



**2017-2018
Pepsi Youth Championships
State Handbook**



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To: State/Zone Pepsi USBC Youth Championships
Tournament Directors

From: Zach Barton, IBC Youth Event Manager Pepsi USBC
Youth Championships



Date: August 2017

Subject: 2017-2018 Pepsi USBC Youth Championships

Welcome to the beginning of the 2017-2018 Pepsi USBC Youth Championships. The tournament, sponsored by Pepsi and conducted by the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) is an invaluable opportunity for your state's/zone's athletes to become involved in the premier national tournament for youth bowlers.

Tournament Directors will receive all materials relative to conducting the Pepsi USBC Youth Championships in an electronic format. All items will be available on BOWL.com. Even if you have conducted this tournament in the past, still thoroughly read all uploaded information. If you have any questions, challenges, or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly at 1-800-514-BOWL (extension 8426) or tournaments@ibcyouth.com.

USBC requires that sectional and state/zone finals be held in BPAA member centers having the national Pepsi contract. We need to continue our efforts to provide more exposure and recognition to our sponsor. This contract is required to be signed and kept on file for submission to USBC if requested. Please contact Amy Arcuri at BPAA with any questions or requests for assistance (amy@bpaa.com or 1-800-343-1329). As you do your site inspections, we request you take notice of any other soft drink manufacturer inside of BPAA centers that have signed the national Pepsi contract. If another soft drink manufacturer is distributing their product inside of these centers (via bottles, cans or fountain), we would appreciate it if you contacted Amy directly at BPAA. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

*****IMPORTANT RULE: ALL Pepsi Events will be conducted on a SCRATCH basis only. These events will be run with 10 divisions (U8, U10, U12, U15, and U20 for each Boys and Girls).

To protect bowlers' eligibility to participate in high school and/or collegiate level varsity sports, USBC rules mandate use of USBC's SMART (Scholarship Management and Accounting Reports for Tenpins) program for all scholarship awards assigned to USBC Youth members from certified league and tournament competition. All scholarship prize awards must be forwarded to USBC Headquarters for deposit with the SMART program within 30 days after the end of the tournament (USBC Rules 301d and 309). Therefore, all scholarship dollars assigned and awarded in connection to the Pepsi USBC Youth Championships at the league, center, sectional, and/or state/zone level must be forwarded to SMART.

- A current BPAA/Pepsi center list will be provided to each State Pepsi Director. An updated listing will be provided in early September.

USBC has created a centralized location on BOWL.com to provide members with access to all information regarding Pepsi qualification events in your state/zone. In order to provide this data on a timely basis, we have created a form called the Tournament Date/Location Form. This form needs to be submitted by Sept. 15, 2017. For your convenience, we have created this form as an editable pdf document that can be easily emailed to USBC.

A draft of your state rules must be submitted for approval by Sept. 15, 2017. You will need to go online and certify your event through the Online Tournament Certification portal on BOWL.com. When completed, you will receive a unique certification number that will be used for your event. Make sure this number is included in your rules.

USBC and the event staff wish you a successful year with the 2017-2018 Pepsi USBC Youth Championships!

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Tournament Directors

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 as follows: **1st Window:** November 1 through November 30, 2017 and the **2nd Window:** January 4 through January 31, 2018. **Please note: Please contact your state Pepsi tournament director if your league needs to take advantage of a window different than the one specified.**

Qualifying competition is held in divisions based on the bowler's age as of the dates below:

DIVISION	CODE	BIRTH DATE INFO	CODE	DIVISION
U8 Boys	U8B	Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2009 or later	U8G	U8 Girls
U10 Boys	U10B	Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2007 thru 7/31/2009	U10G	U10 Girls
U12 Boys	U12B	Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2005 thru 7/31/2007	U12G	U12 Girls
U15 Boys	U15B	Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2002 thru 7/31/2005	U15G	U15 Girls
U20 Boys	U20B	Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/1997 thru 7/31/2002	U20G	U20 Girls

