

# 2024 Washington State USBC Pepsi Youth Championships

## STATE FINALS COMPETITION RULES AND FORMAT



1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (#05132 U12 & Up) 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. All squad assignments will be posted at [www.tournamentbowl.com](http://www.tournamentbowl.com), it's the bowler's responsibility to check this site for their squad they are to bowl.
3. Advancement ratio from sectional qualifying to state finals in U12, U15 & U18 divisions is one (1) for every two (2) entries per division, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties.
4. State final competition will take place at Zeppoz in Pullman, WA, on **April 27 & 28, 2024**. State level entries open **March 12, 2024**, state entry forms will be available on the State Website and [tournamentbowl.com](http://tournamentbowl.com). Reservation deadline for the competition is **April 12, 2024**. Alternates invited after the deadline must have their entry to the tournament director by **April 15, 2024**. (USBC Rule 310a)

### 5. STATE FINALS COMPETITION

**A. Divisions U12, U15, U18** will bowl six (6) games of qualifying on Saturday **4/27/24**. The field will be cut on a ratio of 1:2 (rounded to an even number) with a maximum of eight (8) advancers based on scratch total pins and a minimum of 4. Advancers will return on Sunday (**4/28/24**). Finalists will bowl eight (8) games of match play, bowling each player one (1) time, with the eighth game a position round. Scratch pins from qualifying will carry over. 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. Scholarships will be awarded.

<b>U12 Boys</b>	<b>Birth date is 8/1/2011 thru 7/31/2013</b>	<b>U12 Girls</b>
<b>U15 Boys</b>	<b>Birth date is 8/1/2008 thru 7/31/2011</b>	<b>U15 Girls</b>
<b>U18 Boys</b>	<b>Birth date is 8/1/2005 thru 7/31/2008</b>	<b>U18 Girls</b>

**All divisions are scratch**

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6. **ENTRY FEES**

**U12 – U15 – U18**

<b>Lineage / Expenses</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>
<b>Awards / Scholarship</b>	<b>\$22.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$57.00</b>

Awards and scholarship fee will be returned 100% to the bowlers. All scholarship monies will be sent to and managed by SMART. All checks returned by banks, credit unions etc. will be charged \$35 **plus** bank fees.

7. **Handicap** – All bowlers will have handicap added to their scores for opportunity to win additional scholarship money. There is NO additional bowling, we will use the scores bowled during their regular event. Bowlers will remain in the same division as the Scratch competition. All funds collected will be returned in the form of Scholarship to be managed by SMART. Handicap scores will NOT be used to advance to finals.
8. Tournament management will determine if the uniform worn by the participant is acceptable. If the uniform is deemed unacceptable, the participant will be required to change the uniform immediately. If the participant is unable to change into a compliant uniform, they will be removed from the competition.  
**Shirts** – Competitors shall provide their own bowling shirt with a collared, V-neck, rib-lined or banded necklines. Mock collar must be a minimum of three-quarters of one inch. All shirts must have finished sleeves for all competition. Females may wear a sleeveless shirt with a butterfly collar only if the sleeves are finished.  
**Pants** – Male participants are required to wear slacks or dress shorts. Slacks or shorts must not contain drawstring waists or elastic bottoms. Slacks or shorts must have a zipper and a button to be eligible. Jeans are not permitted. Female participants are required to wear slacks, skirts, capris, skorts or dress shorts. All skirts, capris, skorts, or dress shorts must be **below the competitor’s fingertips** when they are standing and their arms are hanging loosely at their side. **Jeans and yoga pants are not permitted.** **Headgear** – No covering or sunglasses can be worn while practicing or competing (hats, caps, or bandannas, etc.). Male or Female participants cannot wear any headgear while practicing or competing, unless a request is made in writing
9. Conduct Guidelines:
- a. No smoking will be permitted by any participant and spectators must go to a designated smoking area to smoke during the tournament.
  - b. No alcohol is to be consumed on the concourse and there will be no gambling by bowlers or spectators behind the bowlers.
  - c. Youth participants will not wear apparel or use bowling equipment depicting alcohol, tobacco, gambling, an illegal substance or inappropriate language/gestures during competition.
  - d. Bowlers may not use or wear any electronic device (MP3 player, cell phone, etc.) while on the approach or in the settee area. 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.
10. No substitutes will be permitted beyond the entry deadline. For the Sunday finals, qualifiers and alternates must be checked in thirty (30) minutes prior to the squad 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.
11. Bowlers will be allowed a minimum of ten (10) minutes of practice time on their starting lanes for state competition.

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12. A bowler not present and ready to bowl when it is his/her turn will be credited with a zero (0) for that frame.
13. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area. All Coaches must be wearing their RVP and have completed the safe sport testing in order to be coaching any youth on the concourse. If a youth bowler is going to turn 18 prior to the start of sectionals he/she must complete safesport testing prior to bowling in the sectional/state tournament. If they have not completed safesport testing, they will not be allowed to bowl.
14. If a tie exists for the last qualifying place in any of the U12, U15, and U18 divisions after the qualifying round the tie will be broken by a one game roll-off. If a tie still exists, a 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll-off will be used until the tie is broken.
15. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the tournament director 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.
16. Scholarships will be awarded to all advancers to scratch match play in divisions U12, U15, and U18. Monies will be sent to and managed by the SMART program.
17. The first place winners in the Girls and Boys U12, U15, and U18 Divisions will advance to the 2024 Junior Gold Championships to be held in **Detroit, MI July 12 – 20, 2024**. Advancers must be **USBC Junior Gold members** or be eligible and purchase a membership prior to June 1, 2024. 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 2023 to represent the United States in national and international competition. If the 1<sup>st</sup> place winners are unwilling/unable to become a Junior Gold member and will not attend the Junior Gold Championships, the athlete will still retain the state scholarship, but the berth to the Junior Gold Championships will be awarded to the next eligible athlete. Any fundraising money awarded will go with the bowler who took first in their division to offset travel expenses to Junior Gold.
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. Any monies raised 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 must be to the tournament director by the appropriate deadline. 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 and complete results will be available on our Web site: [www.wsusbc.net](http://www.wsusbc.net) and [tournamentbowl.com](http://tournamentbowl.com).**