



Youth Program Directors,

Welcome to the 2025 California Pepsi USBC Youth Championships. Enclosed is the tournament information needed for this year's event. The Pepsi handbook has the official entry forms that you will need for this year's event. We are back to our normal schedule – the District Finals will be held in March and the State Finals will be held in May. There will NOT be any league level qualifying – it will be a DIRECT ENTRY for youth entered in CA USBC certified youth leagues. Paperwork needs to be submitted on official Pepsi entry forms or with BLS through the youth league submitted by Youth Program Directors.

IMPORTANT: Late entries will NOT be accepted. Please submit paperwork postmarked by **FEBRUARY 18**. Enclosed is your District Director's contact and tournament information (dates/fees). Contact us immediately if you have received the wrong district information and we will get you the correct information as soon as possible. **PLEASE have all coaches and bowlers READ the TOURNAMENT INFORMATION & RULES carefully.** If you have any questions, please contact your District Director immediately.

This tournament is special and offers more than just scholarships. U8 & U10 Division bowlers can earn entries into the California Youth State Championships and U12, U15 & U18 Division bowlers can earn berths to the USBC Junior Gold Championships as well as travel stipends and free jerseys for Junior Gold.

Thank you for your support and participation in one of the largest scholarship events in California. With the rising cost of education, this tournament strongly benefits many young bowlers on their way to a promising future. Last year, we awarded over \$60,000 in scholarships. We have included a flyer with tournament dates and locations to display at your center in promoting this tournament.

GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR PROGRAM THIS YEAR!

Respectfully yours,

Lynn Matsubara
Pepsi Tournament Director
E-mail: info@calusbc.com
(562) 449-4527

IMPORTANT 2025 PEPSI DATES:

- February 18**.....Entry forms, supporting documents and entry fees due to District Directors
- March 15-16**.....District #3, #6 Finals
- March 22-23**District *#1, #2, *#4, #5 Finals (*Sat only)
- April 1-8**Registration window for State qualifiers
- May 3-4**State Finals (U12-U15-U18 division only)

NEW YOUTH TOURNAMENT

The California Youth Committee (CYC) is running the **CAL STATE YOUTH QUEENS & MASTERS / PRINCE & PRINCESS** event the same weekend as the Pepsi State Finals (May 3-4). This is a youth singles 5-gamer open to all current California youth bowlers. Bowlers who qualify for the Pepsi State Finals can pick a squad opposite from what they schedule for Pepsi since it will be held at Country Club Lanes, only 17 miles away from the Pepsi State Finals AMF Rocklin location. Bowlers can even bowl everything on Saturday, May 3 if they pick the morning squad for Pepsi and then bowl the QM/PP in the afternoon! We hope bowlers will take advantage of this great opportunity. CUSBC is donating \$2,000 in additional scholarships for this event! Sign up online at **CALUSBC.com**.





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 2024-25 USBC Youth members that are 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 wavier 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 #5 Finals** competition will take place on **MARCH 22, 2025 at 1pm** and **MARCH 23, 2025 at 9am**.
TOURNAMENT SITE: HARLEY'S VALLEY BOWL, 5255 Cochran St, Simi Valley, CA 93063, 805-584-2695.

5. **Entry closing date is FEBRUARY 18.** Tournament entry fees and entries containing qualifiers' name, 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 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 \$35 penalty fee and must be paid with money order by MARCH 1. NO CASH ACCEPTED AND 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 8/1/2016 OR LATER**
 - **U10 DIVISION: BOWLERS WHOSE BIRTHDATE IS 8/1/2014 THRU 7/31/16**
 - **U12 DIVISION: BOWLERS WHOSE BIRTHDATE IS 8/1/2012 THRU 7/31/14**
 - **U15 DIVISION: BOWLERS WHOSE BIRTHDATE IS 8/1/2009 THRU 7/31/12**
 - **U18 DIVISION: BOWLERS WHOSE BIRTHDATE IS 8/1/2006 THRU 7/31/09**