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

The U12, U15 and U20 Division Champions from the state/zone finals will receive a berth from USBC into the 2018 Junior Gold Championships to be held July 14-21, 2018 in Dallas TX. USBC will waive the \$200 (U20), \$150 (U15) and \$100 (U12) entry fee for the U12, U15 and U20 division champions. There the bowlers will compete for additional scholarships available to all athletes at the Junior Gold Championships. **All advancers must be Junior Gold program members or be eligible and purchase a membership prior to the championships.**

2017 - 2018 MARYLAND SEASON SCHEDULE

October 2017	Maryland State USBC Youth sends approved rules and formats to all coaches from centers having USBC programs the previous season.
November 4 - 25, 2017	1 st Window of league level qualifying begins.
January 6 – 27, 2018	2 nd Window of league level qualifying begins.
March 2018	Regional Level of Qualifying Tournaments, see your Regional Tournament Director or ask the Maryland State USBC Youth State Tournament Director for Dates. You may also find the schedule on our website, mdusbc.org, under Pepsi Championships.
April 7-8, 2018	State competition will take place: April 7 and 8, 2018– AMF Country Club Lanes 9020 Pulaski Hwy, Baltimore, MD 21220 – (410) 686-2556.
MAY-JUNE 1, 2018	USBC sends confirmation e-mails to state/zone advancers to Junior Gold Championships.
JUNE 1, 2018	Deadline for USBC's receipt of information on state/zone advancers to Junior Gold Championships.
JULY 14 – 21, 2018	Junior Gold Championships – Dallas TX

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2017-18 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 (#5004) and governed by USBC rules.
2. Competition is open to all 2017-18 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 2017-18 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 2017-18 USBC certified leagues are automatic league level qualifying sites.
4. **Participants must be aware of each competition level in the state and all associated rules, fees and deadlines. These items are contained in the specific state rules from the State Pepsi tournament director. (State director information can be found on BOWL.COM.)**
5. Competition will be conducted in 10 divisions based on the participant's age as listed below. 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. Participants have the option to "PLAY UP" divisions by signing a wavier form, but will remain in the same division throughout the event.



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U8 Boys	U8B	Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2009 or later	U8G	U8 Girls
U10 Boys	U10B	Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2007 thru 7/31/2009	U10G	U10 Girls
U12 Boys	U12B	Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2005 thru 7/31/2007	U12G	U12 Girls
U15 Boys	U15B	Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2002 thru 7/31/2005	U15G	U15 Girls
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***There is no requirement of Junior Gold membership to enter U12, U15, & U20 Division!**

6. Participants must remain in the same 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.
7. 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):
 - **1st Window:** Any two consecutive weeks from November 4 through November 25, 2017.
 - **2nd Window:** Any two consecutive weeks from January 6 through January 27, 2018.

If needed, the state Pepsi State Director can grant changes in the qualifying dates to individual bowling centers.

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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 2017-18 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 multiple 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, the bowler **must** declare one state 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 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 one (1) bowler in both the U12, U15, and U20 divisions for boys and girls at the state/zone competition who wins the stepladder final will earn a berth to the Junior Gold Championships to be held July 14-21, 2018 in Dallas, TX. Bowlers are not required to have a minimum average or be a Junior Gold Program member to enter the U12, U15, or U20 Divisions 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 program member prior to the Junior Gold Championships. **If the winner is not eligible for the championships, he/she will still retain all awards from the state, but the next eligible bowler will receive the berth to the Junior Gold Championships.**
12. Advancers to the Junior Gold Championships must agree to bowl in the 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 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**

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GUIDELINES FOR LEAGUE OFFICIALS/PROGRAM DIRECTORS

The following are general guidelines to help you conduct the league level competition. The packet and information from your state Pepsi tournament director will have specific information.

This event is provided for all USBC Youth members -- do not disappoint your bowlers. USBC Youth members deserve your assistance!



