



### STATE RULES

1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) #05200 and shall be governed by USBC rules.
2. League level qualifying dates are **OCTOBER 8-21, 2023**. Advancement from league to state is a one-time entry. If an individual qualified and cannot participate in this competition, replacements will be eligible based on order of finish from league level qualifying. **Replacements must advance from the same center, league and division based on order of finish.**

3. **Advancement ratio from LEAGUE competition to STATE competition (U12, U15, U18 divisions only) is at least ONE for every FOUR entries per division, per league 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. **ALL STATE QUALIFIERS MUST REGISTER THEIR SQUAD TIME ONLINE AT CALUSBC.COM DURING THE RSVP WINDOW: JANUARY 1-8 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 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 competition.**

5. State Finals competition will take place at **HARLEY'S VALLEY BOWL**, 5255 Cochran St, Simi Valley, CA 93063, (805) 584-2695 on **JANUARY 27-28, 2024**. Squad times: Saturday 9am, Saturday 1pm and Sunday at 8:30am.

6. **Entry closing date is DECEMBER 2.** Tournament fees and entries containing participant's name, email, address, phone and date of birth must be submitted by this date to the District Director. **On-site fees will not be accepted.** No refunds after the closing date. **Make checks or money orders payable to CUSBC. Write center name in memo. Any returned checks are subject to a \$40 penalty fee that must be paid via money order by January 1. ONLY ONE CHECK PER CENTER.**

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:**

- U12 DIVISION: BOWLERS WHOSE BIRTHDATE IS 8/1/2011 THRU 7/31/13
- U15 DIVISION: BOWLERS WHOSE BIRTHDATE IS 8/1/2008 THRU 7/31/11
- U18 DIVISION: BOWLERS WHOSE BIRTHDATE IS 8/1/2005 THRU 7/31/08

8. **STATE FINALS ENTRY FEE BREAKDOWN:**

Expenses/Awards/Scholarships .....	\$20.00
Lineage .....	\$25.00
Handicap Scholarships .....	\$5.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>

9. **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 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 DECEMBER 31, 2023**
- (b) Overall highest USBC certified league average as of the tournament date (minimum of 15 games; sheet required).
- (c) Overall highest USBC certified league average from 2022-23 (minimum of 15 games).
- (d) Bowl scratch (210)

**BOWLERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR VERIFYING THEIR OWN AVERAGES. IF A CERTIFIED "SPORT/CHALLENGE" 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.**

10. **Format:** Five games moving pairs after each game. Total scratch pinfall will determine the standings for each division.

11. **DRESS CODE: All bowlers must wear suitable attire. No alcohol, smoking, tobacco, sexual or profane advertisements allowed on any attire or equipment. All shirts must have collars and sleeves. NOT ALLOWED: Short-shorts, torn, ripped or clothing with holes; sweats, lycra/spandex/legging type material, basketball/soccer shorts, halter-tops; or "cut-off's". No electronic devices allowed in the bowler's area. Tournament management must approve any/all exceptions prior to the event.**

12. No substitutes permitted once the squad has started. Replacements may be used for scheduled bowlers not present at least 30 minutes prior to the squad time as stated in Rule 2. **Replacements must be from the same center, league and division based on their order of finish. Rule 322b will be waived.**

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13. Tardy bowlers shall start in the frame currently being bowled. Missed frames shall be credited with a zero. Bowlers not present to bowl when it's their turn will receive a zero for that frame.
  14. Competitors will be allowed ten minutes of practice on each of their starting lanes.
  15. Only bowlers and Tournament Officials are permitted in the settee area.
  16. **Scratch and Handicap Scholarships will be awarded based on the number of paid entries with a ratio of at least 1:8 per division, or major fraction thereof.** Awards and Scholarship fees shall be returned 100%. All ties will be split equally. Scholarships will be held with USBC SMART 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 a trade school. A CUSBC waiver must be signed in order to process the gift card.
  17. **The six champions will earn a berth into the 2024 DW Challenge Semi-Finals to be held on July 27, 2024 at Bowlero Fresno.** No alternates. Semi-Finals fee must be paid. Berths are non-transferrable and have no monetary value. See DW Challenge rules online at CALUSBC.com for more details.
18. **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 2024 Junior Gold Championships on July 12-20, 2024 in Detroit, MI.** 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. **Junior Gold berth winners are not confirmed until they receive confirmation from USBC.**
19. **Practice is prohibited** in the hosting center during the weekend of competition (Saturday night).
  20. **ONLY A DRY TOWEL FOR CLEANING MAY BE USED DURING COMPETITION.** Altering the surface of a bowling ball with cleaners or abrasives during USBC competition is prohibited and may be subject to forfeiture and possible USBC suspension. **ELIMINATION OF BALANCE HOLES:** Bowlers may have up to five holes for gripping purposes and all must be used on every delivery. Any bowling ball that does not meet USBC specifications will subject the bowler to forfeiture. 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 scholarships/entry fee. **Visit BOWL.com to download the Non-conforming Bowling Ball List.**
  21. **DISQUALIFICATIONS:** Non-alcoholic beer may NOT be consumed while participating in the tournament. No tobacco or smoking products permitted by participants. Conduct derogatory to the best interest of youth bowling in conjunction with USBC will result in immediate disqualification (Refer to rule 17D). Adults consuming alcohol must remain in the lounge or in back concourse area.
  22. **NO OUTSIDE FOOD ALLOWED INSIDE THE CENTER.** Please be respectful of the hosting center's rules and guidelines.
  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 of the infraction. 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.

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