

2008-2009 Washington State USBC Pepsi Youth Championships



STATE FINALS COMPETITION RULES AND FORMAT

1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (#5077) and shall be governed by USBC rules. All athletes must be a USBC Youth member to participate.
2. Advancement from the sectional competition 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 qualifying event. See Rule #8.
3. Advancement ratio from sectional qualifying to state finals in the 12 & older divisions is one (1) for every two (2) entries per division, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties. Advancement ratio in the 11 & under divisions is one (1) out of four (4), or major fraction thereof, including last place ties.
4. State final competition will take place at **Hi Line Lanes (15733 Ambaum Blvd SW, Burien, WA – 206-244-2272)** on May 16th & 17th 2009. State level entries open April 8th, 2009. Reservation deadline for the competition will be by the **postmarked** date of **May 7th, 2009**. Alternates invited and entries accepted until 48 hours prior to competition. (USBC Rule 310a)

5. STATE FINALS COMPETITION

A. Sectional qualifiers in Divisions of **ages 11 & under (as of 8/1/08)** will bowl three (3) games, total pin fall plus handicap to determine first place scholarship winner. Place awards and scholarships will be awarded to finalists. Competition is on Sunday morning (**5/17/09**) at **8 AM**. (See Rule #18)

B. Divisions in **ages 12 & above Handicap (as of 8/1/08)** will bowl six (6) games of qualifying on Saturday **5/16/09**. Bowlers will change lanes after the first 3 qualifying games. Field will be cut to the top eight (8) advancers based on total pins plus handicap in each Handicap division. On Sunday (**5/17/09**) at **11 AM**, finalists will bowl eight (8) games of match play, bowling each player one (1) time, with the eighth game a position round. Handicap will be added to each match play game. Bowlers will receive thirty (30) bonus pins per match play win or fifteen (15) bonus pins per match play tie. Places will be determined by total pin fall including handicap and bonus pins. Place awards and scholarships will be awarded to finalists.

C. Divisions in **ages 12 & above Scratch (as of 8/1/08)** will bowl six (6) games of qualifying on Saturday **5/16/09**. Field will be cut to the top eight (8) advancers based on total pins. On Sunday (**5/18/09**) at **11 AM**, finalists will bowl eight (8) games of match play, bowling each player one (1) time, with the eighth game a position round. Bowlers will receive thirty (30) bonus pins per match play win or fifteen (15) bonus pins per match play tie. Places will be determined by total scratch pin fall including bonus pins.

6. ENTRY FEES

| | 12 & above Handicap | 12 & above Scratch | 11 & under |
|------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Lineage/Expenses | \$21.00 | \$21.00 | \$13.00 |
| Awards | \$ 2.00 | \$ 2.00 | N/A |
| Scholarship | \$ 3.00 | \$ 3.00 | \$2.00 |
| | \$ 26.00 | \$ 26.00 | \$15.00 |

Awards and scholarship fee will be returned 100% to the bowlers. \$2.00 added for on-line entries administration fee. All scholarship monies will be sent to and managed by the SMART (Ed Gocha, SMART Administrator 1-800-514-2695 ext. 3343 SMART account # 8507). There will be a \$25 returned check fee for each check returned by banks, credit unions ect.

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7. All bowlers must wear neat suitable attire. Bowlers must check in ready to bowl dressed in proper attire or they will be subject to disqualification. No hats, clothing advertising alcohol/tobacco products, no offensive or suggestive shirts. Bowlers must wear slacks, khakis or a skirt. No shorts, skorts, **denim or jeans (any color)** or any sweatshirt/pant material, spandex, or Capri pants will be allowed. Shirts must have collars (Turtleneck shirts are NOT acceptable) and abdomens must be covered completely when bowler is fully extended at the line. No baggy pants or pants hanging below the waist will be worn during tournament play. Any skirt must be hemmed and be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee. Tournament Director will have final say on any questionable attire. No smoking will be permitted by any participant and spectators must go to a designated smoking area to smoke during the tournament. No alcohol is to be consumed on the concourse and no gambling by any bowler or spectators behind the bowlers.

Youth participants will not wear apparel or use bowling equipment depicting alcohol, tobacco, gambling, an illegal substance or inappropriate language/gestures during competition.