7. **Format:** Three 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 & U18 divisions. **U8 & U10 divisions do not advance to the State Finals.**

8. DISTRICT #5 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> \$15.00 \$15.00 <u>\$5.00</u> \$35.00	<u>U12, U15 & U18</u> \$45.00 \$15.00 <u>\$5.00</u> \$65.00
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9. **DRESS CODE:** All bowlers must wear suitable attire. Polo shirt (blank) or bowling jersey with or without name on the back. Collars must be hemmed (crew, v-neck, polo or quarter zip). All jerseys must have finished sleeves. All skirts, capris, skorts or walking shorts must be below the competitor's fingertips when they are standing with their arms hanging loosely at their side. Hats, gym shorts and yoga pants are not permitted. No electronic devices allowed in the bowler's area. Tournament management must approve any/all exceptions prior to the event. If the dress code is deemed unacceptable, the participant will be required to change immediately. If the participant is unable to change, they will be removed from competition for that day. Re-scheduling will be accommodated only when possible.

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:**
 - a) Highest USBC certified league average (min. of 15 games) **AS OF FEBRUARY 15, 2025. ALL FALL LEAGUE SHEETS ENDING BEFORE FEBRUARY 15 ARE ALSO REQUIRED IF NOT POSTED ON BOWL.com.** If none,
 - b) Highest USBC certified league average as of the tournament date (min. of 15 games; sheet required). If none,
 - c) Highest USBC certified league average from 2023-24 (min. of 15 games). If none,
 - d) Scratch (175 for U8 & U10 divisions; 210 for U12, U15 & U18 divisions)
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. **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.** Handicap for the U8 & U10 divisions is: 80% of 175 and Handicap for the U12, U15 & U18 divisions is: 100% of 210. 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 \$300) 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.
14. **U8 & U10 Champions will earn a single entry (\$65 value) into the California Youth State Championships held on June 21-22, 2025 at 4th Street Bowl, San Jose.** In order to redeem this award, the winner must pay and enter with a full team of their choice in all three events (team, singles and doubles). The 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.
15. **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 A STATE QUALIFIER. ALL STATE QUALIFIERS MUST REGISTER THEIR SQUAD TIME ONLINE APRIL 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. **NO ALTERNATES.** State Finals competition will take place at **AMF ROCKLIN LANES** on **MAY 3-4, 2025**. Squad times: Saturday 9am, Saturday 2pm and Sunday at 8:30am. **Format:** Five games scratch moving pairs after each game.
16. **Practice is prohibited** in the hosting center during the weekend of competition.
17. Only bowlers and Tournament Officials are permitted in the settee area.
18. **ONLY A DRY TOWEL FOR CLEANING MAY BE USED DURING COMPETITION. ELIMINATION OF BALANCE HOLES:** Bowlers may have up to five holes for gripping purposes and all must be used on every delivery. If only fingers are used, the thumb hole must be plugged and an "X" marked for the palm position. 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.**
19. **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.
20. **NO OUTSIDE FOOD ALLOWED INSIDE THE CENTER.** Please be respectful of the hosting center's rules and guidelines.
21. 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 FEBRUARY 18 to:

District #5 Director, Gary Philip

1392 Purdue St

Upland, CA 91786

(951) 529-3920 • E-mail: gaphilip1@gmail.com

Tournament info, forms and results are posted online at

CALUSBC.com

Turn in paperwork early!



2025 CALIFORNIA PEPSI YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS SUMMARY SHEET

Turn in this sheet with your paperwork to your District Director.

Date _____
 Bowling Center _____
 Youth Director _____
 E-Mail _____
 Cell Phone # () _____

MAIL PAPERWORK AND FEES TO:
District #5 Director
Gary Philip
 1392 Purdue St
 Upland CA 91786
 (951) 529-3920
 E-mail: gaphilip1@gmail.com

POSTMARK PAPERWORK & FEES BY FEBRUARY 18

Late entries will NOT be accepted and will be returned.

