



## MONTANA USBC 2012 PEPSI YOUTH BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIPS STATE RULES

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1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress and shall be governed by the rules of the USBC. The certification number for the USBC Pepsi Youth Championship Tournament is #04498.
2. There will be two (2) qualifying league sessions, each session being two weeks long. The first window shall be **November 11-24, 2011**. The second window shall be **January 13-26, 2012**. Advancement from league is one time entry. Only bowlers who have paid an entry fee are eligible to bowl the state finals. If an individual qualified and cannot participate in the state competition, replacements will be eligible based on order of finish in the league level. Divisions are determined by using AGE as of August 1, 2011. Participation is for USBC Youth members only.
3. Advancement ratio for all divisions from league to the state level is one (1) for every ten (10) bowlers in each division per league per window, with a minimum of two bowlers in each division. **In all cases, at least two (2) bowlers per division, per league shall advance during each qualifying session.**
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 or zone, the bowler must declare one state or zone to continue competing before the next competition level. Participation in any level of competition past the league level in more than one state or zone will result in automatic disqualification.**
5. One-time entry fee for qualifiers to participate in the State Finals are as follows:

	<u>11 &amp; Under</u>	<u>12 &amp; Over</u>
Lineage	\$ 13.00	\$ 18.00
Expenses	\$ 3.25	\$ 3.25
Awards	\$ .75	\$ .75
Scholarship	<u>\$ 3.00</u>	<u>\$ 3.00</u>
	\$ 20.00	\$ 25.00

6. **AVERAGES: Bowlers will use their March 15, 2012 highest current certified league average with a minimum of 12 games, if no current average, last year's final average, if neither, bowler will bowl scratch. Proof of average in the form of written verification of all averages will be required and must be sent to the Tournament Director no later than April 1, 2012.**

**7. STATE FINALS will be held in Butte, May 4, 5, 6, 2012.**

Bowlers in all divisions will compete at the same designated center throughout the State Finals.

***Star Lanes Family Sports Center  
4601 Harrison Ave  
Butte, 406-494-3898***

**FORMAT- Boy's and Girl's 11 & Under Divisions**

All bowlers in these divisions will bowl one four (4) game block on the same pair of lanes. Total pin fall plus handicap will determine the top six (6) bowlers in each division to advance to the finals round on Sunday. All bowlers will receive a participation patch.

**SHIFT TIMES** – A maximum of 4 bowlers per lane will be scheduled.

**Local bowlers for all 11 & Under Divisions – Friday, May 4, 6:00 PM**

**Boys 11 & Under Division - Saturday, May 5, 8:00 AM**

**Girls 11 & Under Division - Saturday, May 5, 11:00 AM**

**After all scores in these divisions are calculated a cut to the top six (6) bowlers in each division will be made. These bowlers will advance to the finals round on Sunday, May 6, 2012.**

**Final Round - 11 & Under Divisions: 9:00 AM on SUNDAY, May 6, 2012.**

All bowlers must check in 20 minutes prior to the start of the finals round. The top SIX (6) bowlers in each division will advance to the finals. All six (6) bowlers will bowl three (3) games. At the end of the three games, scores will be added with handicap and the bowlers will bowl a one (1) game position round to determine placing. SCORES WILL START FRESH FOR THE FINALS.

A guaranteed scholarship of \$250 will go to the first place finisher, and additional scholarships will be awarded, as money is available. No scholarship less than \$50.00 will be awarded. Trophies will be awarded to all six (6) bowlers in the finals round.

**FORMAT - Boy's & Girl's 12 & Over Handicap Divisions**  
**Boy's & Girl's 12 & Over Scratch Divisions**

All bowlers in these divisions will bowl one six (6) game block skipping a pair of lanes to the right after 3 games. Total pin fall, plus handicap where applicable, will determine the top six (6) bowlers in each division to advance to the finals round on Sunday. All bowlers will receive a participation patch.

**SHIFT TIMES** – A maximum of 4 bowlers per lane will be scheduled.

**Local bowlers for 12 & Over HANDICAP Divisions – Friday, May 4, 6:00 PM**

**Boy's 12 & Over Handicap Division - Saturday, May 5, 2:00 PM**

**Girl's 12 & Over Handicap Division - Saturday, May 5, 5:00 PM**

**ALL 12 & Over Scratch Divisions - Saturday, May 5, 8:00 PM**

**After all scores in these divisions are calculated a cut to the top six (6) bowlers in each division will be made. These bowlers will advance to the finals round on Sunday, May 6, 2012.**

## **Final Round – 12 & Over Divisions**

**Boys and Girls 12 & Over HANDICAP Divisions - 11:00 AM on SUNDAY, May 6, 2012.**

**Boys and Girls 12 & Over SCRATCH Divisions - 1:30 PM on SUNDAY, May 6, 2012.**

All bowlers must check in 20 minutes prior to the start of the finals round. The top six (6) bowlers in each division will bowl a match-game round robin, using the six-team schedule, followed by a position round, 1<sup>st</sup> bowling 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> bowling 4<sup>th</sup>, etc. Bonus pins will be awarded for match play and the position round as follows – 30 points for a win, 15 for a tie. Any ties, going into or at the end of the position round will be broken by a one (1) game roll-off, plus handicap, where applicable, with no bonus pins added. If a tie still exists at this point, the tie will be broken by a 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll-off, plus 1/10<sup>th</sup> of the handicap per frame, if applicable. SCORES WILL START FRESH FOR THE FINALS.