It is **not** mandatory to use the provided league worksheets. It is acceptable to produce the required information on your computer through a league secretary program. CDE Software and Treasure Software produce league secretary software that contains the Pepsi USBC Youth Championships forms. Please enter all information accurately. If you want to purchase software, please contact the company directly: CDE Software at (206) 937- 8927 (cdesoftware.com), or Treasure Software at (800) 552-2695 (treasuresoftware.com). **Each athlete is required to read the league level rules and agree to the division in which they have been placed for this tournament.**

COMPETITION SET-UP

Locate your qualifying window dates provided in this packet. **If the dates conflict with other league or center obligations, please notify your State Pepsi Director, Evelyn Testerman at 410-459-2023 or by email at mdusbc@yahoo.com. She has the authority to change these dates for you.**

STEP-BY-STEP PLAN FOR ALL QUALIFYING WINDOWS

1. The week before the league level competition begins, inform the bowlers and parents that the league will be participating in the Pepsi USBC Youth Championships.

Make copies of the League Level Rules included in this handbook and pass them out to the bowlers and parents. All athletes must read and be aware of these rules.

2. Locate the league worksheet in this handbook. Make a worksheet for each division. "Division" corresponds to the tournament's ten divisions: Boys Divisions of U8, U10, U12, U15, and U20. Girls Divisions of U8, U10, U12, U15, and U20. All divisions will be SCRATCH.
3. Before the window begins, ask each league member to choose the division he or she wishes to bowl in and enter their name on the corresponding worksheet. **Divisions are based on bowler's age.** Make sure you check the ages to be sure the bowlers are participating in the correct divisions. Bowlers can participate in a different division for each league in which they are members, regardless of center. However, the bowler must remain in that division for that league during the entire window.
4. During this window USBC earned awards are based on the league average not the tournament average.
5. After the first league session, enter the scratch series for each participant in the "first week" row of the league worksheet. **If a member is not physically present this week, list his or her score as absent/"0." Pre-bowled and post-bowled scores are not allowed.**
6. During the second week, remind league members they are competing in the Pepsi USBC Youth Championships qualifying competition. This week is a second chance to bowl in a qualifying series. Include the same number of participants as in the first week. After the league session, enter the scratch series again on the League Worksheet. **Reminder: If a member is not physically present this week, list his or her score as absent/"0." Pre-bowled and post-bowled scores are not allowed.**
7. Determine each participant's highest series and circle that score.

Do not add the first-week and second-week scores together. Each week is a separate opportunity for the bowler to post a score. The bowler's highest series is the score used for qualifying. A participant does not need to be present both weeks to qualify.

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8. Using the scores you have just circled, rank the bowlers by best qualifying score. Using the advancement ratio set by your state Pepsi Tournament Director; determine the bowler(s) who advance in that division in that league. After determining who has qualified, notify the winners. (Please inform the participants who qualified bowling only two games that they will bowl at least three games at the next competition level.) It is the winner's choice to advance to the next level and pay all applicable fees.
9. On the league worksheet, show the bowlers who have qualified and accepted or declined to advance to the next competition level. **Remember, each division per league must advance at least one person regardless of the ratio and the number of bowlers participating in that division.**
10. Since bowlers were given several qualifying opportunities, some may have advanced in more than one division and/or more than once in the same division. **A participant can only advance once into the next competition level regardless of the ways he or she qualified. A bowler automatically is disqualified if he or she attempts to advance more than once.** If a participant should win in multiple qualifiers, the following guidelines will decide where the bowler advances from:
 - a. If qualified in more than one state, choose one state.
 - b. If qualified in more than one division, choose one division.
 - c. If qualified in the same division during both windows, he or she advances from the first window.
 - d. If a bowler qualified in more than one league in the same division during a window, he or she must advance from the league in which the highest series was bowled.

Remember some of your bowlers might bowl in different bowling centers. Check to make sure they are only advancing from one center. **In all cases, once a bowler has made the choice to advance from a certain state and division, he or she forfeits advancing in other states, centers and divisions.**

11. Once you have figured out how many bowlers will advance per league and who they are, enter the information on the bottom of the league level worksheet. Complete one form per division per league.
12. After completing your league worksheet, make copies for your files and send the originals to your Regional Pepsi tournament director.

THANK YOU!

What to send where: Send all of the following information to your Regional Tournament Director. Information regarding your Regional Director can be found on the next page or on our web site at www.mdusbc.org.