PEPSI SUBMISSION CHECKLIST:

- 1) **PEPSI ENTRY FORMS** (one form per division; BLS accepted)
- 2) **LEAGUE SHEETS** dated as of **FEBRUARY 15** plus any fall league-ending sheets
- 3) **ADDRESS, PHONE, EMAIL & BIRTH DATES** of all participants
- 4) **USBC MEMBERSHIP LIST** showing all 2024-25 paid bowlers and membership IDs in the league
- 5) **ENTRY FEES** (center check or money order payable to: CUSBC.) **ONE PAYMENT PER CENTER**
- 6) **OPT UP WAIVER** for U8 & U10 divisions (form can be found in Pepsi Handout on CALUSBC.com)

DIVISION	TOTAL BOWLERS	ENTRY FEE	TOTAL FEES
Girls U8 Division	x	\$35	\$
Boys U8 Division	x	\$35	\$
Girls U10 Division	x	\$35	\$
Boys U10 Division	x	\$35	\$
Girls U12 Division	x	\$65	\$
Boys U12 Division	x	\$65	\$
Girls U15 Division	x	\$65	\$
Boys U15 Division	x	\$65	\$
Girls U18 Division	x	\$65	\$
Boys U18 Division	x	\$65	\$
See Birthdate Division chart in District Rules	TOTALS	TOTAL DUE →	\$

NO ON-SITE PAYMENTS. ALL BOWLERS & LEAGUES MUST BE USBC CERTIFIED.

SQUAD SCHEDULING for Pepsi Dist. #5 Finals: HARLEY'S VALLEY BOWL

MARK SQUAD CHOICES WITH 1 OR 2. *Squads filled on a first come, first serve basis. Schedule as groups when possible.*

March 22, 2025 Sat 1pm _____
March 23, 2025 Sun 9am _____

I have read and understand the tournament rules. I have also provided each District Finals qualifier from my center with a copy of the District rules. I also understand that the late paperwork will be returned.

Youth Program Director's Signature: _____ Date: _____

DISTRICT DIRECTOR USE ONLY:

Received: _____ Payment: _____ Confirmation Sent: _____

Bowlers must enter through their 2024-25 California USBC certified youth league.

SEND ALL PAPERWORK AND FEES BY FEB. 18 TO:

Pepsi District #5
GARY PHILIP
 1392 Purdue St, Upland, CA 91786
 (951) 529-3920 • E-Mail: gaphilip1@gmail.com

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TEN AGE DIVISIONS (BOYS/GIRLS):

- U8: Birthdate is 8/1/2016 or later
- U10: Birthdate is 8/1/2014 thru 7/31/16
- U12: Birthdate is 8/1/2012 thru 7/31/14
- U15: Birthdate is 8/1/2009 thru 7/31/12
- U18: Birthdate is 8/1/2006 thru 7/31/09

All Qualifying is based on Scratch Scores

The following items MUST be postmarked by FEBRUARY 18:

- 1) **PEPSI ENTRY FORMS** for each division from California USBC certified youth leagues (BLS accepted)
- 2) **OPT UP WAIVER** – For U8/U10 divisions that want to compete in the U12 division to try and qualify for the State Finals. Waiver due with paperwork.
- 3) **LEAGUE SHEETS** dated as of **FEB. 15** + any fall league-ending sheets.
- 4) **ADDRESS, PHONE, EMAIL & BIRTH DATES** of all participants
- 5) **USBC MEMBERSHIP LEAGUE LIST** showing all paid certified bowlers and USBC ID #s for the 2024-25 season entered in the league.
- 6) **ENTRY FEES** – ONE center check/money order per center payable to CUSBC. **NO ON-SITE PAYMENTS ACCEPTED.**

DISTRICT FINALS

MARCH 22-23, 2025

HARLEY'S VALLEY BOWL

5255 Cochran St, Simi Valley 93063
 805-584-2695

SQUAD TIMES Sat 1pm / Sun 9am (Check-in one hour prior)

