all cross the same lanes in the semi-final rounds. If a bowler is not available to bowl in the semi-final round his/her replacement will bowl in the position of the replaced bowler in the schedule grid.

Procedure for calling replacements if missing bowlers on Sunday: Calls for replacements will begin at 8:00 AM on Sunday (May 6, 2007). Replacement names will be called in order of finish, until at least 24 bowlers are on the lanes, ready to bowl. Names will be called three (3) times, before advancing to the next name.

Upon the completion of eight (8) games, total score plus handicap, where applicable, will determine the top 5 bowlers in each division that will qualify for the stepladder finals.

PINS WILL BE DROPPED AGAIN AFTER THE TOP 24 HAVE BOWLED

The top 5 bowlers in each division will then bowl step-ladder finals to determine the bowlers advancing to the National Finals. Example: the 5th place bowler will bowl the fourth place bowler; winner of that match will bowl the 3rd place bowler, etc. If a bowler is not present to bowl his/her match play match, he/she will forfeit that game (and will maintain the position that the 'loser' of that match would have attained) and the bowler present will move forward to the next match (or be declared champion if the game in question is the championship match).

8. **ENTRY FEE** for all divisions is: **11 & Under Divisions - \$10.00** **12 & Over Divisions - \$15.00**

Expense	<u>\$10.00</u>	Expenses:	<u>\$15.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$10.00	TOTAL:	\$15.00

9. **ENTRY CLOSING DATE: APRIL 6 2007** - Bowlers are required to submit the entry fee along with their **INDIVIDUAL AVERAGE RECORD SHEET** for the season as of **MARCH 12, 2007**. ** An individual average record (or summary) sheet, NOT league standing sheets, **must be submitted for each league (including travel leagues and USBC certified IHSA leagues)** the bowler has bowled in for the 2006-2007 season. *Composite averages for leagues will not be permitted. Bowlers submitting IHSA averages must verify that all games counted were bowled entirely by the bowler and not as a combination of more than one bowler.* Bowlers not submitting ALL individual record sheets will be DISQUALIFIED.

An **AFFIDAVIT** form will be mailed to each bowler who, in turn, then must do the following:

- Have coaches sign to verify average for all leagues bowled.
- Verify and supply all personal information requested
- Return copy of each league Individual Average Record Sheet

The Individual Average Record Sheets as well as the Affidavit and entry fee must be returned by **APRIL 6 2007**. **If all documents and entry fee are not postmarked by April 4^h, the bowler will lose their spot.** Replacements will be called after April 6 to fill the spot. Once a replacement bowler has been obtained, the original entrant cannot be placed back into the tournament.

10. **STATE AVERAGE:** Bowlers will use their highest current average, in any USBC certified league (includes USBC certified IHSA leagues), as of **March 12, 2007**, with a minimum of nine (9) games. If the minimum has not been met, the bowler must present an Individual Average Record sheet closest to the date of competition. This average will be compared with an average obtained from the 2007 Illinois Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Zone competition; (the scratch total, excluding handicap, will determine that average.) If the Illinois Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Zone competition average is more than ten (10) pins higher; the two averages will be added together and divided by two to develop a composite average. The composite average will be used at the Illinois Pepsi USBC Youth Championships State Finals. 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.

Averages must be verified by a copy of an Individual Average Record Sheet submitted with the supplied Affidavit. See Rule 9, above, for all documents that must be mailed to the State Director by that date.

- **DRESS CODE:** Bowlers are required to wear suitable attire while bowling in the ISUSBC Youth Championship Tournaments. Bowling shoes must be worn. Participants in the ISUSBC Youth Championship Tournaments must be neat in both clothing and personal grooming and meet the following dress code rules:

What You CAN Wear

- Athletes must wear shirts that have a collar similar to golf or polo shirts.
- T-shirts will be allowed provided they are those that have the bowling center or sponsor's name on it. Souvenir shirts purchased at the souvenir table can also be worn. Any sort of a T-Shirt may only be worn on Friday or Saturday for the 12 & Over Divisions. Sunday Semi Finals and Finals bowlers must wear a shirt with a collar similar to a golf or polo shirt as stated above.
- Boys and Girls will be required to wear full length dress or casual slacks.

What You CANNOT Wear

- Clothing depicting sex, gambling, tobacco products or alcoholic beverages.
- Hats/caps/headgear or headphones of any type while bowling.
- Jeans or jean-like material, Spandex, sweatpants, pants with draw strings, pants with holes in them and those made out of parachute-like material.
- Shorts, skorts, skirts, or capri's
- Chains on clothing
- Leather clothing including jackets while bowling

Dress Code at the State Finals will be strictly enforced. Any Exceptions to the above must be approved by the tournament management prior to check-in. **Coaches are asked to review the dress code for State Finals with bowlers.**