NOTICE:

**State Tournament Director (Evelyn Testerman – 410-459-2023 or mdusbc@yahoo.com)
Please submit the 2018 Pepsi Regional Participation form to State Pepsi Director as soon as your qualifying level has completed.**

Retain copies of everything for your records.

For Regional Bowling Fees, please contact your Regional Tournament Director.

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Regional Tournament Contact Information Regional Directors

Eastern Shore

Director: Scott West – P.O. Box 666, Fruitland MD, 21876
443-365-7353 – scottwest@lowershoreusbc.org
Regional Location: Choptank Bowling Center – Cambridge MD Dates: March 4, 2018
Squad Times 10am – 2:00 pm Lineage – \$12.00 (3 games)

Greater Baltimore

Director Region #1 **Kimberly Dandridge** – 4 Charleswood Ct – Gwynn Oak 21207
443-854-2581 – pepsiWoodlawn@gmail.com
Regional Location: AMF Southdale, Baltimore MD Dates: March 4, 2018
Squad Times 9am and 1pm Lineage - \$3.00 per game

Director Region #2 **Kimberly Dandridge** – 4 Charleswood Ct – Gwynn Oak 21207
443-854-2581 – pepsiWoodlawn@gmail.com
Regional Location: AMF Southdale, Baltimore MD Dates: March 4, 2018
Squad Times 9am and 1pm Lineage - \$3.00 per game

Cecil Harford

Director: Donna Vernon - 324 Hill Ct, Havre de Grace, MD 21078
443-417-4839 - dmvernon@comcast.net
Regional Location: Harford Lanes – Aberdeen, MD Dates: March 3-4, 2018
Squad Times March 3 – 5pm
March 4 – 11am and 1pm Lineage \$11.25 (3 games)

Antietam Association

Director: Michelle Talbert – Smith – 19609 Portsmouth Drive, Hagerstown MD, 21742
301-739-7858 – mltsmith68@myactv.net
Regional Location: Turners Dual Lanes, Hagerstown Dates: February 18, 2018
Squad Times – TBD Lineage \$6.00 (3 games)

Western Maryland

Director: **Jennifer Oster** -713 Louisiana Ave, Cumberland MD 21502
301-697-8671 – jenniferoster22@gmail.com
Regional Location: Rainbow Lanes, Keyser, WV Dates: February 3-4, 2018
February 3 – 10:00 am & 1:00 pm
February 4 – 10:00 am & 1:00 pm Lineage \$7.00 (3 games)

Western Chesapeake

Director: **Melanie Harlow** - 2076A Montevideo Rd., Jessup 20794
443-977-9626- mellow68@comcast.net
Regional Location: Greenway Bowl, Odenton Dates: February 24, 2018
February 24th – 10:00 am Lineage-\$3.00 per game

Mid Maryland

Director: **Regina Ahalt** – 206 East F Street - Brunswick, MD 21716
(h) 301-788-7742 (c) 301-834-6756 – midmarylandusbcawards@gmail.com
Regional Location: Terrace Lanes, Frederick Date: March 4, 2018
March 4 – 2:00 pm. Lineage-\$9.75 (3 games)

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Regional Tournament Schedule will be posted on www.mdusbc.org as dates are confirmed.

REGIONAL LEVEL RULES

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Replacements must advance from the same league and window based on order of finish.
3. Advancement ratio from the previous competition (league) to Regional competition is at least one (1) for every four (4) entries per division, including last place ties. In all cases at least two person per division shall advance. There is a ratio chart in the back of the manual
4. 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/zone, the bowler must declare one state/zone to continue competing before the next competition level. Participation in any level of competition past the league level in more than one state/zone will result in automatic disqualification. **Bowlers must declare at the time of their first qualifying window within EACH league if they choose to “PLAY UP” to a higher age division. All bowlers that choose to “PLAY UP” MUST COMPLETE a “PLAY UP” Wavier PRIOR to competition.**
5. Regional competition will take place at a designated center, time and place to be determined by the Regional Tournament Director. (Please visit our web site for an updated Regional Level Schedule,)
6. Entry closing date for the regional level will be determined by the regional directors.
7. Competition will be conducted in 10 divisions based on the participant’s age as listed below. 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.



