



2024 OREGON PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Rules for Sectional Competition

1. This tournament is a **SCRATCH** tournament with optional handicap events and certified by the United States Bowling Congress (#04926) and shall be governed by USBC rules.
2. Advancement from league is a one-time entry. All bowlers holding a current USBC youth membership are eligible to compete at the sectional level. **Bowlers are encouraged to bowl in the sectional where their bowling center is located.**
3. Advancers out of 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. Bowlers must declare at the time of their first event if they choose to “opt up” to a higher age division. All bowlers that choose to “opt up” **MUST COMPLETE** an “**OPT UP**” form **PRIOR** to competition.
4. Competition will take place on: March 2nd and March 3rd, 2024 at:
 - 1) Starlite Lanes 394 Main St, Dallas, OR 97338 – Sat. 1:00pm or Sun. 10:00am
 - 2) The Cottage Bowl 740 Row River Rd, Cottage Grove, OR 97424 - Sat. 1:00pm or Sun. 10:00am
 - 3) Lava Lanes Medford 2980 Crater Lake Hwy, Medford, OR 97504 - Sat. 1:00pm or Sun. 10:00am
 - 4) Madras Bowl 66 Northeast A St, Madras, OR 97741 – Sun 11:00am
5. **Early Entries close February 24th, 2024. Entries close 1/2 hour before each squad at each location with additional fee of \$10 late fee which will be added to the scholarship fund.** Tournament entry form containing bowler’s name, address, telephone number, date of birth, entry fee and league standing sheet for handicap entrants must be submitted by this date before entrants will be scheduled. ***Oregon will offer OPTIONAL handicap divisions for scholarships only - no advancement to State finals from handicap scores. Entries will be scheduled in the order received. A \$20 fee will be charged for all returned checks.**
6. Divisions are based on the participant’s age. **Athletes must choose the division in which they will compete. Athletes must be Junior Gold Members or be eligible and buy membership prior to advancement to Junior Gold Championship. Competition will be conducted in the following divisions:**

Bowlers whose birthday is 8/1/2015 or later	U8 Girls	U8 Boys
Bowlers whose birthday is 8/1/2013 thru 7/31/2015	U10 Girls	U10 Boys
Bowlers whose birthday is 8/1/2011 thru 7/31/2013	U12 Girls	U12 Boys
Bowlers whose birthday is 8/1/2008 thru 7/31/2011	U15 Girls	U15 Boys
Bowlers whose birthday is 8/1/2005 thru 7/31/2008	U18 Girls	U18 Boys
7. Divisions U8 & U10 will bowl three games, moving one pair to the right after each game. Divisions U12, U15, and U18 will bowl 6 games moving one pair to the right after each game. Total pins will determine advancers to the State Finals.

8. Entry fee is:	<u>U8 – U10</u>		<u>U12 - U15 – U18</u>	
	Before 2/24/24	After 2/24/24	Before 2/24/24	After 2/24/24
Lineage	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	Lineage	\$30.00
Expenses	5.00	5.00	Expenses	6.25
Scholarships	<u>13.00</u>	<u>23.00</u>	Scholarships	<u>14.75</u>
Total	\$30.00	\$40.00	Total	\$55.00

***OPTIONAL Handicap Scholarship entry fee \$5.00**

Awards and scholarships fees will be returned 100% plus expense fees above actual expenses will be returned to the bowlers at state level competition. **Scholarships will be held in SMART account #8542**

***OPTIONAL handicap will use scores from scratch competition.**

9. Bowlers must wear suitable attire. **No hats/caps, cutoffs, ragged or baggy jeans, bare midriffs, tank tops, warm-up suits or undergarments showing will be allowed. No smoking by guest or athletes on the concourse or in the settee area.**
10. Competitors shall be allowed 10 minutes of practice time on their starting pair.
11. If no replacement has been made, a bowler 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. **Frames may not be made-up.** Bowlers not present to bowl when it's their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
12. **SLOW BOWLING** will not be allowed. 1st time will be a warning; 2nd time a zero for that frame; 3rd time will be disqualification.
13. Only bowlers, tournament officials and center employees shall be permitted in the settee area.
14. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the tournament director no later than the start of the next block or 30 minutes after the completion of competition. Questionable errors shall be decided upon by the tournament director. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the tournament director within 72 hours. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
15. Symbolic awards and scholarships will not be given at the sectional level.
16. Handicap scholarships per the same age divisions will be offered. Handicap will be 100% of 210. Handicap scholarships will be awarded 1 in 6 per each division. All scholarships (scratch & handicap) will be awarded after the state finals.
17. Advancement ratio from sectional level to the next competition level is **one for every three** entries per division, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties. In all cases at least **five** individuals per division shall advance, provided there are entries in each division. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all eligible divisions. Entry fees at State level will be:

	<u>U8-U10</u>		<u>U12-U15-U18</u>
Entry fee	\$15.00	Entry fee	\$20.00
18. The state finals competition is at: AMF Firebird Lanes, 4303 Center St. NE, Salem, Or.
On: April 6th and April 7th, 2024

Saturday----- 10:00am for U8 & U10 Bowlers
12:30pm Qualifying squad for U12-U15-U18 Bowlers

AND Sunday Finals ----- 9:00am for U12-U15-U18 advancers
10:00am for ALL U8 & U10 bowlers
19. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Oregon State Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee. The Oregon State Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.
20. **We will follow all State COVID-19 guidelines.**

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