



October 2018

Welcome to the 2019 California Pepsi USBC Youth Championships. Enclosed is the tournament information needed for this season. **The CALIFORNIA PEPSI LEAGUE LEVEL HANDBOOK is available ONLINE ONLY at CalUSBC.com.** Please make sure to **download the file** as it includes guidelines to set up your league level qualifiers and the CA Pepsi league level worksheets. The two league level qualifying windows are **NOVEMBER 3-16, 2018 & JANUARY 12-25, 2019.** If your youth league session conflicts with these dates because of a league bye, contact your District Director for permission to move your qualifying window one week before or one week after. Every youth bowler should be given their **FREE chance to qualify.** (*Youth leagues and youth bowlers must be USBC certified in order to participate.*)

Handicap and scratch scholarships will be awarded to the U8 & U10 divisions at the District Finals in March – they will NOT move on to the State Finals in May. First place scratch finishers in the U12, U15, U17 & U20 divisions at the District Finals will earn \$50 scholarships and will also be competing to qualify into the State Finals for additional scholarships and FREE berths into the 2019 USBC Junior Gold Championships in Detroit, MI (if they have not already qualified).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- 1) **ALL QUALIFYING SCORES ARE SCRATCH.** The ratio from League Level to District is **1:2** per league/division/window. The ratio from District to State is **1:5** per division (U12/U15/U17/U20).
- 2) ***NEW* U17 division is being added to the format. Be sure to update BLS or Treasure software (if applicable) to capture that new division in your worksheets.**
- 3) **Averages as of FEBRUARY 9 will be used.** Please include league sheets received on February 16 at league as they must include the scores from Feb 9. Also include any Fall league ending sheets prior to February 9 as well.
- 4) Champions in the U8 and U10 divisions at the District Finals will earn a single entry (\$80 value) into all four events of the California Youth State Championships to be held **July 2019 at Tyme to Bowl Lanes** in Oroville (Gold Country Casino).
- 5) First Place scratch finishers in the U12, U15, U17 & U20 divisions at the District Finals will earn \$50 scholarships and berths into the Diddy Watts Youth State Singles Challenge Semi-Finals (Aug).
- 6) **IT IS THE STATE FINALIST'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK ONLINE TO SEE IF THEY QUALIFIED TO THE STATE FINALS AND TO REGISTER ONLINE APRIL 6-14.** Coaches, please notify your bowlers if they have qualified. **State Finals Registration (U12, U15, U17 & U20 Divisions) is ONLINE ONLY at CalUSBC.com. RSVP WINDOW: APRIL 6-14.**

For the 19th year in a row, **BowlersParadise.com** will be sponsoring this event along with **EliteBowling.com**. Also each pro shop in the eight hosting Pepsi District Finals will be donating a bowling ball for our fundraising raffle at each site to help us raise more scholarship dollars. Please visit these businesses and THANK them for their generous contributions by shopping at their establishments!

IMPORTANT: All league-level qualifying paperwork and District Finals entry fees must be submitted to your respective DISTRICT DIRECTOR postmarked by FEBRUARY 18. We are also asking for November worksheets to be turned in by DECEMBER 31 (fees not required at this time). Late entries will NOT be accepted, so please be sure to meet all deadlines. Enclosed on the **PINK paper** is your District Director contact and tournament information (dates/fees). Please complete the enclosed **YELLOW summary sheet** and submit it with your worksheets and league sheets. We also need your 2018-19 USBC membership listings that shows current membership and ID numbers for your league bowlers. Contact us immediately if you have received the wrong district information and we will get you the correct packet ASAP. **PLEASE have all coaches and bowlers READ the TOURNAMENT INFORMATION & RULES carefully.** If you have questions or need help with the league qualifying paperwork, contact your District

Director immediately. Thank you for your support and participation in one of the largest scholarship events in California. Last year we worked extremely hard with your help in raising funds so that we could award \$50,000 in scholarships! With the rising cost of education, this tournament strongly benefits many young bowlers on their way to a promising future. Posters are enclosed so that everyone in your center will be informed of the tournament dates and locations. *GOOD LUCK!*