DIVISION	CODE	BIRTH DATE INFO	CODE	DIVISION
U8 Boys	U8B	Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2009 or later	U8G	U8 Girls
U10 Boys	U10B	Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2007 thru 7/31/2009	U10G	U10 Girls
U12 Boys	U12B	Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2005 thru 7/31/2007	U12G	U12 Girls
U15 Boys	U15B	Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2002 thru 7/31/2005	U15G	U15 Girls
U20 Boys	U20B	Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/1997 thru 7/31/2002	U20G	U20 Girls

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If a bowler turns 9, 11, 13, 16 during the bowling season he/she would be in the next highest age division.

***There is no requirement of Junior Gold membership to enter U12, U15, & U20 Division!**

8. All divisions shall bowl three (3) games on the same pair of lanes. Results will be determined by total pin fall in each division.

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DISTRICT LEVEL RULES (Cont.)

9. **ENTRY FEES AND WHERE TO SEND:** Completed entry forms must be submitted by the closing dates. A copy of the entry form and along with the required fees should be sent to the Regional Tournament Director. Entry fees are as follows:

Expenses: \$4.50 Awards: \$2.00 Scholarships: \$3.00 *Lineage: \$ TBD (To be determined)

***LINEAGE VARIES BY DISTRICT AND IS NOT INCLUDED IN ABOVE FIGURES. FOR REGIONAL BOWLING CENTER AND BOWLING FEES, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR REGIONAL TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR.** Awards fees and scholarship fees shall be returned 100% to the bowlers. Bowlers will be responsible for bowling fees in the REGIONAL tournament.

10. All bowlers must wear suitable attire as per the State USBC Youth Tournament Dress Code. Penalty: First offense will result in a verbal warning and apparel change or removal of equipment. Failure to comply will cause the bowler's scores to be disqualified and the bowler to be removed from the competition.
11. No substitutions will be permitted once athletes have started tournament play however replacements may be used for bowlers not present 15 minutes prior to their scheduled squad time. **Replacements must be from the same window, same league and same centers as to the "no-show" bowler. They must follow the order of advancement within that window/league.**
12. Competitors shall be allowed up to 5 minutes of practice on their starting lanes.
13. If no replacement has been made, bowlers 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 (0). Bowlers not present to bowl when it is his/her turn shall be credited with a zero for that frame.
14. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
15. All ties will receive a scholarship equal to the amount designated for that position.
16. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the District Tournament Director no later than 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 District Tournament Director within 72 hours or before the awards are presented. Each protest under this rule must be specific in itself.
17. Advancement ratio from the Regional level to the State level shall be at least one (1) for every four (4) entries in all divisions. All ties for advancement shall advance. At least two from each division will be sent to the State level. (Advancement Chart on Page 17)

State competition will take place: April 7 and 8, 2018– AMF Country Club Lanes 9020 Pulaski Hwy,
Baltimore, MD 21220 – (410) 686-2556.

All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Maryland State USBC Association State Pepsi Director - Evelyn Testerman at 410-459-2023 or by email at mdusbc@yahoo.com. She reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.

**PLEASE NOTE: Coaches are responsible for all USBC awards earned in this competition.
Tournament Certification number is #4998.**

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3. Advancement ratio from the previous competition (Regional) to State competition is at least one (1) for every four (4) entries per division, including last place ties. In all cases at least two persons per division shall advance. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all eligible divisions.
4. 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 in 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 qualifying window within EACH league 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.**



State competition will take place: April 7 and 8, 2018– AMF Country Club Lanes 9020 Pulaski Hwy,
Baltimore, MD 21220 – (410) 686-2556.

5. Entry closing date is April 3, 2018. Names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all qualifiers along with the tournament entry confirmation form for all entrants must be submitted to the State Tournament Director by this date.
6. Competition will be conducted in 10 divisions based on the participant's age as listed below.

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U15 Boys	U15B	Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2002 thru 7/31/2005	U15G	U15 Girls
U20 Boys	U20B	Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/1997 thru 7/31/2002	U20G	U20 Girls

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7. The Under 8 and Under 10 shall bowl three (3) games on the same pair of lanes. Results will be determined by total pin fall in each division.

