WASHINGTON STATE USBC PEPSI YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018-2019 SECTIONAL RULES AND FORMAT



- This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (#05146 U10 & Under, #05145 U12 & Up) and shall be governed by USBC rules.
- 2. All athletes must be a USBC Youth member to participate.
- 3. Sectional entries open January 01, 2019 and close February 28, 2019. There is a one-time entry. If an individual qualified and cannot participate in this competition, replacements will be eligible based on order of finish in the previous qualifying event. No replacements will be allowed after deadline for entries.
- 4. League level windows are: Two weeks during each of the following months October 2018 thru January 2019, you may pick which month or months to have your qualifiers. If your center has a split season and need to modify your qualifying dates please contact Tournament Director. Advancement ratio from league competition to sectional qualifying per division per league is 1:2 or major fraction thereof, including last place ties in all divisions in each qualifying windows.

In all cases at least one person, per division, shall advance. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all divisions. These divisions will be based on the participant's date of birth (see chart below)

U8 Boys	Birth date is 8/1/2010 or later	U8 Girls
U10 Boys	Birth date is 8/1/2008 thru 7/31/2010	U10 Girls
U12 Boys	Birth date is 8/1/2006 thru 7/31/2008	U12 Girls
U15 Boys	Birth date is 8/1/2003 thru 7/31/2006	U15 Girls
U17 Boys	Birth date is 8/1/2001 thru 7/31/2003 U1	
U20 Boys	Birth date is 8/1/1998 thru 7/31/2001	U20 Girls

All divisions are scratch

- 5. Sectional competition will take place for the <u>Western</u> at Daffodil Bowl qualifiers (March 9 & 10, 2019) and for <u>Eastern</u> Zeppoz qualifiers (March 16 & 17, 2019).
- 6. Completed sectional reservation forms, along with the sectional tournament entry fee (See Rule 12) for all qualifiers must be submitted to the WSUSBC Pepsi Tournament Director by *February 28, 2019.*
- 7. Each check returned from banks, credit unions, etc., will be charged \$35 *plus* any bank fees.
- 8. Sectional competition will be conducted in the following divisions:

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GIRLS – U8 – U10 – U12 – U15 – U17 - U20

BOYS – U8 – U10 – U12 – U15 – U17 - U20

All divisions are **scratch** and based on the participant's date of birth (see chart above)

SECTIONAL LEVEL COMPETITION

- 9. Divisions **U8 & U10** will bowl three (3) games. One (1) out of two (2) bowlers will advance to state level competition based on total pin fall. If any division has eight (8) or less entries, all will advance to the state level competition. A scholarship based on the number of entries and monies collected will be awarded to the top five (5) in each division, boy and girl, scratch and handicap. If less than 25 bowlers in any division awards will be at 1:5 ratio.
- 10. Divisions **U12**, **U15**, **U17** & **U20** will bowl six (6) games. One (1) out of two (2) bowlers will advance to state level competition based on total pin fall. If any division has eight (8) or less entries, all will advance to the state level competition. A scholarship based on the number of entries and monies collected will be awarded to the top five (5) in each division, boy and girl, scratch and handicap. If less than 25 bowlers in any division awards will be at 1:5 ratio. Format: Bowlers will bowl 6 games on their assigned starting lanes.
- 11. Squads will be assigned on a first come basis. Once a squad is full, bowlers will be assigned their 2nd or 3rd choice depending on availability. Should a bowler not arrive in time to bowl their assigned squad, they may be allowed to bowl in a later squad if space is available. If no space is available in a later squad, bowler will have choice to forfeit entry (without refund), or begin bowling at the frame being bowled when they arrive. Squads will NOT be overloaded to accommodate tardy bowlers. Bowlers must be checked in and in proper dress code at least 30 minutes prior to schedule squad time or spot may be given to another participant. All squad assignments will be posted at www.wsusbc.net and www.tournamentbowl.com, it's the bowler's responsibility to check these sites for squads they are to bowl.

12. ENTRY FEES		<u>U8 & U10</u> <u>Cash / Check</u>	<u>U12 – U15 – U17 & U20</u> <u>Cash / Check</u>
	Lineage / Expenses	\$15.00	\$22.00
	Awards / Scholarship	\$18.00	\$18.00
	Total	\$33.00	\$40.00

- 13. *Handicap* All bowlers will have handicap added to their scores for opportunity to win additional scholarship, hdcp ratio will 90% of 220. 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 the state level. The average date for hdcp portion will be Jan 1, 2019 21 games. If not enough games in by Jan 1 please contact tournament director.
- 14. Scholarship fees will be returned 100% to the bowlers. All Sectional winners will be awarded the total amount of Sectional Scholarship fees paid **in that division**. This scholarship is independent of the scholarships awarded at the Finals. All scholarship monies will be deposited in and managed by **SMART**.

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15. 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 participants cannot wear any headgear while practicing or competing, unless a request is made in writing

16. 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.
- 17. Bowlers will be allowed a minimum of ten (10) minutes of practice time on their starting lanes for sectional competition.
- 18. A bowler who has not been replaced according to Rule #3 and arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. Frames missed shall be credited with a zero. A bowler not present and ready to bowl when it is his/her turn will be credited with a zero (0) for that frame.
- 19. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
- 20. Ties for all divisions will not be broken and all that qualify will advance.
- 21. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the tournament director within thirty (30) minutes of squad completion. The tournament director shall decide 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.
- 22. Late entries may be considered upon space availability at Tournament Director's discretion.
- 23. 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 competition level. Participation in any level of competition past the league level in more than one state will result in automatic disqualification.
- 24. The Washington State USBC Pepsi Youth Championships Committee shall determine all matters not covered by these rules and regulations. The National USBC Pepsi Youth Championships Tournament Committee has the right to accept or reject any participant.

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25. The state entry form will be available online at www.wsusbc.net on April 1st, 2019, each participant advancing to the state finals will need to download and mail in entry. Hard copies of state entry form will not be mailed, squad verifications will also be posted at www.wsusbc.net under Pepsi and under www.tournamentbowl.com under Pepsi Sectionals (East & West) and Pepsi State finals.

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