ENTRY FEE U8 & U10 Division: \$35 / U12, U15 & U18 Division \$65

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

ALL YOUTH MUST SHOW THEIR USBC MEMBERSHIP CARD AT CHECK-IN

- 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 (1:8 ratio per division)
- U8 and U10 division first place scratch finishers will earn an entry into the 2025 California Youth State Championships to be held at 4th Street Bowl in San Jose (June 21-22, 2025). See District Rules for parameters.
- U12, U15 & U18 divisions are competing for handicap scholarships and advancement (scratch) to the State Finals (1:4 ratio per division). State qualifiers **MUST** check online **TO SEE IF THEY QUALIFIED** and **MUST REGISTER ONLINE IN ORDER TO BOWL (see below)**. U12, U15 & U18 Divisions first place scratch finishers will also earn a \$50 scholarship.

STATE FINALS MAY 3-4, 2025

(U12, U15 & U18 DIVISIONS ONLY)

AMF ROCKLIN LANES

2325 Sierra Meadows Dr, Rocklin, CA 95677
 (916) 624-8216

**STATE FINALS RSVP WINDOW:
 APRIL 1-8**

Web: CALUSBC.com

3 SQUAD CHOICES 1) Sat, May 3 at 9am; 2) Sat, May 3 at 2pm or 3) Sun, May 4 at 8:30am

ENTRY FEE No entry fee. One-time entry.

FORMAT Five games moving pairs after each game. Total scratch pinfall per division determines Champions, scholarships and Junior Gold berths. All bowlers must wear suitable attire. **See DRESS CODE in Rules.**

- **State Qualifiers MUST REGISTER their squad time online at CALUSBC.com in order to participate.**
- All divisions are competing for scratch and handicap scholarships (1:8 ratio)

The six Champions will receive the following:

- **FREE BERTH** into the **2025 Junior Gold Championships** to be held **July 11-19, 2025** in **Green Bay, WI** (if they have not previously qualified).
- **Travel stipend up to \$500** for Junior Gold travel to Green Bay, WI and a **STRIKE12CREATIONS.COM jersey** (CA design) to wear at Junior Gold representing California! (Stipend and jersey are voided if the bowler does not attend Junior Gold).

2025 CALIFORNIA PEPSI YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

More than just a Scholarship Tournament...

DISTRICT FINALS

(Six locations, two weekends – Visit CALUSBC.com)

March 15-16, 2025 & March 22-23, 2025

U8 & U10 DIVISIONS

ENTRY FEE: \$35 per person

U8 Division: Birthdate is 8/1/2016 or later

U10 Division: Birthdate is 8/1/2014 thru 7/31/16

- Bowlers may “opt up” into the U12 division by submitting a waiver with the entry form. This is only for bowlers that want to try to qualify for the Pepsi State Finals.
- Format: 3 games on the same pair of lanes.
- Earn **SCHOLARSHIPS** from both SCRATCH and HANDICAP scores (1:8 ratio per division).
- First place scratch finishers will earn a **FREE ENTRY** into the **California Youth State Championships** (June 21-22, 2025; 4th Street Bowl, San Jose); See rules for eligibility and parameters.

U12, U15 & U18 DIVISIONS

ENTRY FEE: \$65 per person

U12 Division: Birthdate is 8/1/2012 thru 7/31/14

U15 Division: Birthdate is 8/1/2009 thru 7/31/12

U18 Division: Birthdate is 8/1/2006 thru 7/31/09

- Format: 3 games on the same pair of lanes.
- Earn **SCHOLARSHIPS** from HANDICAP scores (1:8 ratio per division).
- First place scratch finishers per division will earn **\$50 SCHOLARSHIPS** (36 bowlers).
- **QUALIFY** scratch to the **Pepsi State Finals** at AMF Rocklin Lanes, May 3-4, 2025 (1:4 Ratio) per division (see below).
- State qualifiers' names will be posted at CALUSBC.com. Qualifiers must register online (**APRIL 1-8, 2025**) in order to compete in the State Finals.