The Under 12, 15 and 20 shall bowl six games moving a pair to the right after the third game. The top five bowlers will advance to the stepladder final to determine the winner.

8. **ENTRY FEES:**

Under 8,10 -	\$14.00	Under 12, 15, and 20 -	\$28.00
Under 8 & UNDER 10 -	Expenses: \$3.00	Scholarships: \$2.00	Lineage: \$ \$9.00
UNDER 12, 15, a & 20 -	Expenses: \$6.00	Scholarships: \$4.00	Lineage: \$ \$18.00

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STATE LEVEL RULES (cont.)

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10. No substitutions will be permitted once athletes have started tournament play however replacements may be used for bowlers not present 15 minutes prior to their scheduled squad time. **Replacements must be from order of finish from prior level of competition, Districts.**
11. Competitors shall be allowed up to 5 minutes of practice on their starting lanes.
12. If no replacement has been made, bowlers 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 (0). Bowlers not present to bowl when it is his/her turn shall be credited with a zero for that frame.
13. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
14. Scholarships plus awards will be given to the top 5 bowlers in each division. Ties in the Divisions affecting Junior Gold finalists only, will be broken by a one game roll-off. Should a tie still exist, it will be broken with an additional 9th and 10th frame roll-off, until a winner is determined.
15. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the Tournament Director no later than 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 or before the awards are presented. Each protest under this rule must be specific in itself.
16. Scholarships will be awarded for every one in ten entries per division at the State Level. The State Pepsi YBC Tournament Committee will determine the scholarships awarded. Total scholarship dollars offered based on participation. All scholarships offered are managed by the USBC SMART fund.
17. The top one (1) bowler in both the U12, U15, and U20 divisions for boys and girls at the state/zone competition who wins the stepladder final will earn a berth to the Junior Gold Championships to be held July 14-21, 2018 in Dallas, TX. Bowlers are not required to have a minimum average or be a Junior Gold Program member to enter the U12, U15, or U20 Divisions 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 program member prior to the Junior Gold Championships. **If the winner is not eligible for the championships, he/she will still retain all awards from the state, but the next eligible bowler will receive the berth to the Junior Gold Championships.**
18. Eligible advancers must agree to bowl in the 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 level. Replacements will incur all costs associated with changing the airline ticket, if applicable. If the eligible advancer decides not to attend the Junior Gold Championships, the state scholarship won may be withdrawn. This decision will be made by the state/zone tournament committee.
19. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Maryland State USBC Association State Pepsi Tournament Director –Evelyn Testerman at 410-459-2023 or by email at mdusbc@yahoo.com. The tournament director reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.

PLEASE NOTE: State Pepsi Tournament Director is responsible for all USBC awards earned at the State Tournament.

Tournament Certification number is #5004.

**MARYLAND STATE
PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS**

PEPSI YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

"PLAY UP" WAIVER FORM

The Pepsi Youth Championships allows parents/players to request a WAIVER to allow their player to "play up" into an older group. Requests and any approval granted are for the current season's tournament only. Requests are by written application only by the parent or legal guardian. While the Pepsi Youth Championships does not recommend that players play up, the tournament leadership does recognize that there may be a number of factors, including but not limited to, size, maturity, experience, and skill levels that may influence a player's decision to play up.

PLEASE PRINT

PLAYER LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ USBC ID# _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Current Age Division: (Circle one) U8 U10 U 12 U15

Requested Age Division: (Circle one) U10 U12 U15 U20

I, the parent/guardian of the above-minor child, hereby request my child to compete in the division requested above. I understand that this is not the age division he/she was originally assigned by the Pepsi Youth Championships tournament rules. I am aware that my child will be competing against older and potentially more physically developed players with potentially higher level skills, and I, therefore, recognize the added risks to my child's health and safety, as well as to my child's emotional well-being. In signing below, I accept these risks and accept all and every liability and responsibility stemming from such risks as my own, and I absolve the Pepsi Youth Championships, its affiliated clubs, board members, volunteers, and associated personnel against any claims. I also acknowledge that I am making this decision on my own initiative and have not been requested to do so by any outside influence.