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Nov. 3-16 & Jan. 12-25** League-Level Qualifying Windows
- Dec. 31** November Paperwork Due
- Feb. 18** District Finals Entry Fees & Paperwork Due to District Directors
- March 16-17** District #2, 3, 6 & 7 Finals
- March 23-24** District #1, 4, 5 & 8 Finals
- April 6-14** RSVP Window for State Qualifiers
- May 4-5** State Finals – Double Decker Lanes

Respectfully yours,
Lynn Matsubara, Pepsi Tournament Director

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TWO LEAGUE LEVEL QUALIFYING WINDOWS: NOVEMBER 3-16, 2018 & JANUARY 12-25, 2019 (NO ENTRY FEE)

LEAGUE TO DISTRICT ADVANCEMENT: At least **ONE** in every **TWO** entries per league/division/window, including last place ties.

1:2 RATIO BREAKDOWN CHART

No. of Participants	No. of Qualifiers
1-2	1
3-4	2
5-6	3
7-8	4 (etc.)

Send all qualifying paperwork and fees to:

Pepsi District #3 Director
TIM PATO
c/o Delta Bowl
3300 Delta Fair Blvd., Antioch, CA 94509
(925) 550-8975 • E-Mail: Lilstpside@aol.com



The following **SIX** items **MUST** be submitted by **FEBRUARY 18**:

- 1) **PEPSI WORKSHEETS** – One per league/division/window; all qualifiers’ scratch scores must be shown. NO pre or post-bowled scores. Bowlers can opt to move up in division by signing a waiver at the league level qualifying. (*Nov. paperwork due Dec 31*)
- 2) **LEAGUE SHEETS** – Dated as of the first week of each qualifying window (Nov & Jan) – not required if BLS software is used.
- 3) **LEAGUE SHEETS – FALL LEAGUE ENDING PRIOR TO AND AS OF FEBRUARY 9** for Handicap Scholarship average verification
- 4) **ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER & BIRTHDATE** of all District Final qualifiers (BLS can generate this report)
- 5) **USBC MEMBERSHIP LISTING** showing all current USBC certified bowlers and USBC ID numbers for 2018-19 season
- 6) **DISTRICT ENTRY FEES** – **ONE** check per center/window payable to **CUSBC**. **NO CASH** or **ON-SITE PAYMENTS ACCEPTED**.

DISTRICT FINALS MARCH 16-17, 2019 (ALL DIVISIONS)

DELTA BOWL

3300 Delta Fair Blvd, Antioch 94509
 925-757-5424

TWELVE AGE DIVISIONS (BOYS/GIRLS):

- U8 Division: birthdates from 8/1/2010 or later
- U10 Division: birthdates from 8/1/2008 – 7/31/10
- U12 Division: birthdates from 8/1/2006 – 7/31/08
- U15 Division: birthdates from 8/1/2003 – 7/31/06
- U17 Division: birthdates from 8/1/2001 – 7/31/03
- U20 Division: birthdates from 8/1/1998 – 7/31/01

All Qualifying is based on Scratch Scores

SQUAD TIMES (Sat) 12 noon & 3:30pm; (Sun) 8:30am & 12:30pm

ENTRY FEE U8 & U10 Div: \$26; U12, U15, U17 & U20 Div: \$30

FORMAT 3 games on the same pair of lanes. One-time entry.

- All bowlers must wear suitable attire. **See DRESS CODE in District Rules.**
- District Directors will process and verify all paperwork. Centers will be scheduled on a first come, first serve basis.
- Final level of competition for the U8 & U10 Divisions earning scratch and handicap scholarships (1:10 ratio per division)
- U12, U15, U17 & U20 Divisions compete for scholarships and advancement (scratch) to the State Finals (1:5 ratio per division).
- **STATE FINALIST’S MUST CHECK ONLINE TO SEE IF THEY QUALIFIED AND MUST REGISTER ONLINE APRIL 6-14 IN ORDER TO BOWL.** First place scratch finishers will also receive berths into the Diddy Watts State Singles Challenge Semi-Finals in Aug.
- **Champions from the U8 and U10 divisions will earn a single entry (\$80 value) into all four (4) events of the 2019 California Youth State Championships to be held at Tyme to Bowl Lanes, Oroville (July).** (See District Rules for eligibility)
- **CALIFORNIA OFFERS A HANDICAP SCHOLARSHIP DIVISION PER THE SAME AGE DIVISIONS – AUTOMATIC ENTRY FOR EVERYONE (100% OF 210).**

STATE FINALS MAY 4-5, 2019

(U12, U15, U17 & U20 DIVISIONS ONLY)

DOUBLE DECKER LANES

300 Golf Course Dr., Rohnert Park 94928
 (707) 585-0226

Bowlers must check online to see if they qualified to the State Finals!