12. No substitutes will be permitted once the 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 will be called in the order of finish from the zone reports for 2006-2007. Replacements must be from the same Zone as the "no-show" bowler. **Once a replacement has been made, the original bowler cannot be placed back into the tournament.**
13. No tobacco products or consumption of alcoholic beverages by guests or athletes shall be allowed on the concourse or in the settee area, only in designated areas.
14. 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.
15. Competitors shall be allowed ten (10) minutes of practice on their starting pair. No practice will be allowed when moving lanes. NOTE: Exception to this rule for the Top 5 Match Game Format. The next advancing bowler may take two (2) practice balls on the pair before score is kept. Warm-up lanes are also available for the top 5 bowlers during the match play. Extreme exceptions shall be determined by the tournament director and any committee members present.
16. If no replacement has been made, bowlers arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then bowled. Frames missed shall be credited with a zero. Frames may not be made-up. A bowler not present to bowl when it is his/her turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
17. Handicap shall be 90% of the difference between the bowlers average and 200.
18. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
19. All ties to determine position in standings at the conclusion of the semi finals of the Ages 12 & Over Divisions for last-place ties for advancement to the National Finals or for stepladder position (except 5th and 4th place), will be broken immediately by a one-game roll off. If a tie still exists, it will be broken by a 9th and 10th frame roll-off, plus 1/10 of handicap per frame, where applicable.
20. 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. Questionable errors shall be decided upon by the tournament director and any committee members present. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the tournament director within 48 hours. Each protest under this rule must be specific in itself.

Score monitors will ask an adult to help watch for rule errors and to stop play instantly. The Tournament Director will be called, along with committee members present, to make the call on any rulings.
21. Symbolic awards will be given as follows: Lapel pins will be given to all State participants. Plaques will be given to the top 5 (stepladder finals) in the 12 and Over Divisions. Plaques will be given to the top 8 in the 11 and Under Divisions.
22. Minimum guaranteed scholarships will be given as follows:

First Place (all divisions)	\$1,000.00
Second Place (all divisions)	\$ 750.00
Third Place (all divisions)	\$ 500.00
Fourth Place (all divisions)	\$ 450.00
Fifth Place (all divisions)	\$ 400.00

Any remaining monies will be awarded on a ratio of 1 to 10, by divisions. Scholarships will be held in the S.M.A.R.T. Program, account 8519, ATTN: Ed Gocha, 5301 S. 76th, Greendale, WI 53129, telephone number: 1-800-514-2695, extension 3343.

23. **The first place winners of the 12 and over Girls' and Boys' Scratch Divisions will advance to the 2007 USBC Junior Gold Championships July 7-13 in Buffalo, NY. They must be USBC Junior Gold Program Members to advance (The advancer must meet the 175 or higher average for males or 165 average or higher for females and have a Gold membership or purchase a Gold membership prior to the championships) USBC Youth will pay for their \$150 entry fee into the USBC Junior Gold Championships. These athletes will then still compete for \$15,000 in scholarships earmarked just for Pepsi USBC Youth Championships advancers, plus approximately \$50,000 in scholarships available to all athletes at the championships, as well as other prizes and awards. (No travel reimbursement or stipend will be provided for these athletes by USBC.) All U.S. citizens are vying for a spot on USBC Junior Team USA 2008 to represent the United States in National and International competition. If the Scratch Division Champion is unwilling/unable to become a USBC Junior Gold Program Member and will not advance to the Championships, the athlete will still retain the state scholarship, but the berth to the Championships will be awarded to the next eligible athlete. The Illinois Pepsi Championships will also pay an additional entry fee (\$150) to advance the second eligible athlete meeting the Junior Gold Bowling membership requirement in each of the Boys' Scratch and Girls' Scratch divisions. The Illinois Pepsi USBC Youth Championships will also provide up to \$500.00 toward travel expenses to the first place winner in each of the Boys' Scratch and Girls' Scratch divisions as well as the additional boys' scratch and girls' scratch.**

The first place winner in each of the 12 and over divisions of the Boys' and Girls' Handicap will advance to the 2007 Pepsi USBC Youth Championships National Finals being conducted in Buffalo, NY on July 16-18, 2007. Advancement to the finals includes entry fee and a national stipend for travel, housing and meal expenses as determined by USBC. Winners are not confirmed as National finalists until they receive a confirmation letter from USBC. **Advancers will be required to be accompanied by a parent, guardian or coach. The National Finals no longer provide chaperones.**

24. Additional berths to the National Finals will be given as follows:

Three (3) girls' handicap.....sending a total of **four (4)** to National Finals
Five (5) boys' handicap.....sending a total of **six (6)** to National Finals

25. The entering average for athletes at the Pepsi National Finals will be adjusted if the average set at the state/zone level is more than 10 pins higher than the advancer's year-end average. Adjusted average will be a composite average of that tournament average plus bowler's year-end average added together and divided by two. The average at the state/zone level will be determined by the scratch score of the first six scratch games bowled (not including tie breakers or stepladders). Previous Coca-Cola Youth Bowling Championships and Pepsi Youth Bowling Championships competition averages will also be used in figuring the entering average at the National Finals.
26. Finalists must agree to bowl in the National Finals or, failing to do so, agree to waive all rights. If a national finalist cannot attend it is their obligation to contact both USBC and the State Director informing of such so a replacement can be found. Failure to make the previously stated contacts could result in loss of state scholarships won. Replacements will be selected based on the order of finish in their division at the state level.
27. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Illinois Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee. Failure to abide by any rules and regulations will lead to disqualification from this event. The Illinois Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee and/or the National Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee reserve the right to accept or deny any participant.

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Final Results will be posted on the ISYABA website: www.isyaba.net