It is the policy of the Pepsi Youth Championships that all players compete at a level they are capable of, both physically and developmentally.

This form must be submitted to the Youth Pepsi State Coordinator before participation in the local qualifier. No changes to a division may be made once a bowler has started a qualifier.

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME (PLEASE PRINT) _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

MARYLAND STATE PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

LEAGUE LEVEL WORK SHEET

1ST WINDOW 2ND WINDOW

PER DIVISION - PER LEAGUE - REPRODUCE AS NECESSARY

Division: U12 BOYS

Submitted by: JOE BOWLER

Bowling Center: MY LANES

Address: 101 Any Dr, Anywhere PA 17999

League Name: MY LANES JUNIORS

Telephone: 999-999-9999

PARTICIPANTS NAME ENTER ALL MEMBERS OF THE LEAGUE THAT ARE IN THIS DIV.	DATE OF BIRTH MM/DD/YY	INITIALS ACCEPT DIVISION	WEEK	SCRATCH SERIES	QUALIFIED	
					RANK	ACCEPT
BLACK, ALAN	9/26/02	AB	1ST	575	2	NO
			2ND	ABSENT		
MILLER, KEVIN	10/12/02	KM	1ST	400	6	
			2ND	405		
SMITH, TOM	8/25/01	S	1ST	400	5	
			2ND	ABSENT		
JONES, DARYL	10/1/03	D	1ST	500	3	YES
			2ND	520		
ROGERS, MARK	8/16/01	MR	1ST	300	8	
			2ND	350		
MARTIN, PETE	5/08/02	PM	1ST	493	4	
			2ND	480		
GRANT, FRANK	2/25/03	FG	1ST	400	7	
			2ND	397		
WILLIMAS, BOB	12/10/03	BW	1ST	625	1	YES
			2ND	580		
JOHNSON, CHRIS	7/17/02	CJ	1ST	320	9	
			2ND	300		
			1ST			
			2ND			

All USBC Youth members are eligible (i.e. mentally challenged bowlers over age 20 as of 8/1 are eligible for all levels).

SUMMARY - (per division per league)

Division	# of entrants	Adv-Ratio	# of Advancers	Advance Fee	Total Submitted

**MARYLAND STATE
PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS**

2017-18 Pepsi Regional Participation Information
(Please return back to the State as soon as you have finished your qualifying)

Local Association: _____

Association Manager: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

UNDER 8

BOYS: _____

GIRLS: _____

UNDER 12

BOYS: _____

GIRLS: _____

UNDER 10

BOYS: _____

GIRLS: _____

UNDER 15

BOYS: _____

GIRLS: _____

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Total Participation Awards: _____

Total 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Places Ribbons: _____

Other Ribbons: _____

UNDER 20

BOYS: _____

GIRLS: _____

Should you have any questions, please contact Evelyn Testerman at mdusbc@yahoo.com or at 410-459-2023.

MARYLAND STATE PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

ADVANCEMENT TO THE REGIONALS AND STATE LEVEL CHART

Number of bowlers	How many to send	Number of bowlers	How many to send	Number of bowlers	How many to send	Number of bowlers	How many to send	Number of bowlers	How many to send
1	1	21	6	41	11	61	16	81	21
2	2	22	6	42	11	62	16	82	21
3	2	23	6	43	11	63	16	83	21
4	2	24	6	44	11	64	16	84	21
5	2	25	7	45	12	65	17	85	22
6	2	26	7	46	12	66	17	86	22
7	2	27	7	47	12	67	17	87	22
8	2	28	7	48	12	68	17	88	22
9	3	29	8	49	13	69	18	89	23
10	3	30	8	50	13	70	18	90	23
11	3	31	8	51	13	71	18	91	23
12	3	32	8	52	13	72	18	92	23
13	4	33	9	53	14	73	19	93	24
14	4	34	9	54	14	74	19	94	24
15	4	35	9	55	14	75	19	95	24
16	4	36	9	56	14	76	19	96	24
17	5	37	10	57	15	77	20	97	25
18	5	38	10	58	15	78	20	98	25
19	5	39	10	59	15	79	20	99	25
20	5	40	10	60	15	80	20	100	25

