



2017 COLORADO PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT RULES & FORMAT

- This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress and shall be governed by USBC rules.
- Advancement ratio from league to regional will be 1 in 1, for all Divisions. Advancement from league is a one-time entry. League level competition can take place from October 1, 2016 thru February 16, 2017. If an individual who qualified cannot participate in the state/zone competition, replacements will be eligible based on order of finish in previous competition. All athletes must be a USBC Youth member to participate.
- Advancement ratio from regional competition to the state/zone competition will be the top third qualifiers in each division U12, U15 & U20.
- 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 region, the bowler must declare one region 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.
- **Regional competition for all Divisions will take place as follows:**

South Region: Canon City Lanes 2970 E Main Canon City CO 81212	March 4 & 5, 2017
Western Region: Thunder Rolls Bowling 990 Industrial Ave Craig CO 81625	March 11 & 12, 2017
Metro/North Region: Coal Creek Sports 1455 Coal Creek Dr Lafayette, CO 80026	March 18 & 19, 2017
- **State Competition** : Centennial Lanes 110 E 9th Ave, Longmont, CO 80504 April 08, 2017
- Entry closing date must be submitted to the State Tournament Director with a postmark of March 28, 2017.
- Divisions are based on the participant's date of birth. **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 the Junior Gold Championships.** *** Competition shall be conducted in the following divisions: U12, U15, & U20 for both boys and girls.

→U12 Boys	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2004 thru 7/31/06	→U12 Girls
→U15 Boys	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2001 thru 7/31/04	→U15 Girls
→U20 Boys	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/1996 thru 7/31/01	→U20 Girls

- **Format:** The tournament format for regionals and state will be: Divisions U12, U15, & U20 will bowl six (6) games, moving one pair to the right after each game. Total pin fall will determine the winners. A one game roll off will break first place ties. Should a tie still exist, it will be broken by an additional ninth and 10th frame roll-off. The pattern for regionals will be a JR Gold White and for state will be Jr Gold blue.
- Entry fee: (No entry fee will be refunded once entry is scheduled). All bank charges will be assessed to all returned checks.

<u>U12, U15, and U20:</u>	
Lineage	\$15.00
Expenses	\$11.00
Awards	\$ 1.00
Scholarships	<u>\$12.00</u>
TOTAL	\$39.00

Awards and Scholarships fees shall be returned 100% to bowlers. Scholarships will be held in USBC Smart Program (Account Number #8513).

- All bowlers must wear suitable attire. Shirts/Blouses must have collars and sleeves. Sponsor T-Shirts and the USBC Youth Jersey are acceptable. Bowlers must wear full length slacks or jeans (no ragged, torn, holey, or sagging jeans). No headgear/hats/caps will be allowed. No Cell phones or listening to music devices are allowed during competition. All rules will be enforced.
- No Substitutes will be permitted **once athletes have started tournament play**; however, replacements may be used for bowlers not present 30 minutes prior to the squad time as stated in Rule 2. **Replacements must be from order of finish from prior level of competition.**
- Competitors shall be allowed 10 minutes of practice on starting pair only.
- If no replacement has been made, bowlers arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. Missed frames shall be credited with a zero. Frames may not be made up. A bowler not present to bowl when it's their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame. If you must leave the settee area, please notify a tournament official.
- Only bowlers, tournament officials & center staff shall be permitted in the settee area.
- 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. The tournament director shall decide upon questionable errors. All other protest must be confirmed in writing to the tournament director within 72 hours of the infraction. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
- Symbolic awards will be given as follows: Plaques will be given to all first and second place in all divisions at the regional qualifying and at the State Finals.
- First Place Scholarships of at least \$50.00 will be awarded to the regional winners and \$100.00 awarded to the first place winners at the State level. Additional scholarships may be given, in each division depending on the number of entries received in each division based 1 in 10 entries.
- The first-place winners of the U12 U15 and U20 Divisions for both Girls and Boys will advance to the 2017 Junior Gold Championships **on July 15-22, 2017 in Cleveland, OH.** They must be USBC Junior Gold members to advance to the Junior Gold Championships. Bowlers without a current Junior Gold membership must purchase a Junior Gold membership prior to July 1. USBC will waive the \$200 (U20) & \$150 (U15) \$100 (U12) entry fee for these athletes. These athletes will compete for additional scholarships available to all athletes at the championships, as well as other prizes and awards. All U.S. citizens are vying for a spot on USBC Junior Team USA 2017 to represent the United States in national and international competition. If the U12 U15 and U20 Division Champion are unwilling or unable to become a Junior Gold member they will not advance to the Junior Gold Championships. However, the athlete will still retain the state/zone scholarship, but the berth to the Junior Gold Championships will be awarded to the next eligible athlete. (Colorado State USBC will award a stipend for expenses from the sales of raffle tickets of a bowling ball to be divided equally amongst all of participants going to Junior Gold Championship.)

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/zone level. Replacements will incur all costs associated with changing the airline ticket, if applicable.

All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the State/Zone Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee. The National Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.

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