STATE FINALS RSVP WINDOW: APRIL 6-14

www.CalUSBC.com

3 SQUAD CHOICES 1) Sat, May 4 at 8am; 2) Sat, May 4 at 2pm or 3) Sun, May 5 at 8:30am

ENTRY FEE \$10 ON-SITE ENTRY FEE. Bowlers provide their own hotel/transportation arrangements. One-time entry.

FORMAT Six (6) games moving pairs after each game. Total scratch pinfall per division determines Pepsi Champions, scholarship placement and Junior Gold berth winners.

- **State Qualifiers MUST RSVP their squad time online at CalUSBC.com in order to participate.** Instructions are printed on the District Finals recap and on the back of this sheet. **DO NOT CALL DOUBLE DECKER LANES WITH ANY QUESTIONS.**
- All divisions are competing for scratch scholarships (1:10 ratio)
- The top scratch finishers in the U12, U15, U17 & U20 divisions will receive a FREE berth into 2019 Junior Gold Championships on July 13-20, 2019 in Detroit, MI (if they have not previously qualified).
- **California USBC will provide the eight Champions a travel stipend to Detroit, MI valued up to \$400.** See State Rules.
- **CALIFORNIA OFFERS AN OPTIONAL HANDICAP SCHOLARSHIP DIVISION (100% OF 210) ON-SITE**



DISTRICT #3 RULES

1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (**Certification #05102**) and shall be governed by USBC rules.
2. League level qualifying dates are **NOVEMBER 3-16, 2018** and **JANUARY 12-25, 2019**. Advancement from league is a one-time entry. If an individual qualified and cannot participate in this competition, replacements will be eligible based on order of finish in previous competition. **Replacements must advance from the same league, same division and same window based on order of finish.**

3. **Advancement ratio from League competition to District competition (all divisions) is at least ONE (1) FOR EVERY TWO (2) ENTRIES per division, per league, per window including last-place ties.** The base number for each division is the number of certified individuals that were present at least one week to participate. In all cases at least one person per division shall advance. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all eligible divisions.

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 state will result in automatic disqualification. Bowlers must declare at the time of their first qualifying window within EACH league if they choose to "opt up" to a higher age division. **All bowlers that choose to "opt up" MUST COMPLETE an "OPT UP" form PRIOR to league competition.**

5. **District #3 Finals** competition will take place on **MARCH 16-17, 2019** at Sa: 12pm & 3:30pm; Sun 8:30am & 12:30pm. **TOURNAMENT SITE: DELTA BOWL, 3300 Delta Fair Blvd, Antioch, CA 94509, 925-757-5424.**

6. **Entry closing date is FEBRUARY 18.** Tournament entries containing qualifiers' name, address, telephone number, and date of birth must be submitted by this date to the District Director. Tournament entry fees must also be submitted by this date. **On-site fees will not be accepted.** No refunds will be allowed after the closing date. **Checks or money orders will be accepted made payable to CUSBC. Write center name in memo. Any returned checks are subject to a \$50 penalty fee and must be paid by money order prior to the start of competition. NO CASH ACCEPTED AND ONLY ONE CHECK PER CENTER/WINDOW.**

7. Divisions are based on the participant's age. Athletes must choose the division in which they will compete. 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:**