MARYLAND STATE PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

LEAGUE LEVEL WORK SHEET

1ST WINDOW 2ND WINDOW

PER DIVISION - PER LEAGUE – REPRODUCE AS NECESSARY

Division: _____

Submitted by: _____

Bowling Center: _____

Address: _____

League Name: _____

Telephone: _____

PARTICIPANTS NAME ENTER ALL MEMBERS OF THE LEAGUE THAT ARE IN THIS DIV.	DATE OF BIRTH MM/DD/YY	INITIALS ACCEPT DIVISION	WEEK	SCRATCH SERIES	QUALIFIED	
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Division	# of entrants	Adv-Ratio	# of Advancers	Advance Fee	Total Submitted
		1:4			

MARYLAND STATE PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS LEAGUE LEVEL REPORT FORM

<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st WINDOW	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 ND WINDOW
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CENTER: _____
 DIST: _____ ASSN: _____
 COACHES NAME: _____ PHONE: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
 E-Mail Address: _____

	LEAGUE NAME	U8G		U8B		U10G		U10B		U12G		U12B		TOTALS
		#	ADV	#	ADV	#	ADV	#	ADV	#	ADV	#	ADV	
1														
2														
3														
4														
5														
6														
TOTAL ADVANCING														

	LEAGUE NAME	U15G		U15B						U20G		U20B		TOTALS
		#	ADV	#	ADV	#	ADV	#	ADV	#	ADV	#	ADV	
1														
2														
3														
4														
5														
6														
TOTAL ADVANCING														

Add the totals from the two blocks above.	Center Total of Entries:	
	State Entry Fee/Entry:	
	Total Due:	

FORWARD COMPLETED COPIES AS FOLLOWS:
TWO COPIES TO YOUR DISTRICT TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR **KEEP ONE COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS**

- INSTRUCTIONS:**
1. FOR EACH LEAGUE THAT YOU ARE REPORTING ENTER THE LEAGUE NAME IN THE LEAGUE NAME COLUMN.
 2. IN THE # COLUMNS, ENTER THE NUMBER OF BOWLERS IN THAT DIVISION WITHIN THAT LEAGUE.
 3. IN THE ADVANCE COLUMN ENTER THE NUMBER OF BOWLERS ADVANCING TO THE DISTRICT LEVEL (SEE LEAGUE LEVEL RULES FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION ON ADVANCEMENT RATIO)
 4. TOTAL ADVANCE COLUMNS AND ENTER THE TOTAL NUMBER ADVANCING WITHIN THAT DIVISION, THEN ADD THE TOTAL ADVANCING FROM EACH DIVISION AND ENTER CENTER TOTAL IN FAR RIGHT COLUMN. MULTIPLY THAT BY THE ENTRY FEE AND ENTER THAT VALUE IN THE BOTTOM ROW (ENTRY FEES CAN BE FOUND IN THE TOURNAMENT RULES)

DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	DATE RECEIVED:		AMOUNT RECEIVED:		CHECK #	
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CENTER: _____ **SHEET** _____ **OF** _____
ATTACH THIS SHEET TO THE LEAGUE LEVEL REPORT FORM - BOWLERS INFORMATION - PLEASE PRINT - REMEMBER THERE ARE THREE COPIES

DIVISION: _____ NAME: _____ BOWLER'S ID#: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

BIRTH DATE: _____ PHONE: _____

DIVISION: _____ NAME: _____ BOWLER'S ID#: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

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ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

BIRTH DATE: _____ PHONE: _____

DIVISION CODES - PLEASE SEE STATE PEPSI YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS HANDBOOK - TOURNAMENT OVERVIEW FOR CODES TO USE

SEND TO DISTRICT TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR
TWO COPIES OF THIS FORM & LEAGUE LEVEL REPORT FORM
AVERAGE SHEET FOR JANUARY 1 & LEAGUE LEVEL WORKSHEETS

COACHES PLEASE KEEP
A COPY OF THIS FORM & LEAGUE LEVEL REPORT FORM
LEAGUE LEVEL WORKSHEETS