



2025 Mississippi State Pepsi Youth Championship Scratch Tournament

Rules & Format
NOVEMBER 9 & 10, 2024

1. This tournament is certified by each state and shall be governed by USBC rules.
2. All bowlers must be a current USBC member in good standing and hold their membership in Mississippi Sanctioned Center. This is a **ONE-TIME** entry
3. League level qualifying dates are 1 for 1 100%. Advancement from league is a one-time entry. If an individual qualified cannot participate in this competition, replacements will be eligible based on order of finish in previous competition. **Replacement must advance from the same league and window based on order of finish.**
4. Advancement ration from league competition (circle one) center/sectional competition is at least 1 for 1-100% division, or major fraction thereof, including last-place ties. The base number for each division that was present at least one week to participate the number of league members that would have participated in that division. In all cases at least one person per division shall advance. The advancement ration shall be applied uniformly to all eligible divisions.
5. **The 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/zone, to continue competing in before the next competition level. Participate in any level of competition past the league level in more than on 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 "OPT OUT" to a higher age division. All bowlers that choose to "OPT OUT" MUST COMPLETE an "OPT OUT" form PRIOR to competition.**
6. Reserved entry closing date is **NOVEMBER 4, 2024.** Submit Entry form containing qualifier's name, address, telephone number, date of birth, and social security number to the Tournament Director. WALK INS welcome. MUST PRESENT ENTRY 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO SQUAD THAT YOU WISH TO BOWL ON (NO EXCEPTIONS). Information must be completed on the entry.
7. 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 the Junior Gold Championship. Competition shall be conducted in the following divisions:**

U8 Boys	Bowlers whose birthday is 8/1/2016 or later	U8 Girls
U10 Boys	Bowlers whose birthday is 8/1/2014 thru 7/31/2016	U10 Girls
U12 Boys	Bowlers whose birthday is 8/1/2012 thru 7/31/2014	U12 Girls
U15 Boys	Bowlers whose birthday is 8/1/2009 thru 7/31/2012	U15 Girls
U18 Boys	Bowlers whose birthday is 8/1/2006 thru 7/31/2009	U18 Girls

Division	Lineage	Expense	Awards	Total Fee
U8, U10	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 35.00
U12, U15, U18	\$ 20.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 50.00

Scholarship fees shall be returned 100% to the bowlers. Scholarships will be held in SMART.

SMART Account Number: 08529

(*USBC Rules 301d and 309 state that all scholarships must be deposited in the SMART Program)

SMART contact information is as follows: 1-800-514-2695 ext 8968

8. All bowlers must wear suitable attire. **No hats/caps allowed. No smoking by guest or athletes on the concourse or in the seating area, only in designated areas.**
9. 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. **Replacements must be from the same window, same league, and same center as the “no-show” bowler. They must follow the order of advancement within that window/league.**
10. Competitors shall be allowed 10 minutes of practice time on their starting pair of lanes.
11. 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. Bowlers not present to bowl when it's their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
12. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the setting area.
13. Ties will be broken by a one game roll-off. Should a tie still exist, it will be broken by an additional ninth and tenth frame roll-off. (Refer to Rule 326a).
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 protest must be confirmed in writing to the Tournament Director within 72 hours of the infraction. Under this rule, each protest must be specific.
15. Scholarships will be awarded as follows: **1 to 8.**
16. Advancers must agree to bowl in the USBC Junior Gold Championships, or failing to do so, agree to waive all rights. Replacements will be selected based about to finish in their division at state level. Replacements will incur all costs associated with changing the airline ticket, if applicable. If the advancer decides not to attend the Junior Gold Championships, the state won may be withdrawn. This decision will be made by the state tournament committee.
17. In the event that a qualifier needs to be replaced and there is a tie to determine who will advance to the Junior Gold Championship, qualifying scores will determine who will advance. If the high score for each is the same, next subsequent high score will be used

18. Competition shall be conducted in the following divisions:

U12, U15 and U18 must bowl 6 games: (ONLY 3 GAMES WILL BE BOWLED AT A TIME), ALL 6 GAMES MAY BE BOWLED ON SATURDAY OR SUNDAY – 3 GAMES ON EACH SQUAD, PROVIDING LANES ARE AVAILABLE OR MAY BE BOWLED 3 GAMES ON SATURDAY AND 3 GAMES ON SUNDAY.

U8 AND U10 MUST BOWL 3 GAMES ONLY

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

Competition will take place at:

**Country Lanes
10 Shade Grove Moss Rd
Laurel, MS 39443
(601) 342-5239**

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SQUAD TIMES:	SATURDAY	10:00 AM	OR	1:00 PM
	SUNDAY	10:00 AM	OR	1:00 PM

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MS STATE USBC

MAIL ENTRIES TO TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:

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