- U8 DIVISION: BOWLERS WHOSE BIRTHDATE IS 8/1/2010 OR LATER
- U10 DIVISION: BOWLERS WHOSE BIRTHDATE IS 8/1/2008 THRU 7/31/10
- U12 DIVISION: BOWLERS WHOSE BIRTHDATE IS 8/1/2006 THRU 7/31/08
- U15 DIVISION: BOWLERS WHOSE BIRTHDATE IS 8/1/2003 THRU 7/31/06
- ***NEW*** U17 DIVISION: BOWLERS WHOSE BIRTHDATE IS 8/1/2001 THRU 7/31/03
- U20 DIVISION: BOWLERS WHOSE BIRTHDATE IS 8/1/1998 THRU 7/31/01

8. **Format:** Three (3) games bowled on the same pair of lanes. Total scratch pinfall will determine the standings for each division and will also determine the qualifying results from District to State for the U12, U15, U17 & U20 divisions. **U8 & U10 divisions do not advance to the State Finals.**

9. **DISTRICT #3 ENTRY FEE BREAKDOWN:**

Division	U8 & U10	U12, U15 & U20
Expenses/Awards (<i>Varies by District</i>)	\$8.00	\$12.00
Lineage (<i>Varies by District</i>)	\$10.50	\$10.50
Handicap Scholarship*	\$5.00	\$5.00
Scratch Scholarships* (<i>Varies by District</i>)	\$2.50	\$2.50
TOTAL	\$26.00	\$30.00

10. **DRESS CODE: All bowlers must wear suitable attire. No alcohol, smoking, 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. NOT ALLOWED: Short-shorts, clothing that is torn, or ripped; fleece, lycra/spandex/legging type material, basketball/soccer shorts, tennis skirts/skorts, 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 15 minutes prior to the squad time as stated in Rule 2. Replacements must be from the same window, same league and same division as the "no-show" bowler. **They must follow the order of advancement within that window/league.**
12. Competitors will be allowed five (5) minutes of practice on each of their starting lanes.
13. 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.** Bowlers not present to bowl when it's their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.



DISTRICT #3 RULES

14. **AVERAGE VERIFICATION FOR HANDICAP SCHOLARSHIPS ONLY:**
Rule 319c will apply. The average of a bowler may be adjusted upward before participation. If the assigned average is not accepted by the bowler, the handicap entry fee shall be refunded. Bowlers shall use the following in precedence:
(a) Overall highest USBC certified league average (minimum of 15 games) AS OF **FEBRUARY 9, 2019** (Sheets received on 2/16 are the correct sheets we need). **ALL FALL LEAGUE SHEETS ENDING BEFORE FEBRUARY ARE ALSO REQUIRED.**
(b) Overall Highest USBC certified average as of the tournament date (minimum of 15 games).
(c) Overall Highest previous season USBC certified average (minimum of 15 games).
(d) Bowl scratch (210)
BOWLERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR VERIFYING THEIR OWN AVERAGES. IF A CERTIFIED "SPORT" LEAGUE AVERAGE IS THE YOUTH'S ONLY VERIFIABLE AVERAGE, IT WILL BE ADJUSTED PER THE CHART IN THE USBC RULEBOOK TO DETERMINE THE CORRECT ENTERING AVERAGE.
15. Only bowlers and Tournament Officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
16. 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 or smoking 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).
17. **Scratch and Handicap Scholarships will be awarded to the U8 & U10 divisions based on the number of paid entries with a ratio of at least 1:10 per division, or major fraction thereof.** First place finishers in the U12, U15, U17 & U20 scratch divisions will receive a \$50 scholarship award with any ties equally split. **Handicap Scholarships will be awarded to the U12, U15, U17 & U20 divisions based on the number of paid entries with a ratio of at least 1:15 per division, or major fraction thereof.** Awards and Scholarship fees shall be returned 100%. *Scholarships will be held with the USBC SMART program under account #8512, (800) 514-2695 x8292.
18. **Champions from the U8 & U10 divisions will earn a single entry (\$80 value) into all four (4) events of the California Youth State Championships to be held July 2019 at Tyme to Bowl Lanes in Oroville.** In order to redeem this award, the winner must be entered with a full team of their choice and in all four (4) events. This berth is applicable only to the four Champions (U8 & U10 Boys and Girls) in each district and will be voided if they cannot attend or do not enter with a full team entry (\$320).
19. **Advancement from District competition to State competition (U12, U15, U17 & 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. **IT IS THE BOWLER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK ONLINE AT CALUSBC.COM BEFORE MARCH 30 TO SEE IF THEY ARE STATE QUALIFIERS. ALL STATE QUALIFIERS MUST REGISTER THEIR SQUAD TIME APRIL 6-14 IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE FINALS.** *Those who fail to register their squad time without prior notification to the Tournament Director will forfeit their spot. NO ALTERNATES.*
20. State Finals competition will take place at **DOUBLE DECKER LANES**, 300 Golf Course Dr., Rohnert Park 94928 (707) 585-0226 on **MAY 4-5, 2019**. Squad times: Saturday 8am, Saturday 2pm and Sunday at 8:30am. **There will be a \$10 entry fee due at Check-in (cash only).** **Format:** Six games scratch moving pairs after each game. **California will be offering an optional handicap scholarship division on-site. Handicap will be 100% of 210 (Refer to rule 14 for averages).**
21. **Practice is prohibited** in the hosting center during the weekend of competition.
22. "Approved Anytime" cleaners and polishes by USBC can be used on bowling balls at any time during USBC competition when applied by hand and soft cloth. List provided on bowl.com.
23. 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 or before the awards are presented. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
24. 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.

