

# 2011-2012 Washington State USBC Pepsi Youth Championships CENTER COMPETITION RULES AND FORMAT



1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (#04498) and shall be governed by USBC rules. All athletes must be a USBC Youth member to participate.
2. Advancement from league 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. See Rule 10. Replacements must advance from the same league and window based on order of finish.
3. League level qualifying will be conducted in certified leagues during the two (2) qualifying windows:

**October 10 – 23, 2011**  
**January 2 -15, 2012**

These qualifying dates may be changed with written permission from the State Tournament Director.

4. League qualifying competition shall be held in six (6) divisions that are based on the bowler's age as of **August 1, 2011**. Advancement ratio from **league qualifying to center competition** shall be as follows:

Ages 11 & under, Girls	Ratio: 1-1
Ages 11 & under, Boys	Ratio: 1-1
Ages 12 & above, Girls' Handicap	Ratio: 1-1
Ages 12 & above, Boys' Handicap	Ratio: 1-1
Ages 12 & above, Girls' Scratch	Ratio: 1-1
Ages 12 & above, Boys' Scratch	Ratio: 1-1

Advancement is per division, per league, or major fraction thereof. Athletes need not be Junior Gold Program Members to enter the scratch division at the league level. Bowlers with a 211 or higher average must compete in the scratch division.

5. Advancers out of the league level must remain in the division they qualified in during all subsequent levels. If a bowler advances out of the 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.
6. Center level competition shall be optional. If center chooses to hold one it must be held during the period of **January 16 – February 12, 2012**. The center competition must be held for all qualifiers on the same day and be completed by the end of the date chosen. Traveling leagues may hold "center" competition during the month of February during regular league schedule, even if dates fall outside of this period.
7. The tournament format will consist of all divisions bowling three (3) games, total pinfall plus handicap, if applicable, to determine winners.

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8. **ENTRY**
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| Lineage                       | not to exceed league rate |   |
| State expense                 | \$2.50                    | <b>Entry Fee: 11 &amp; under – Lineage + \$7.00</b> |
| Sectional Winners scholarship | \$1.50                    | <b><u>12 &amp; older – Lineage + \$7.00</u></b>     |
| State Finals scholarship      | \$3.00                    |   |

**All participants in the league/center level must pay the entry fee of \$7.00, regardless of advancement to sectionals.**

Award and scholarship fee will be returned 100% to the bowlers. Scholarships will be held in SMART. Account # 8507. State fees must be transmitted to Washington State USBC Youth Pepsi Tournament Director by the **postmarked** date of **February 25, 2012**.

9. **Dress attire must be neat, clean and proper fitting. Collared shirts or USBC official youth jersey and slacks, capris, skirts or skorts must be worn. Skirts and skorts must be to the end of fingers when arms held down to side. Tournament Director must approve any/all exceptions. Tournament Director's decision is final.**
10. Conduct Guidelines:
- 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 there will be no gambling by bowlers 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, etc.) 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.
11. No substitutes will be permitted once athletes have started tournament play. However, replacements may be used for bowlers not present fifteen (15) minutes prior to squad time as stated in Rule 2. Replacements must be from the same window, same league and center as to the "no-show" bowler. They must follow the order of advancement within that window.
12. Bowlers will be allowed a minimum of five (5) minutes of practice time on their starting lanes.
13. 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. Bowlers not present to bowl when it is his/her turn will be credited with a zero for that frame. Frames may not be made up.
14. Average used shall be the highest current average as of **January 17, 2012** with a minimum of twelve (12) games. If a 12-game average is not available, the bowler may bring in a standing sheet showing a verifiable USBC Youth average. If the athlete bowls in a sport league, the adjustment chart on page 74 of the **USBC PLAYING RULES** and Rule 202d must be used to determine the correct average. Bowlers with a 211 or higher average entering the Center competition must compete in the scratch divisions.
15. Handicap will be 100% of the difference between the bowler's average and 210. Bowlers who enter the Center Competition with a 211 or higher average must bowl in the scratch divisions.
16. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
17. Ties shall be broken by a one game roll-off. If a tie still exists, it will be broken by a 9th and 10th frame roll-off, plus 1/10 of handicap per frame, where applicable. Tiebreakers will be held whenever the final position for advancement from Center to Sectionals end in a tie.

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18. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the center tournament director no later than the start of the next block or 30 minutes after completion of the tournament. The tournament director shall decide upon questionable errors. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the tournament director within 72 hours. Each protest under this rule must be specific in itself.
19. Advancement ratio **from center level to the sectional level** for all entries per division, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties shall be as follows:
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| Ages 11 & under, Girls           | Ratio: 1-1 |
| Ages 11 & under, Boys            | Ratio: 1-1 |
| Ages 12 & above, Girls' Handicap | Ratio: 1-1 |
| Ages 12 & above, Boys' Handicap  | Ratio: 1-1 |
| Ages 12 & above, Girls' Scratch  | Ratio: 1-1 |
| Ages 12 & above, Boys' Scratch   | Ratio: 1-1 |

In all cases at least one person, per division, shall advance. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all eligible divisions.

20. Center shall **submit** a league report form from both windows, a Center Competition Report Form, a complete list of Center Level standings, Sectional level qualifiers information, and scholarship / expense fees of \$7.00 per center competition entry, to the State Tournament Director by the **postmarked** date of **February 25, 2012**.
21. The next level of competition will take place at Zeppoz (780 SE Bishop Blvd, Pullman, WA – 509-334-7101) for the Eastern Sectionals on March 24 & 25, 2012 and Pacific Lanes (7015 So "D" St, Tacoma, WA – 253-474-0594) for the Western Sectionals on March 10 & 11, 2012.
22. 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. **Squad times for the Sectional Tournaments will be assigned on a first-come, first served basis. It is to your advantage to be early. See Sectional Rules for squad times for 2012.**
23. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations will be determined by the Washington State USBC Pepsi Youth Championships Tournament Committee. The National USBC Pepsi Youth Championships Tournament Committee has the right to accept or reject any participant.

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