STATE FINALS – AMF ROCKLIN LANES

May 3-4, 2025

U12, U15 & U18 Divisions only

- **NO ENTRY FEE. Registered bowlers only.**
- Format: 5 games moving pairs after each game.
- Earn **SCHOLARSHIPS** from SCRATCH scores (1:8 ratio per division).
- Earn **SCHOLARSHIPS** from HANDICAP scores (1:8 ratio per division).
- Storm / 900 Global / Roto Grip ball raffle.

Ball Raffle



The six scratch champions will earn the following:

- A **FREE BERTH** into the Junior Gold Championships held July 2025 in Green Bay, Wisconsin (if they have not previously qualified).
- A **TRAVEL STIPEND** up to \$500 for travel to Wisconsin for Junior Gold.
- A **FREE Strike12Creations.com** jersey to wear at Junior Gold (\$70 value) to represent California. (Jersey offer voided if the bowler does not attend Junior Gold)

Visit CALUSBC.com for tournament results and information

2025 PEPSI STATE FINALS REGISTRATION INFORMATION

For bowlers that have qualified from District Finals to the State Finals. *Qualifiers names are posted at CALUSBC.com.*

REGISTER: APRIL 1-8, 2025 • STATE FINALS: MAY 3-4, 2025

STATE FINALS QUALIFIERS: Bowlers in the U12, U15 & U18 divisions will qualify (scratch) from the District Finals (March) to the State Finals based on a ratio of 1:4 or major fraction thereof, including last place ties per division. **QUALIFIERS MUST REGISTER THEIR SQUAD TIME ONLINE (APRIL 1-8) IN ORDER TO BOWL.** Those who fail to register their squad time without prior notification to the Tournament Director will forfeit their spot. Hotel information is posted at CALUSBC.com.

FORMAT: NO ENTRY FEE. One-time entry. Five games singles moving pairs after each game. Each division will earn scratch and handicap scholarships and one of six berths into the 2025 USBC Junior Gold Championships in Wisconsin (if they have not already previously qualified). Champions, scholarships and Junior Gold berths will be determined by total scratch pinfall per division. The six division champions will receive scholarships plus a travel stipend up to \$500 for Junior Gold travel to Wisconsin and a **Strike12Creations.com** jersey (set CA design) to represent California. (The stipend and jersey will be voided if the champion does not attend Junior Gold.)

PEPSI STATE FINALS ONLINE REGISTRATION

SQUAD CHOICES:

#1) Saturday, May 3 – 9:00 AM

#2) Saturday, May 3 – 2:00 PM

#3) Sunday, May 4 – 8:30 AM

Squad space is limited and filled on a first come, first serve basis

Online only at

CALUSBC.com

REGISTRATION
WINDOW:

APRIL 1-8

TOURNAMENT SITE:

**AMF ROCKLIN
LANES**

2325 Sierra Meadows Dr
Rocklin, CA 95677
(916) 624-8216

IT IS THE BOWLER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK ONLINE AT CALUSBC.COM TO SEE IF THEY QUALIFIED. Online registration requires the following information: **CENTER** where you bowl league, **SQUAD CHOICE**, **USBC MEMBERSHIP #**, **DIVISION** and **LAST FOUR SS#**. You will be contacted **ONLY** if there is a problem. **MAKE SURE YOUR REGISTRATION PROCESSED CORRECTLY – AN AUTOMATED EMAIL WILL BE SENT TO YOU FROM JOTFORM. ALL REGISTRATIONS WILL BE VERIFIED** – Confirmed qualifiers will receive an official email by April 27 and names will also be posted online at **CALUSBC.com**. Contact your Youth Director for help if you don't know the required information. **E-mail registrations will NOT be accepted. DO NOT** register multiple times just to correct information from the first registration. Contact Lynn at (562) 449-4527 or e-mail: info@calusbc.com to make any corrections.

New Youth Tournament!

