



1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) and shall be governed by USBC rules.
2. Competition is open to all 2023-24 USBC Youth members (U8 & U10 divisions) that are currently bowling in a California USBC certified youth league and not under suspension. League substitutes are allowed to participate if it is their only California USBC certified youth league. Entries must be submitted through California USBC certified youth leagues.
3. Bowlers may choose to "OPT UP" into a higher age division. Bowlers must sign a waiver PRIOR to district competition and submit with entry fees. Participants must remain in the division they enter during all subsequent levels.

Participation in more than one district or state will result in automatic disqualification.

4. **District #6 Finals** competition will take place on **SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024 at 1pm. TOURNAMENT SITE: MIRA MESA LANES, 8210 Mira Mesa Blvd, San Diego, CA 92126, 858-578-0500.**

5. **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.**

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

Competition shall be conducted in the following divisions:

- **U8 DIVISION: BOWLERS WHOSE BIRTHDATE IS 8/1/2015 OR LATER**
- **U10 DIVISION: BOWLERS WHOSE BIRTHDATE IS 8/1/2013 THRU 7/31/15**

7. **Format:** Three games bowled on the same pair of lanes. Total scratch pinfall will determine the standings for each division. **U8 & U10 divisions do not advance to the State Finals.**

8. DISTRICT #6 ENTRY FEE BREAKDOWN:	<u>Division</u> Expenses/Awards/Scholarships (<i>Varies by District</i>) Lineage (<i>Varies by District</i>) <u>Handicap Scholarship</u> TOTAL	<u>U8 & U10</u> \$14.50 \$10.50 \$5.00 \$30.00
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9. **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.**

10. 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.**

11. 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.

12. **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.

13. Competitors will be allowed ten minutes of practice on their starting lanes.
14. Only bowlers and Tournament Officials are permitted in the settee area.
15. **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.

16. **U8 & U10 Champions will earn a single entry (\$80 value) into all four events of the California Youth State Championships to be held in June 2024 at Oak Tree Lanes, Diamond Bar.** In order to redeem this award, the winner must pay and enter with a full team of their choice in all four events. The \$80 entry will be reimbursed after the tournament is completed and participation is verified. This berth is applicable only to the four Champions in each district and will be voided if they cannot attend or do not enter with a full team entry (\$320).
17. **U10 Champions will earn a FREE entry into the 2024 DW Challenge qualifier to be held on July 27, 2024 at Bowlero Fresno** (12 total bowlers). No alternates. Entries are non-transferrable and have no monetary value. See DW Challenge rules online at CALUSBC.com for more details.
18. **Practice is prohibited** in the hosting center during the weekend of competition.
19. **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.**
20. **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.
21. **NO OUTSIDE FOOD ALLOWED INSIDE THE CENTER.** Please be respectful of the hosting center's rules and guidelines.
22. 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.
23. 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 no later than DECEMBER 2 to:

District #6 Pepsi, Linda Stewart
1406 W. Ball Rd
Anaheim, CA 92802
(714) 776-0635
E-mail: misslindal@yahoo.com

**Tournament information, forms and results are posted online at
CALUSBC.com**

Turn in paperwork early!