

# Youth Bowling Championships Nebraska State Format

1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress # 05199 and shall be governed by USBC rules. Participants must be a member of the USBC youth division.
2. One-time entry. If an individual who qualified cannot participate in the state competition, replacements will be eligible based on order of finish in previous competition. League Qualifying dates are October 22, 2016 through November 4, 2016 and January 7, 2017 through January 20, 2017.
3. Advancement ratio from the league competition to the state competition is at least ONE for every TWO entries per division, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties. The base number for each division is 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 ratio shall be applied uniformly to all eligible divisions. All graduating seniors will advance to the state finals provided they bowl at the league level.
4. Advancers out of the league level must remain in the division they qualified in during all subsequent levels. If the bowler advances out of the league level in more than one state, the bowler must declare one state to continue competition before the next competition. Participation in any level of competition past the league level in more than one state will result in automatic disqualification.
5. State competition will take place at Valley Bowl Fun Center, 1702 17<sup>th</sup> Ave., Scottsbluff, NE 69361 on March 4,5,11,12,18,19 additional dates may be added in the event weather or number of entries. Match game finals will be held on Saturday April 1, 2017 at 1:00 pm for the top 6 places in each of the U12, U15 and U20 divisions. (Date subject to change due to weather or entries.)
6. Squad Times:
 

Saturday	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	2:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	2:00 p.m.	
7. Entries close February 18, 2017. Entries postmarked after Feb. 18 will NOT be accepted. Qualifiers name, address, telephone number and Social Security number, along with the entry fee must be submitted to the tournament director by this date.
8. Divisions are based on the participants age. Competition shall be conducted in the following divisions:
 

U8 Boys Scratch and U8 Girls Scratch	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2008 or Later
U10 Boys Scratch and U10 Girls Scratch	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2006 thru 7/31/2008
U12 Boys Scratch and U12 Girls Scratch	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2004 thru 7/31/2006
U15 Boys Scratch and U15 Girls Scratch	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2001 thru 7/31/2004
U20 Boys Scratch and U20 Girls Scratch	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/1996 thru 7/31/2001
9. The tournament format shall be: divisions U8 and U10 will bowl three games at the state level, total pinfall will determine final standings. Divisions U12, U15 and U20 will bowl six games moving to another pair of lanes after the first three. The top six from the U12, U15 and U20 divisions will return on Saturday, Apr. 1, 2017 for the match game round robin finals. Pinfall from the state competition will not carry forward into match game competition. Bonus pins will be awarded for wins/ties during match game competition, win 30, tie 15 and loss 0. There will be no fees for the match game competition.
10. Entry fee is:
 

<u>U8 and U10</u>	<u>U12, U15 and U20</u>
Lineage	Lineage
\$9.30	\$18.60
Expenses	Expenses
\$2.50	\$ 3.50
Awards	Awards
\$ .70	\$ 2.50
Scholarships	Scholarships
<u>\$2.50</u>	<u>\$ 5.40</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>\$15.00</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>

**NO REFUNDS**

Awards and scholarships fees will be returned 100% to the bowlers. Scholarship money will be held in SMART account # 8532.

11. All bowlers must wear suitable attire. Shirts with alcohol, tobacco or inappropriate wording for figures will not be allowed. The tournament director has the discretion to ask the bowler to change. No hats/caps allowed. No E-Cigs are allowed in the bowling area. At the finals bowlers will wear collared shirts and slacks.
12. No substitutes will be permitted once bowlers have started tournament play, however, replacements may be used for bowlers not present 10 minutes prior to the squad time as stated in Rule 2. If no replacement has been made, bowlers arriving late shall begin play and the scores 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 to bowl will be credited with a zero for that frame.
13. Competitors shall be allowed two practice balls on each of their starting lanes.
14. All divisions will be bowling scratch.
15. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
16. Ties for the top 6 in each of the U12, U15 and U20 divisions will be broken before advancing to match game competition with a one game roll-off. A time and place will be announced by the tournament director at a later date. Should a tie still exist, it will be broken by an additional ninth and tenth frame roll-off.
17. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the tournament director and 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 protests must be confirmed in writing within 72 hours of the infraction. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
18. Symbolic awards will be given as follows:
 

U8 and U10 all divisions	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> places with a ratio of 1-6 to the rest.
U12, U15 and U20 all divisions	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> with a ratio of 1-6 to the rest.
19. Scholarships will be awarded as follows:
 

U8 and U10	1 <sup>st</sup> \$100; 2 <sup>nd</sup> \$75; 3 <sup>rd</sup> \$50
U12	1 <sup>st</sup> \$300; 2 <sup>nd</sup> \$200; 3 <sup>rd</sup> \$100
U15 and U20	1 <sup>st</sup> \$400; 2 <sup>nd</sup> \$300; 3 <sup>rd</sup> \$200
20. The first-place winner in the U12, U15 and U20 division (boys & girls) will advance to the 2017 Junior Gold Championships July 15-22, 2017 in Cleveland, OH. Winners in the U12, U15 and U20 divisions receive no financial support; money from the bowling ball raffle will be divided between the winners. Winners are not confirmed as international finalists until they receive a confirmation letter or email from USBC. Advancers will be required to be accompanied by a parent, guardian or coach.
21. 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. If the advancer decides not to attend the Junior Gold Championships, the state scholarship won may be withdrawn. This decision will be made by the state tournament committee. Replacements will incur all expenses associated with changing the airline ticket, if applicable.
22. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the State Pepsi USBC Youth Tournament Committee. The National Pepsi Youth Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.
23. Advancers to the Junior Gold Championships must be a USBC Junior Gold member prior to competing in the Championships. This membership must be paid prior to June 30, 2017.

If you have any questions, please call, text or email:

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