Bowlers may not use or wear any electronic device (MP3 player, cell phone ect.) while on the approach or during their turns of bowling. No device shall be audible to any other player or official, or interfere with any other participant. Cell phones and pagers must be turned off or used on silent mode only.

8. No substitutes will be permitted; however, replacements may be used for bowlers not present fifteen (15) minutes prior to squad time as stated in Rule #2. For the Sunday finals, qualifiers and alternates must be checked in thirty (30) minutes prior to the squad (by 10:30 AM) to be eligible to compete. Any vacancies may be filled by a pacer at the tournament director's discretion if qualifiers or alternates have not checked in according to this rule.
9. Bowlers will be allowed five (5) minutes of practice time on their starting lanes for state competition. A bowler not present and ready to bowl when it is his/her turn will be credited with a zero (0) for that frame.
10. **AVERAGE DEADLINE**
Average used for this competition for all divisions shall be the highest current average as of **April 1, 2009 or final average sheet if league completed**. If the athlete is bowling in a sanctioned "sport" league, then rule 202d and the adjustment chart on page 77 from the USBC Playing Rules must be considered. If the sport league is the only league the athlete bowls in, then the adjustment chart must be used for the correct average. All averages must be submitted by the **postmarked** date of **May 7, 2009**. A standing sheet **must** be included with all reservation requests including scratch entries.
11. Handicap will be 100% of the difference between the bowler's average and 210. Bowlers with an average of 211 or higher as of April 1, 2009 will receive zero (0) handicap but remain in the division entered for Center Competition.
12. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
13. If a tie exists for 8th place in any of the 12 & over divisions after the qualifying round the tie will be broken by a one game roll-off with handicap, if applicable. If a tie still exists, a 9th and 10th frame roll-off plus 1/10 of handicap per frame will break it, where applicable
14. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the tournament director must be made within 30 minutes after completion of the bowler's squad. The tournament director shall rule upon questionable errors. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the tournament director within 72 hours or before the awards are given out. Each protest under this rule must be specific in itself.
15. Symbolic awards based on divisional entries at sectional level for all **divisions** will be given as follows: One (1) for ten (10) entries or major fraction thereof.
16. Scholarships will be given as follows: 1st place scholarship to division winners from the sectionals based on entries and monies collected. 1st place guaranteed \$500 in each division from the state competition. Additional scholarships will be awarded based on number percentages in each division. Scholarship monies will be sent to and managed by the SMART program.

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17. The first place winners and second place finishers of the Girls and Boys Scratch Division will advance to the 2009 USBC Junior Gold Championships. **The Junior Gold Championships will take place in Indianapolis, IN on July 11-17, 2009.** They must be **USBC Junior Gold Program** members to advance (the advancers must meet the 175 or higher average for males or 165 or higher average for females and have a gold membership or purchase a Gold membership prior to the championship). USBC will waive the \$150 entry fee for these athletes. These athletes will compete for additional scholarships available to all the athletes at the championships, as well as other prizes and awards. (No travel reimbursement or stipend will be provided for these athletes from USBC). All U.S. citizens are vying for a spot on the Junior TEAM USA 2010 to represent the United States in national and international competition. If the 1st and 2nd place winners are unwilling/unable to become a Junior Gold member and will not advance to the Championships, the athlete will still retain the state scholarship, but the berth to the Championships will be awarded to the next eligible athlete. Any fundraising money awarded will go with the qualified bowler to offset travel expenses.
18. Fundraising will be held during the sectionals and state finals to help offset travel expenses for all advancers to the Junior Gold national finals. Proceeds in excess of \$2000.00 shall be added to the scholarships awarded to the state finals. Any monies collected will be divided evenly among all the advancers who attend the national finals, subject to receipts for travel expenses being received within 30 days of the event.
19. All deadlines are firm and all eligible entries will be based on the postmark date on the envelope. All late information will be ineligible for consideration and will be returned by the Tournament Director. (USBC Rule # 312) All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Washington State Pepsi Youth Championships Tournament Committee. **The USBC National Pepsi Youth Championships Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.**

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Tournament information, online entry and complete results will be available on our Website: www.wsusbc.net