

UTAH STATE USBC PEPSI YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. This tournament is certified by the Utah State USBC and shall be governed by USBC rules and USUSBC rules adopted.
2. Dates of league level qualifying will begin. October 1, 2020 and must be completed by February 28, 2021. Advancement from league is a one-time entry. If an individual who qualified cannot participate in the state competition, replacements will be eligible based on order of finish in previous competition.
3. Advancement ratio from league competition to the state competition is at least 1 (one) for every 1 (one) entry per division. The base number for each division is the number of league members that would have participated in that division. In all cases at least one person per division shall advance. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all eligible divisions.
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 completion level. Participation in any level of competition past the league level in more than one state will result in automatic disqualification.
5. Competition will take place at Sunset Lanes – Saint George, Utah. Qualifying for Divisions U8, U10, and Day 1 of Qualifying for U12 will take place Saturday, March 13, 2021 at 9:00 am. Day 1 Qualifying for Divisions U15, U18 and will take place Saturday, March 13, 2021 at 1:00PM. Day 1 Qualifiers' from the U12, U15, U18, will return Sunday, March 14, 2021 at 9:00 am for Day 2 Qualifying. The top three finishers from each division based on the two-day total pin count will advance to compete in the stepladder finals on Sunday, March 14, 2021, 1 hour after all divisions of the 9:00 am qualifier finish.
6. Tournament entry form containing qualifiers' name, address, phone number, date of birth, and bowling center in which the entry is being submitted, must be submitted by Midnight, Saturday, March 6, 2021 to the tournament director. Please make sure this information is complete. If the entry is not complete the entry may be sent back. **Entry closing date is Saturday, March 6, 2021, postmarked mailed entry by Midnight. For online submitting, closing date is Tuesday March 9, 2021.**
7. Divisions are based on the participant's age. *Athletes must compete in their proper age division in all levels of competition. All competition is SCRATCH and shall be conducted in the following divisions:*
 U8 GIRLS & BOYS – Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2012 or later
 U10 GIRLS & BOYS – Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2010 – 7/31/2012
 U12 GIRLS & BOYS – Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2008 – 7/31/2010
 U15 GIRLS & BOYS – Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2005 – 7/31/2008
 U18 GIRLS & BOYS – Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2002 – 07/31/2005
8. The U8 & U10 divisions will only roll three games of bowling on **Saturday, March 13, 2021** staying on the same pair of lanes all three games. Winners will be determined by total pin count. Divisions U12, U15, U18 will bowl three games of qualifying on **Saturday, March 13, 2021**. Bowlers will skip one pair of lanes after each game. The field will be cut in half (top 50%) in each division based on total pins. Advancers will return on Sunday, March 14, 2021 and bowl three additional games skipping one pair of lanes after each game. Pin fall will be carried over to Sunday. The top four bowlers in each division with the highest total pin count for the two days in each division will advance to a stepladder roll-off starting with 4th vs 3rd and so on to the final match. Bowlers waiting to participate in the stepladder finals will be given a 10-minute warmup on a pair of lanes determined by the Tournament Director. At the start of the stepladder these same bowlers will be given two practice balls on each lane. A tie for last place after the qualifying competition will be broken by a one-game roll-off on a pair of lanes determined by the tournament director. Should a tie still exist, a ninth and 10th frame roll-off shall be used to break the tie. Any ties during the stepladder shall be broken by a ninth and 10th frame roll-off.
9. **Optional Handicap Division**– A Handicap Division for each division will be available for an additional \$5 to all participants in this tournament provided the following provision has been met. A league-standing sheet showing current average as of February 28, 2021, with at least 12 games is submitted one week before the competition begins. If a standing sheet is not submitted by March 7, 2021, the bowler will only be allowed to bowl scratch. There is NO additional bowling for the optional handicap division. Scores bowled during their regular event will have the handicap base: 100% of 230 for boys and girls added to those regular scores. Bowlers will remain in the same division as the scratch competition. All funds collected will be returned in the form of scholarships.

10. Entry fees:

Division	Lineage	Expense & Awards	Scholarship	Total	Optional Handicap	Total with Optional
U8 - U10	\$ 9.00	\$ 11.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 30.00
U12 - U15 - U18	\$ 21.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 45.00

In addition to the above, the Utah State USBC will add Scholarship money. Scholarship monies will be determined based on total number of entries received per division and calculated at a rate of \$10.00 per entrant to determine total scholarship monies available per division. Scholarships awarded will come from unassigned funds held in the Utah State SMART account #8549. All checks returned by banks, credit unions etc. will be charged \$35 plus bank fees.

11. Dress Code: USBC National youth dress code will be **strictly** followed. Entrants are expected to wear suitable attire. Use good judgment when selecting the appropriate attire. Examples of acceptable attire – Collared Shirts and Mock-Turtle Necks, USBC Youth Jersey, Dress slacks, Skirts and Jeans in good condition. Shorts, skirts, and skorts with finished bottoms (NO FRAYED HEMLINES) that extend to the knee when worn at the waist 3-3½ inches above the knee. Examples of prohibited attire include but are not limited to – Head gear – (for medical reasons only), T-shirts, tank tops, halter tops, bare midriffs, spaghetti straps tops, etc., workout attire, bib overalls, jeans that are not neat, clean or in good condition (NO TORN JEANS). Attire depicting alcohol, tobacco or gambling, an illegal substance or inappropriate language/gestures may not be worn in accordance with Rule 301B. Bowlers will be required to change if attire is deemed inappropriate by tournament management or designee. Tournament management or designee decisions will be final. **There are no exceptions.** For questions on appropriate attire, contact the Utah State USBC Youth Open Tournament on site office or email to utahstateusbc@utahbowling.org or visit our website at www.utahbowling.org.
12. No electronic devices shall be used or allowed in the settee area during tournament competition.
13. Parents & coaches are not allowed in settee area during tournament competition
14. No substitutes will be permitted **once athletes have started tournament play**; however, replacements may be used for bowlers not present **30 minutes** prior to the squad time as stated in Rule 2. **Replacements must be based on the order of finish from the prior level of competition. (i.e. the same window, same league and same center as the "no show" bowler if replacement is from the league level. They must follow the order of advancement within that window/league.)**
15. Competitors shall be allowed 10 minutes of practice time on their starting pair.
16. If no replacement has been made, bowlers arriving late shall begin play and score shall count beginning with the frame 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 credited with a zero for that frame.
17. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
18. Ties will be broken by a one game roll-off. Should a tie still exist, it will be broken by an additional ninth and 10th frame roll-off. (Refer to rule 326a)
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 the 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. Symbolic awards will be given to first place finishers for each division.
21. **The first-place winners of the U12, U15, and U18 Divisions for both Girls and Boys will advance to the 2021 Junior Gold Championships July 9-17, 2021. They must be USBC Junior Gold members to advance to the Junior Gold Championships. Bowlers without a current Junior Gold membership must purchase Junior Gold memberships prior to June 8. USBC will waive the U18, U15, and U12 entry fee for these athletes. These athletes will compete for additional scholarships available to all athletes at the championships, as well as other prizes and awards. All U.S. citizens are vying for a spot on USBC Junior Team USA 2018 to represent the United States in national and international competition. If the U12, U15, and U18 Division Champion is unwilling or unable to become a USBC Junior Gold member they will not advance to the Junior Gold Championships. However, the athlete will retain the state scholarship, but the berth to the Junior Gold Championships will be awarded to the next eligible athlete.**
22. 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.
23. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Utah State USBC and the Tournament Director. The National Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.

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