

# WASHINGTON STATE USBC PEPSI YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS 2011-2012 SECTIONAL RULES AND FORMAT



1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (#04498) and shall be governed by USBC rules.
2. All athletes must be a USBC Youth member to participate.
3. Sectional entries open February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. 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. See Rule #11.
4. Advancement ratio from **league competition to sectional qualifying** per division per league, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties is as follows:
  1. **Ages 11 & under, Girls Handicap** Ratio: 1- 1
  2. **Ages 11 & under, Boys Handicap** Ratio: 1- 1
  3. **Ages 12 & above, Girls' Handicap** Ratio: 1- 1
  4. **Ages 12 & above, Boys' Handicap** Ratio: 1- 1
  5. **Ages 12 & above, Girls' Scratch** Ratio: 1- 1
  6. **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 divisions. These divisions will be based on the participant's age as of **August 1, 2011**

5. Sectional competition will take place at **Pacific Lanes** for the **Western** qualifiers (March 10 & 11, 2012) and **Zeppoz** for **Eastern** qualifiers (March 24 & 25, 2012). Competition will take place at listed squad times.
6. Deadline for the notification of qualifiers and payment to the WSUSBC Pepsi Tournament Director of the scholarship/expense fees of \$7.00 must be **postmarked** by **February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012**.
7. Completed sectional reservation forms, along with the sectional tournament entry fee (See Rule 13) for all qualifiers must be submitted to the WSUSBC Pepsi Tournament Director by the **postmarked** date of **February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012**.
8. Each check returned from banks, credit unions, etc., will be charged \$35 plus any bank fees.
9. **ONLINE ENTRIES ARE DUE BY MIDNIGHT ON EACH DEADLINE DATE – AVERAGE SHEETS MUST BE FAXED IN WITHIN 24 HOURS FOR ALL ONLINE ENTRIES.**

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10. Sectional competition will be conducted in 6 divisions:

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| a. Ages 11 & under, Girls' Handicap | Ages 12 & above, Boys' Handicap |
| b. Ages 11 & under, Boys' Handicap  | Ages 12 & above, Girls' Scratch |
| c. Ages 12 & above, Girls' Handicap | Ages 12 & above, Boys' Scratch  |

These divisions are based on the participant's age as of **August 1, 2011**

## SECTIONAL LEVEL COMPETITION

11. Divisions in **ages 11 & under** will bowl three (3) games; total pinfall plus handicap will determine winners. One (1) out of two (2) will advance to the state finals each division. If any division has eight (8) or less entries, all will advance to the state level competition. A scholarship based on number of entries and monies collected will be awarded on a 1:5 ratio in both the boy and girl divisions.
12. Divisions in **ages 12 & above** will bowl six (6) games. One (1) out of two (2) bowlers will advance to state level competition based on total pinfall plus handicap, if applicable. 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 on a 1:5 ratio in each division, boy and girl, scratch and handicap. Format: Bowlers will bowl 3 games on their assigned starting lanes and then immediately move lanes and begin bowling the next 3 games as soon as lanes are available. No additional practice will be given at start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> 3-game block. Rotation will be announced at the beginning of each squad.
13. Squads will be assigned on a first come basis. Once a squad is full, bowlers will be assigned their 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 check in at least 30 minutes prior to schedule squad time or spot may be given to another participant.

ENTRY FEES	<u>Ages 11 and under</u>		<u>Ages 12 &amp; above - Handicap &amp; Scratch</u>	
	<u>Cash / ck</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>Cash / ck</u>	<u>Online</u>
i. Lineage & Expenses	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$19.00	\$19.00
ii. Awards	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00
iii. Scholarships	<u>\$ 3.00</u>	<u>\$ 5.00</u>	<u>\$ 3.00</u>	<u>\$ 5.00</u>
Total	\$18.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$27.00

14. Award and 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 during the League Competition.** This scholarship is independent of the scholarships awarded at the Finals. All scholarship monies will be deposited in and managed by **SMART** (account #8507).
15. Dress attire must be neat, clean and proper fitting. Collared or mock collared shirts or USBC official youth jersey and pants/slacks, walking shorts (Bermuda shorts) capris, skirts or skorts must be worn. Skirts and skorts must be within 2 inches of the knee. All apparel worn by competitors must be proper fitting and not made of fleece or Lycra/spandex-like material. Tournament Director must approve any/all exceptions. Tournament Director's decision is final.
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.

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- d. 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.
17. No substitutes will be permitted; however, replacements may be used for bowlers not present thirty (30) minutes prior to squad time as stated in Rule 3.
18. Bowlers will be allowed a minimum of five (5) minutes of practice time on their starting lanes for sectional competition.
19. 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.

## **AVERAGE DEADLINE**

20. Average used for sectional qualifying shall be the highest current average as of **January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012** with a minimum of twelve (12) games. If a 12-game average is not available, then the bowler must bring in a standing sheet showing a verifiable USBC Youth average. If the athlete has a certified "sport" league average, Rule 202d in the USBC Playing Rules and the adjustment chart must be considered. If the sport league is the only league the athlete bowls in, then the adjustment chart must be used. Coaches must submit qualifying averages by the **postmarked** date of **February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012**. An alphabetized average list is preferred and a standing sheet **must** be attached.
21. Handicap will be 100% of the difference between the bowler's average and 210. Bowlers with an average of 211 or higher as of **January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012** will receive zero handicap but remain in the division entered for Center competition.
22. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
23. Ties for all divisions will not be broken and all that qualify will advance.
24. 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.
25. All deadlines are firm and will be enforced 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 Tournament Director.
26. 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.
27. 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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