Mail paperwork and fees to by FEBRUARY 18 to:

Tim Pato, District #3 Director
c/o Delta Bowl
3300 Delta Fair Blvd, Antioch, CA 94509
(925) 550-8975 • E-mail: Lilstpside@aol.com

Website: CalUSBC.com

2019 PEPSI STATE FINALS RSVP & TOURNAMENT INFO

For bowlers that have qualified from the District Finals to the State Finals. Please read the tournament rules carefully.

RSVP Window: APRIL 6-14, 2019 • State Finals: MAY 4-5, 2019

STATE FINALS QUALIFIERS: State Finalists (U12, U15, U17 & U20 divisions) will qualify (scratch) from District to State based on a ratio of **1:5** or major fraction thereof, including last place ties per division. ***IT IS THE STATE FINALIST'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK ONLINE AT CALUSBC.COM TO SEE IF THEY QUALIFIED TO THE STATE FINALS. QUALIFIERS MUST REGISTER THEIR SQUAD TIME ONLINE APRIL 6-14 IN ORDER TO BOWL.*** Space is limited and filled on a first come, first serve basis.

FORMAT: \$10 ON-SITE ENTRY FEE. Qualifiers must select one squad, which consists of six (6) games moving pairs after each game. Each division will earn scholarships and one of six berths into the 2019 USBC Junior Gold Championships (DETROIT, MI) if they have not already previously qualified. Champions, scholarships and Junior Gold berths will be determined by total scratch pinfall per division. The California USBC will provide the eight division champions a travel stipend to Detroit valued up to \$400. ***CALIFORNIA ALSO OFFERS AN OPTIONAL HANDICAP SCHOLARSHIP DIVISION (100% OF 210) ON-SITE.***

Check ONLINE to see if you are a State Finalist!

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THEN REGISTER YOUR SQUAD TIME APRIL 6-14!

DIRECTIONS: From the north: 101 South, exit Golf Course Drive (exit 484A) and turn left (east) toward Wilfred Avenue. Continue on Golf Course Drive and then turn right on Fairway Dr. Bowl will be on the right. **From the south:** 5 North to 580 West to 101 N. Exit Commerce Blvd (exit 484A) and turn left. Turn right onto Golf Course Drive and then turn right on Fairway Dr. Bowl will be on the right.

HOTELS: Please visit CalUSBC.com on the **2019 Pepsi Championships** page for hotel information. Book early when possible for the best rates. No headquarters hotel.

