

STATE RULES

1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (Certification #05667) 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 \$30 PER PERSON TO BE PAID BY APRIL 28.**
3. **Advancement from District competition to State competition (U12, U15 & U18 divisions only) is at least ONE FOR EVERY FOUR 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 TO SEE IF THEY ARE STATE QUALIFIERS. ALL STATE QUALIFIERS MUST REGISTER THEIR SQUAD TIME APRIL 1-10 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 **COUNTRY CLUB LANES**, 2600 Watt Ave, Sacramento, CA 95821, (916) 916-483-5105 on **MAY 6-7, 2023**. Squad times: Saturday 9am, Saturday 2pm and Sunday at 8:30am.
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 Director listed on page two.
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 8/1/10 THRU 7/31/12**
 - **U15 DIVISION: BOWLERS WHOSE BIRTHDATE IS 8/1/07 THRU 7/31/10**
 - **U18 DIVISION: BOWLERS WHOSE BIRTHDATE IS 8/1/04 THRU 7/31/07**
8. Competitors will be allowed ten minutes of practice on each of their starting lanes.
9. **Format:** Five 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 15 minutes prior to the squad time. **Replacements must be based on the order of finish from the District Finals (same 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.
13. Only bowlers and Tournament Officials shall be permitted in the settee area.

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14. **DISQUALIFICATIONS:** Alcoholic beverages including non-alcoholic beer 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).
15. Scratch and Handicap Scholarships will be awarded based on a ratio of at least 1:8 per division. **Handicap will be determined using the District Finals verified averages at 100% of 210.** (Refer to District Rule 14 for averages). 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. Special Olympic winners may opt to receive a gift card (maximum of \$500) in lieu of SMART scholarships if they are not attending college or trade school. A CUSBC waiver must be signed in order to process the gift card.

16. **California is allocated 6 berths into the Junior Gold Championships. The first-place winners of the U12, U15 and U18 divisions for both Girls and Boys will advance to the 2023 Junior Gold Championships on July 14-22, 2023 in Indianapolis, IN.** Berth winners 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 (U18), \$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 2024 to represent the United States in national and international competition. If the U12, U15 or U18 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 & U18 Champions (6 total) a travel stipend valued up to \$500.** 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. We reserve the option to do random spot checks and we may be reported to check equipment by another bowler. Any violation to these guidelines will result in disqualification and forfeiture of prize money/entry fee. Visit BOWL.com to download the Non-conforming Bowling Ball List. **ONLY A DRY TOWEL FOR CLEANING MAY BE USED DURING COMPETITION.**
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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