

WASHINGTON STATE USBC PEPSI YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024 SECTIONAL RULES AND FORMAT



1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (**#05129 U10 & Below East / #05128 U10 & Below West & #05131 U12&Up East / #05130 U12 & Up West**) and shall be governed by USBC rules.,
2. All athletes must be a Current USBC Youth member to participate and bowl in a youth league in a center under WSUSBC jurisdiction.
3. Sectional entries open December 8, 2023 and close **February 12, 2024 for West Pepsi Sectionals** and **February 26, 2024 for East Pepsi Sectionals**. There is a one-time entry.

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 date of birth (see chart below)

U8 Boys	Birth date is 8/1/2015 or later	U8 Girls
U10 Boys	Birth date is 8/1/2013 thru 7/31/2015	U10 Girls
U12 Boys	Birth date is 8/1/2011 thru 7/31/2013	U12 Girls
U15 Boys	Birth date is 8/1/2008 thru 7/31/2011	U15 Girls
U18 Boys	Birth date is 8/1/2005 thru 7/31/2008	U18 Girls

All divisions are scratch

4. Sectional competition will take place for the **West Sectionals** at Triangle Bowl on (February 24 & 25, 2024) and for **East Sectionals** Players & Spectators on (March 9 & 10, 2024)
5. Completed sectional reservation forms, along with the sectional tournament entry fee (See Rule 12) for all qualifiers must be submitted to the WSUSBC Pepsi Tournament Director, **postmarked by February 12, 2024 for West Sectional entry forms and postmarked by February 26, 2024 for East Sectional entry forms.**
6. Each check returned from banks, credit unions, etc., will be charged \$35 **plus** any bank fees.
7. Sectional competition will be conducted in the following divisions:

GIRLS – U8 – U10 – U12 – U15 – U18

BOYS – U8 – U10 – U12 – U15 – U18

All divisions are **scratch** and based on the participant's date of birth (see chart above)

SECTIONAL LEVEL COMPETITION

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1. Divisions **U8 & U10** will bowl three (3) games. There will be no advancement this year to Pepsi State for all U8 and U10 divisions.
2. Divisions **U12, U15, U18** will bowl six (6) games. One (1) out of two (2) bowlers will advance to state level competition based on total pin fall. If any division has eight (10) 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 to the top five (5) in each division, boy and girl, scratch and handicap. Format: Bowlers will bowl 6 games on their assigned starting lanes.
3. Squads will be assigned on a first come basis. Once a squad is full, bowlers will be assigned their 2nd or 3rd 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 be checked in and in proper dress code at least 30 minutes prior to schedule squad time** or spot may be given to another participant. All squad assignments will be posted at www.tournamentbowl.com, it's the bowler's responsibility to check this site for their squad they are to bowl.

4. **ENTRY FEES**

	U8 & U10	U12 – U15 – U18
	Cash / Check	Cash / Check
Lineage / Expenses	\$20.00	\$31.00
Awards / Scholarship	\$22.00	\$22.00
Total	\$42.00	\$53.00

5. **Handicap** – All bowlers will have handicap added to their scores for opportunity to win additional scholarship, hdcp ratio will 90% of 220. There is NO additional bowling, we will use the scores bowled during their regular event. Bowlers will remain in the same division as the Scratch competition. All funds collected will be returned in the form of Scholarship to be managed by SMART. Handicap scores will **NOT** be used to advance to the state level. The average date for hdcp portion will be December 8, 2023 with 12 games or more.
6. 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**. This scholarship is independent of the scholarships awarded at the Finals. All scholarship monies will be deposited in and managed by **SMART**.
7. Tournament management will determine if the uniform worn by the participant is acceptable. If the uniform is deemed unacceptable, the participant will be required to change the uniform immediately. If the participant is unable to change into a compliant uniform, they will be removed from the competition.
Shirts – Competitors shall provide their own bowling shirt with a collared, V-neck, rib-lined or banded necklines. Mock collar must be a minimum of three-quarters of one inch. All shirts must have finished sleeves for all competition. Females may wear a sleeveless shirt with a butterfly collar only if the sleeves are finished. **Pants** – Male participants are required to wear slacks or dress shorts. Slacks or shorts must not contain drawstring waists or elastic bottoms. Slacks or shorts must have a zipper and a button to be eligible. Jeans are not permitted. Female participants are required to wear slacks, skirts, capris, skorts or dress shorts. All skirts, capris, skorts, or dress shorts must be **below the competitor's fingertips** when they are standing and their arms are hanging loosely at their side. Jeans and yoga pants are **not permitted**. **Headgear** – No covering or sunglasses can be worn while practicing or competing (hats, caps, or bandannas, etc.). Male or Female participants cannot wear any headgear while practicing or competing, unless a request is made in writing.
8. **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.

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- 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.
 - d. Bowlers may not use or wear any electronic device (MP3 player, cell phone, etc.) while on the approach or in the settee area. 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.
9. Bowlers will be allowed a minimum of ten (10) minutes of practice time on their starting lanes for sectional competition.
 10. A bowler who has not been replaced according to Rule #3 and arrives 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.
 11. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area. All Coaches must wear their RVP and have completed the safe sport testing in order to be coaching any youth on the concourse. If a youth bowler is going to turn 18 prior to the start of sectionals he/she must complete safesport testing prior to bowling in the sectional tournament. If they have not completed safesport testing, they will not be allowed to bowl.
 12. Ties for all divisions will not be broken and all that qualify will advance.
 13. 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.
 14. Late entries may be considered upon space availability at Tournament Director's discretion.
 15. 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.
 16. 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.
 17. The state entry form will be available online at www.wsusbc.net on March 12, 2024, each participant advancing to the state finals will need to download and mail in entry. **Hard copies of state entry form will not be mailed, squad verifications will also be posted at www.wsusbc.net under Pepsi and under www.tournamentbowl.com under Pepsi Sectionals (East & West) and Pepsi State finals.**

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