A guaranteed minimum scholarship of \$250 will go to the first place finisher, and additional scholarships will be awarded, as money is available. No scholarship less than \$50.00 will be awarded. Trophies will be awarded to all six (6) bowlers in the finals round.

8. **12 & Over Scratch Divisions:** First and second place winners in the Boy's and Girl's Scratch Divisions will receive a berth to the 2012 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships to be held July 14-20, 2012 in Indianapolis, IN to compete for further scholarships. Bowlers are not required to have a minimum average or be a Junior Gold program member to enter the Scratch Division at the local or state level of qualifying for the Pepsi USBC Youth Championships. However, to receive the berth, the bowler must purchase a USBC Junior Gold Membership for \$30 prior to the national championships. A parent, guardian or coach, at their own expense, must accompany all advancers. A bowling ball, donated by Brunswick will be raffled to raise money to assist the Scratch advancers with their travel expenses. The money raised will be divided evenly between the Boy's and Girl's Scratch Division winners advancing to the 2012 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships.

9. If any winners in the 12 & Over Scratch Division are unwilling to purchase the USBC Junior Gold Membership and attend the 2012 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships, or failing to do so, agree to waive all rights and the state scholarship won may be withdrawn and re-awarded. Replacements will be selected based on the order of finish in their division at the state competition.

10. **Entries with Fees in all divisions for the state finals must be postmarked on or before April 1, 2012 – no exceptions! No refunds after entry deadline.**

Send fully completed entry form per division along with appropriate division entry fees to the tournament director. Association Managers send verification of March 15, 2012 averages (see Rule 6) to the tournament director by April 1, 2012.

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**A roster of the submitted entrants will be posted at [www.butteusbc.com](http://www.butteusbc.com).**

11. AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIP FEES WILL BE RETURNED 100% TO BOWLERS. Any overage of expense money will be returned to the bowlers in the form of scholarships. All scholarship funds will be deposited to and managed by SMART, Account # 8531, 1-800-514-2695, ex. 8292.

12. **All bowlers must have suitable attire. Clothing should be neat and clean. NO caps, hats, shorts, tank tops, skirts, skorts, walking shorts or culottes will be worn while bowling. JEANS OR SLACKS ONLY. Any bowler wearing clothing deemed offensive or inappropriate (i.e. logos, pants hanging off the hips, mid-drift shirts, etc.) will be asked to change. Cell phones and music devices will not be allowed during the competition. Youth participants will not wear apparel or use bowling equipment depicting alcohol, tobacco, gambling, an illegal substance or inappropriate language/gestures during competition. Penalty: First offense will result in a verbal warning and apparel change or removal of equipment. Failure to comply will cause the bowler's scores to be disqualified and the bowler to be removed from the competition. Bowlers will be allowed to wear the USBC Youth jersey provided them with the purchase of their standard membership card.**

13. Smoking, smoking-related products or alcohol will not be permitted on the concourse or in the settee area during competition. Smoking or alcohol use by non-bowlers will only be allowed in designated areas. USBC Youth strives to provide the best possible atmosphere for the athletes during this event.

14. Bowlers will be allowed five (5) minutes practice time on the lanes on which they will be competing.

15. For the Finals Rounds on Sunday, once the check-in period has closed, a missing bowler shall be considered replaced if an alternate is available. A bowler arriving late, and IF he/she has not been replaced, shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. Frames missed shall be credited with a zero (0). A BOWLER NOT PRESENT AND READY TO BOWL WHEN IT IS HIS/HER TURN WILL BE CREDITED WITH A ZERO (0) FOR THAT FRAME. No more than one (1) lane courtesy will be allowed.

16. Handicap will be 100% of the difference between the bowler's average and 210 where applicable.

17. **Only competitors and tournament officials will be allowed in the settee area.**

18. If there is a delay in bowling of 15 minutes or more, bowlers will be allowed five (5) minutes of warm-up time on the lanes prior to resuming competition.

19. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the tournament director no later than 30 minutes after completion of the tournament. The tournament director will decide questionable errors. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the tournament director before awards are given out. Each protest under this rule must be specific in itself.

20. In all matters not covered by these rules and regulations, decisions will be determined by the Montana USBC Pepsi Youth Championship Tournament Committee, which includes the MUSBC officers. The National USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee has the right to accept or reject any participant.