

# TOURNAMENT OVERVIEW AND SCHEDULE

The Pepsi USBC Youth Championships begins with league level qualifying. Bowling centers with certified USBC Youth leagues are automatic qualifying sites. Since qualifying begins during league level, there is no entry fee at this level. League level qualifying will be between Oct. 1, 2011 and Feb. 29, 2012. Please note: The league level window includes October to accommodate high school leagues. Please contact your state/zone Pepsi tournament director if your league needs to take advantage of a window earlier than the one specified by your state/zone.



**Qualifying competition is held in divisions based on the bowler's age as of Aug. 1, 2011:**

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| ⇒ 11 and under Boys Handicap | ⇒ 11 and under Girls Handicap |
| ⇒ 12 and above Boys Handicap | ⇒ 12 and above Girls Handicap |
| ⇒ 12 and above Boys Scratch  | ⇒ 12 and above Girls Scratch  |

Winners in these divisions will advance to the state/zone competition with some earning scholarships.

The Scratch Division winners and runners-up from the state/zone finals will receive a berth from USBC into the 2012 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships to be held July 14-20, 2012 in Indianapolis. USBC will waive the \$200 entry fee for these athletes. At the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships the bowlers will compete for additional scholarships available to all athletes at the tournament. **The advancers must be USBC Junior Gold program members or be eligible and purchase a membership prior to the championships. There is no requirement to be a Junior Gold program member to enter the Scratch Division at the local or state/zone level.**

## **YOUR STATE/ZONE PEPSI TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DATES**

<b>OCT. 1, 2011-FEB. 29, 2012</b>	League level qualifying will take place. Qualifying window dates are determined by the state/zone Pepsi Tournament Committee and listed in the rules and information. Consult BOWL.com for the Pepsi Tournament Director in each state/zone or see this handbook if you have not received the rules for your specific state/zone.
<b>MARCH 1-APRIL 30, 2012</b>	Center and sectional qualifying will take place (if applicable in your specific state/zone). Contact the Pepsi Tournament Director for your state/zone in case of questions (see this handbook and BOWL.com for the list of directors).
<b>MARCH 1-MAY 31, 2012</b>	State/zone competition will take place.
<b>MAY-JUNE 1, 2012</b>	USBC sends confirmation emails to state/zone advancers to North Pointe Junior Gold Championships.
<b>JUNE 10, 2012</b>	Deadline for USBC's receipt of information on state/zone advancers to North Pointe Junior Gold Championships.
<b>JULY 14 – 20, 2012</b>	North Pointe Junior Gold Championships – Indianapolis, IN
<b>JULY 12 – 29, 2012 (unless extended)</b>	USBC Youth Open Championships – Indianapolis, IN

# 2011-12 LEAGUE LEVEL RULES

## (ATHLETES MUST SEE THESE RULES AND CHOOSE THEIR OWN DIVISION)

1. The Pepsi USBC Youth Championships is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (# 04498) and governed by USBC rules.
2. Competition is open to all 2011-12 USBC Youth members. To compete, a bowler must be a regular member of a certified USBC league and not be under suspension at the time of qualifying. League substitutes are allowed to participate if it is their only USBC Youth league. USBC Collegiate members are eligible if they are 2011-12 USBC Youth members, bowl in a USBC Youth league and have not violated USBC Rule 400.
3. All USBC Youth members in good standing are eligible for the league level competition. There is no entry fee at the league level. Bowling centers having 2011-12 USBC certified leagues are automatic league level qualifying sites.
4. **Participants must be aware of each competition level in the state/zone and all associated rules, fees and deadlines. These items are contained in the specific state/zone rules from the State/Zone Pepsi tournament director. (State director information can be found on BOWL.com.)**
5. Competition will be conducted in six divisions based on the participant's age as of Aug. 1, 2011. Participation in the wrong age division will lead to automatic disqualification. Bowlers must stay in the given division in that particular league throughout the entire window:



⇒ 11 and under Boys Handicap  
⇒ 12 and above Boys Handicap  
⇒ 12 and above Boys Scratch

⇒ 11 and under Girls Handicap  
⇒ 12 and above Girls Handicap  
⇒ 12 and above Girls Scratch

\* HANDICAP DIVISIONS  
BASED ON 100 % of 210 \*

**\*There is no requirement of USBC Junior Gold membership and no minimum average to enter the Scratch Division!**

6. The qualifying window average will be the current league average as of the first date of competition (no minimum number of games). Participants in the 12 and above age divisions must choose either the handicap or scratch division before qualifying. **These athletes must be asked personally about their choice of division.** He or she must remain in that division for the duration of that window. Bowlers are eligible to compete in a different division in a different league during the league level of competition. **\*\*\*Bowlers in the 12 and above age division who have an entering average of 211 or higher MUST compete in the Scratch division.\*\*\***
7. Qualifying in the handicap divisions will be based on 100 percent of the difference between the bowler's average and 210. This will not affect the league's regular handicap system used to figure team and individual standings in that league. USBC earned awards are based on the member's league average as of that day.
8. League level qualifying will be conducted in certified leagues during the qualifying window(s) between Oct. 1, 2011 and Feb. 29, 2012. Each state/zone Pepsi tournament committee decides the qualifying window dates. Consult state/zone rules for the specific dates. **If needed, the state/zone Pepsi tournament director can grant changes in the qualifying dates to individual bowling centers.**
9. Qualifying scores must be bowled during regularly scheduled league play. **Pre-bowled or post-bowled scores may not be used as scores for advancement purposes.** Advancement to the next competition level will be from the league level.
10. Participants can attempt to qualify in any state/zone where they hold a 2011-12 USBC Youth membership card. However, the bowler can only advance once using the following criteria:
  - A. In the event a bowler qualifies in more than one league in the same division, the bowler must advance from the league in which the highest series was bowled. For identical qualifying scores, the member will advance from the league where the first score was bowled.

- B. If a bowler qualifies in different leagues from both the scratch and handicap divisions, the bowler must select one division they will compete in before subsequent competition.
- C. If the bowler advances out of league level in more than one state/zone, the bowler **must** declare one state/zone to continue competing in before the next competition level.
- D. Participation in any level of competition past the league level in more than one state/zone and/or more than one division will result in automatic disqualification.

*Note: Advancers remain in the division they qualified in during the league level in all subsequent competition. If there is a tie for the last-place qualifier in a division, both will advance to the next level of competition.*

### STATE/ZONE LEVEL

- 11. The top two (2) bowlers in the 12-and-above Boys and Girls Scratch divisions at the state/zone competition with the highest scratch score plus applicable bonus pins will earn a berth to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships to be held July 14-20, 2012 in Indianapolis. Bowlers are not required to have a minimum average or be a Junior Gold Program member to enter the Scratch Division at the local level of qualifying for the Pepsi USBC Youth Championships. However, to receive the berth, the bowler must be a USBC Youth Standard member and USBC Junior Gold Member prior to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships. **If the winner is not eligible for the championships, he/she will still retain all awards from the state/zone, but the next eligible bowler will receive the berth to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships.**
- 12. Advancers to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships must agree to bowl in the North Pointe 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/zone level.
- 13. Failure to abide by any rules and regulations will lead to disqualification from this event. The Pepsi USBC Youth Championships National Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.
- 14. The Pepsi USBC Youth Championships National Tournament Committee will decide all matters not covered by these rules and regulations, or USBC rules and regulations. All decisions are final.

**ALL BOWLERS MUST SEE AND  
UNDERSTAND THESE RULES**