



## 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.*
10. No replacements 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. 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.

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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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