Cal State Youth
**QUEENS & MASTERS
PRINCE & PRINCESS**
Tournament

COUNTRY CLUB LANES

2600 Watt Ave, Sacramento CA 95821
(916) 483-5105

May 3 at 2pm | May 4 at 9am
Format: Five game singles

Enter online at **CALUSBC.com**

Bowl this event the same weekend as the Pepsi State Finals!
Pick an opposite squad time – Country Club Lanes is only 17 miles away.

STATE RULES

1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) #04881 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. **NO ENTRY FEE.**
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 1-8 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 district/state will result in automatic disqualification.
5. State Finals competition will take place at **AMF ROCKLIN LANES**, 2325 Sierra Meadows Dr, Rocklin, CA 95677, (916) 624-8216 on **MAY 3-4, 2025**. Squad times: Saturday 9am, Saturday 2pm and Sunday at 8:30am.
6. 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 8/1/12 THRU 7/31/14**
 - **U15 DIVISION: BOWLERS WHOSE BIRTHDATE IS 8/1/09 THRU 7/31/12**
 - **U18 DIVISION: BOWLERS WHOSE BIRTHDATE IS 8/1/06 THRU 7/31/09**
7. **Format:** Five games moving pairs after each game. Total scratch pinfall will determine the standings for each division.
9. **DRESS CODE: BOWLING JERSEY WITH NAME ON THE BACK.** *Collars must be hemmed (crew, v-neck, polo or quarter zip). All jerseys must have finished sleeves. Male participants are required to wear slacks with front zipper and button at waist. Slacks must not contain drawstring waists or elastic bottoms. Female participants are required to wear slacks, skirts, capris, skorts or walking shorts. All skirts, capris, skorts or walking shorts must be below the competitor's fingertips when they are standing with their arms hanging loosely at their side. Hats, jeans and yoga pants are not permitted. No electronic devices allowed in the bowler's area. Tournament management must approve any/all exceptions prior to the event. If the dress code is deemed unacceptable, the participant will be required to change immediately. If the participant is unable to change, they will be removed from competition for that day. Re-scheduling will be accommodated only when possible.*
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12. Scratch and Handicap scholarships will be awarded based on the number of participants with a ratio of at least 1:8 per division, with a major fraction thereof. **Handicap is 100% of 210 using District Finals averages.** Awards and Scholarship fees shall be returned 100%. All ties will be split equally. Scholarships will be held with USBC SMART under account #8512, (800) 514-2695 x8292. Special Olympic winners may opt to receive a gift card (maximum of \$300) 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.

STATE RULES

13. **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 2025 Junior Gold Championships.** 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 2026 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. In the event that a qualifier needs to be replaced and there is a tie to determine who will advance to the Junior Gold Championships, the highest game from the qualifying scores will determine who will advance. If the high score for each is the same, the next subsequent high score will be used until the tie is broken. Replacements will incur all costs associated with changing the airline ticket, if applicable. **The California USBC Association will provide the U12, U15 & U18 Champions (6 total) a travel stipend valued up to \$500 and a Strike12Creations.com jersey.** The jersey and stipend are offered only for the champions attending the Jr Gold Championships and is non-transferrable. If the champion does not attend the Junior Gold Championships, the jersey and stipend will be forfeited. 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.**

14. Only bowlers and Tournament Officials are permitted in the settee area.
15. **Practice is prohibited** in the hosting center during the weekend of competition (Saturday night).
16. **ONLY A DRY TOWEL FOR CLEANING MAY BE USED DURING COMPETITION. ELIMINATION OF BALANCE HOLES:** Bowlers may have up to five holes for gripping purposes and all must be used on every delivery. If only fingers are used, the thumb hole must be plugged and an "X" marked for the palm position. Any bowling ball that does not meet USBC specifications will subject the bowler to disqualification of all tournament scores. We reserve the option to do random spot checks and we may be reported to check equipment by another bowler. **Visit BOWL.com to download the Non-conforming Bowling Ball List.**
17. Food and drinks are permissible in the back area only. **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.
18. **NO OUTSIDE FOOD ALLOWED INSIDE THE CENTER.** Please be respectful of the hosting center's rules and guidelines.
19. 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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