PEPSI STATE FINALS ONLINE REGISTRATION

SQUAD TIMES:

#1) Saturday, May 4 – 8:00 AM

#2) Saturday, May 4 – 2:00 PM

#3) Sunday, May 5 – 8:30 AM

Space is limited and filled on a first come, first serve basis

Online only at

CalUSBC.com

REGISTRATION WINDOW:

APRIL 6-14, 2019



Online registration requires the following information: **CENTER where you bowl league, **SQUAD CHOICE**, **USBC MEMBERSHIP #**, **DIVISION**, **LAST FOUR SS#** and **JACKET SIZE**. You will be immediately contacted **ONLY** if there is a problem. **MAKE SURE YOUR REGISTRATION PROCESSED CORRECTLY – AN AUTOMATED EMAIL WILL BE SENT TO YOU WITH A SUMMARY OF REGISTRATION.** All registrations will be verified – **OFFICIAL CONFIRMATIONS** will be sent by e-mail. **BRING YOUR E-MAILED CONFIRMATION LETTER (WITH BARCODE) TO THE STATE FINALS FOR CHECK-IN.** If you do not receive your letter by April 30, contact us immediately. Confirmed finalists will be posted online at CalUSBC.com. Contact your coach for help if you don't know the required information. ***E-mail registrations will NOT be accepted. (Jackets are for the eight champions only).***

District Finals questions – Call your District Director (see pink paper in packet)
State Finals questions – Contact Lynn (562) 449-4527 or **E-mail: hpekmp@yahoo.com**

STATE RULES

1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (**Certification #05102**) 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. **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, U17 & 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. **IT IS THE BOWLER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK ONLINE AT CALUSBC.COM BEFORE APRIL 14 TO SEE IF THEY ARE STATE QUALIFIERS. ALL STATE QUALIFIERS MUST REGISTER THEIR SQUAD TIME APRIL 6-14 IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE FINALS. Those who fail to register their squad time without prior notification to the Tournament Director will forfeit their spot.**
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 **DOUBLE DECKER LANES**, 300 Golf Course Dr., Rohnert Park 94928 (707) 585-0226 on **MAY 4-5, 2019**. Squad times: Saturday 8am, Saturday 2pm and Sunday at 8:30am. **There will be a \$10 entry fee due at Check-in (cash only). Format:** Six games scratch moving pairs after each game. **California will be offering an optional handicap scholarship division on-site. Handicap will be 100% of 210 (Refer to rule 14 for averages).**
6. Entry closing date for District Directors is **MARCH 28**. 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 age. Athletes 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 DIVISION: BOWLERS WHOSE BIRTHDATE IS 8/1/2006 THRU 7/31/08**
 - **U15 DIVISION: BOWLERS WHOSE BIRTHDATE IS 8/1/2003 THRU 7/31/06**
 - **U17 DIVISION: BOWLERS WHOSE BIRTHDATE IS 8/1/2001 THRU 7/31/03**
 - **U20 DIVISION: BOWLERS WHOSE BIRTHDATE IS 8/1/1998 THRU 7/31/01**
8. Competitors will be allowed ten (10) 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, smoking, 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. NOT ALLOWED: Short-shorts, clothing that is torn, or ripped; fleece, lycra/spandex/legging type material, basketball/soccer shorts, tennis skirts/skorts, 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 that have scheduled, cannot participate and are not present 10 minutes prior to the squad time. Replacements must be based on the order of finish from the District Finals (same window and division as the "no-show" bowler.)**
12. 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 also credited with a zero for that frame.

STATE RULES

13. Only bowlers and Tournament Officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
 14. Food and drinks are permissible in the back area only. Adults consuming alcohol must remain in the lounge or in back concourse area. No tobacco or smoking 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. **California is allocated eight berths into the 2019 Junior Gold Championships. The first-place winners of the U12, U15, U17 and U20 divisions for both Girls and Boys will advance to the 2019 Junior Gold Championships on July 13-20, 2019 in Detroit, MI.** 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. IBC Youth will waive the \$200 (U20 & U17), \$150 (U15), and \$100 (U12) entry fee for these athletes. These athletes will compete for additional scholarships available to all athletes at the Junior Gold Championships, as well as other prizes and awards. All U.S. citizens are vying for a spot on USBC Junior Team USA 2020 to represent the US in national and international competition. If the U12, U15, U17 or 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 level will be retained. **The California USBC Association will provide the U12, U15, U17 & U20 Champions (8 total) 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. **Practice is prohibited** in the hosting center during the weekend of competition (Saturday night).
 18. "Approved Anytime" cleaners and polishes by USBC can be used on bowling balls at any time during USBC competition when applied by hand and soft cloth. List found on bowl.com.
 19. 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.
 20. 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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