

**STATE RULES**

1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (**Certification #05447**) and shall be governed by USBC rules.
2. Advancement from District to State is a one-time entry. If an individual qualified and cannot participate in state competition, replacements will be eligible based on order of finish in the previous competition. **NEW! ENTRY FEE IS \$10 PER PERSON TO BE PAID ON-SITE AT CHECK-IN (CASH ONLY).**
3. **Advancement from District competition to State competition (U12, U15 and U20 divisions only) is at least ONE (1) FOR EVERY FIVE (5) ENTRIES, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties per division using scratch scores. The base number for each division is the number of individuals that were paid at the District Finals. In all cases at least one individual per division shall advance. The advancement ratio shall be applied to all eligible divisions. **ALL BOWLERS MUST CHECK ONLINE AT [WWW.CALUSBC.COM](http://WWW.CALUSBC.COM) TO SEE IF THEY ARE STATE QUALIFIERS. ALL STATE QUALIFIERS MUST REGISTER THEIR SQUAD TIME MARCH 30 (9AM) – APRIL 5 (7PM) IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE. Those who fail to register their squad time without prior notification to the Tournament Director, will forfeit their spot to the next available replacement.****
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 league level in more than one state, the bowler must declare one state to continue competing before the next competition level. Participation in any level of competition past the league level in more than one district/state will result in automatic disqualification.
5. **State Finals competition will take place at CLASSIC BOWL, 900 King Drive, Daly City, CA 94015, (650) 878-0300 on MAY 2-3, 2015. Squad times: Saturday 9am & 2pm and Sunday at 8:30am. Unconfirmed bowlers will be replaced by alternates based on division and order of finish.**
6. Entry closing date for District Directors is **MARCH 29**. All District paperwork (unofficial results, financial forms and completed recaps) must be submitted to the Tournament Chairman listed on page 2.
7. **DIVISIONS ARE BASED ON THE PARTICIPANT'S DATE OF BIRTH:**
  - U12 BOYS/GIRLS BOWLERS WHOSE BIRTHDATE IS 8/1/02 THRU 7/31/04
  - U15 BOYS/GIRLS BOWLERS WHOSE BIRTHDATE IS 8/1/99 THRU 7/31/02
  - U20 BOYS/GIRLS BOWLERS WHOSE BIRTHDATE IS 8/1/94 THRU 7/31/99Athletes must compete in their proper age division in all levels of competition. Athletes must be Junior Gold Members or be eligible and buy membership prior to advancement to the Junior Gold Championships.\*\*\*  
**Competition shall be conducted in the following divisions: U12, U15 & U20 Boys and Girls divisions.**
8. Competitors will be allowed five (5) minutes of practice on each of their starting lanes.
9. **The tournament format will be six (6) games moving pairs after each game. Total pins scratch will determine the champions in each division.**
10. ***DRESS CODE: All bowlers must wear suitable attire. No alcohol, tobacco, sexual or profane advertisements allowed on any attire or equipment. Shirts must have finished/hemmed collars and sleeves for all competition. Only pants, capris, skirts, skorts and long walking shorts are allowed (shorts, skirts/skorts cannot be shorter than 3-1/2" above the knee). NOT ALLOWED: Shirts that are torn, or ripped; fleece, lycra/spandex/legging type material, basketball shorts or warm-up suits; tank tops; halter-tops; "cut-off's" or any clothing with holes. No writing on or defacing of the bowling shirt or equipment. No head coverings (hats, caps, or bandannas, etc.) or sunglasses once competition begins. No electronic devices allowed in the bowler's area. Tournament management must approve any/all exceptions prior to the event.***
11. No substitutes will be permitted once athletes have started tournament play, however, replacements may be used for bowlers not present minutes prior to the squad time as stated in Rule 2. Replacements must be from order of finish from prior level of competition (i.e. the same window, same league and same center).

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12. If no replacement has been made, tardy bowlers shall start in the frame currently being bowled. Missed frames shall be credited with a zero. **Frames may not be made-up.** A bowler not present to bowl when it's their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
13. Only bowlers and Tournament Officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
14. Food and drinks are permissible in the back area only. Alcoholic beverages may NOT be consumed while participating in tournament. Adults consuming alcohol must remain in the lounge or in back concourse area. No tobacco products permitted by any bowler participating in scheduled events. Conduct derogatory to the best interest of youth bowling in conjunction with USBC will result in immediate disqualification (Refer to rule 17D).
15. Scholarships will be awarded based on the number of participants with a ratio of at least 1:10 per division. **California will be offering an optional handicap scholarship division. Handicap will be determined using the District Finals verified averages at 100% of 210 (Refer to District Rule 14 for averages)** and will be awarded based on a ratio of at least 1:10, or major fraction thereof. Awards and Scholarship fees shall be returned 100%. All ties will be split equally. Scholarships will be held with the USBC SMART program under account #8512, (800) 514-2695 x8292.
16. **The first-place winners of the U12, U15 and U20 Divisions for both Girls and Boys will advance to the 2015 Junior Gold Championships on July 11-17, 2015 in Chicago, IL.** 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. 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 U.S. 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 to become a Junior Gold member they will not advance to the Junior Gold Championships. However, the athlete will still retain the state scholarship, but the berth to the Junior Gold Championships will be awarded to the next eligible athlete. Eligible advancers must agree to bowl in the Junior Gold Championships, or, failing to do so, agree to waive all rights. Replacements will be selected based on the order of finish in their division at the state level. Replacements will incur all costs associated with changing the airline ticket, if applicable. If the eligible advancer decides not to attend the Junior Gold Championships, any stipends offered will be forfeited however any scholarships earned at the state/zone level will be retained. **The California USBC Association will provide the U12, U15 & U20 Champions a travel stipend valued up to \$400.** Arrangements will be made by each athlete within stated guidelines and parameters from the California USBC Association. **Berth winners are not confirmed until they receive confirmation from USBC.**
17. 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 confirmed in writing to the tournament director within 72 hours of the infraction. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
18. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the California Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee. The National Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.

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