



2022-23 ILLINOIS PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS ZONE RULES and FORMAT

1. This tournament is certified by the USBC and shall be governed by the rules of the USBC Youth Division - Certification number 05084.
2. **DIVISIONS:** Competition will be held in the following divisions. Boys and Girls will be in separate divisions for each age group. ALL competition will be on a scratch basis

U8 Division – Boys/Girls – Birth date is 8/1/2014 or later

U10 Division – Boys/Girls – Birth date is 8/1/2012 through 7/31/2014

U12 Division – Boys/Girls – Birth date is 8/1/2010 through 7/31/2012

U15 Division – Boys/Girls – Birth date is 8/1/2007 through 7/31/2010

U18 Division – Boys/Girls – Birth date is 8/1/2004 through 7/31/2007

3. **Participation** in the Zone competition is a one-time entry. Any individual who attempts to bowl twice in the Zone competition **will** be disqualified from both competitions.
 - Bowlers will attempt to qualify at League Level based strictly on age. A bowler may opt to bowl in a higher age division as long as he/she declares this prior to the first league session and a “PEPSI YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS WAIVER FORM” is completed prior to bowling. Once league level qualifying has started a bowler must stay in the division he/she is in based on age or opted to move to a higher division. In the event a bowler qualifies in more than one league in the same division, the bowler must advance from the league in which the highest series was bowled. For identical qualifying scores, the bowler will advance from the league where the first score was bowled. An individual advancing from leagues in more than one division must use the division they specified in the league they are advancing from using the highest score bowled as the division they will advance in. In the event of a tie the **FIRST** score bowled will determine the division advance. Bowlers who are not eligible for USBC Youth Membership cannot bowl.
 - If a bowler advances out of league competition in more than one state/zone, the bowler must declare one state/zone to continue competing before the next competition level. Participation in any level of competition past the league competition in more than one state/zone will result in automatic disqualification from all competition.
 - Replacements for zone will be eligible only based on order of finish in league level of competition. League coordinators must contact bowlers in the order of finish and receive a statement from all bowlers that do not want to advance prior to going on to the next bowler. **Once a replacement has been made, the original bowler cannot be placed back into the tournament.**

4. **LEAGUE COMPETITION** for the State of Illinois will take place on the following dates:
OCTOBER 3 through OCTOBER 16, 2022

If needed, the STATE DIRECTOR may grant changes in the qualifying dates to individual bowling centers, if dates for zone tournament cannot be met. ALL bowlers advancing to the zone tournament **MUST** have bowled in REGULAR league during the qualifying window. No pre-bowling or post-bowling allowed! Dates may not be moved such that some bowlers cannot bowl due to IHSA bowling.

5. **ADVANCEMENT RATIO:** The advancement ratio from **league** competition to **Zone** competition is **one (1) for every two (2)** entries per division, per league, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties. The base number for each division in league level is the number of league members that would have participated in that division (those that have bowled at least once prior to and including the window). In all cases **at least ten persons per division** shall be allowed to advance. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all divisions.
6. **ZONE COMPETITION:** Zone competition will take place at a bowling center chosen by the Illinois Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Committee, in the State of Illinois. ***The Zone Tournament Manager for your area will advise you as to the location, squad dates and times for your area. Zone tournaments will typically be run in the following timeframe, however, check with your zone Tournament Manager for your exact dates.***
U8, U10 and U12 DIVISIONS: Weekends in January or early February, 2023
U15, U18 DIVISIONS Weekends in late February or early March, 2023

17. **DRESS CODE**: All bowlers must wear suitable attire in good repair (i.e. no holes). **Zone Tournament Managers will have the final say on Zone Tournament dress code enforcement.**

Male participants may wear slacks, jeans or "walking/golf style" shorts. Slacks must not contain drawstring waists or elastic bottoms. Jeans are permitted.

Female participants may wear slacks, jeans, skirts, culottes, skorts or walking shorts. All skirts, culottes, skorts, or walking shorts must extend past the fingertips when the arms are at their sides while standing.

What NOT to Wear or Use !!

- Clothing depicting sex, tobacco products, gambling or alcoholic beverages
- Hats/caps/headgear
- Fleece, parachute material, or spandex
- Warm-up suits or clothes with drawstrings at the waist or elastic/Velcro at the ankles
- Gym Shorts, Athletic Shorts, Bicycle Shorts and other shorts that would not fit into a category that would be classified as 'walking' or 'golf' style.
- No electronics of any sort will be allowed in the bowling area

Coaches are asked to review the dress code with bowlers who advance to the Zone Finals.

18. **SUBSTITUTIONS**: No substitutes will be permitted once athletes have started tournament play. Replacements may be used for bowlers not present 30 minutes prior to squad time. Replacements must be from the same league and division as the "no show" bowler and must follow the order of advancement within that league. Bowlers unable to bowl in the Zone must notify the Zone Tournament Manager and your league coordinator at least 48 hours in advance so a replacement can be called. All schedule changes are made at the discretion of the Zone Tournament Manager. **Once a replacement has been made, the original bowler cannot be placed back into the tournament.**
19. Symbolic awards will be given as follows: First, Second and Third place medallions in each division. Lapel pins will be given to all Zone participants.
20. Zone Scholarships will be given as follows: One (1) out of five (5) bowlers (or greater fraction) with a minimum of two (2) in each division will be awarded scholarships based on the number of entrants in each division in each zone. Scholarships in each division at the zone level will be directly proportional to the division's participation total relative to the total zone entries in that zone. Funds for zone scholarships may come from entry fees and other fund raising ventures at the zone level. Any moneys collected in a given zone from fund raising and that specified as zone scholarship portion of the entry fee will stay in that zone and be added to that zone's scholarship fund.
21. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the Tournament Manager as soon as noticed. Standings will stand as posted on the website if no needed corrections are indicated within 72 hours of posting. The Tournament Manager and State Director shall decide upon questionable situations. All other protests must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Manager within 72 hours of the conclusion of bowling. Each protest under this rule must be specific in itself.
22. Advancement ratio from Zone competition to the State Finals is **at least one (1) for every five (5) entries** per division, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties. **In all cases at least 6 persons per division shall advance to State Finals.** The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all divisions.
23. The next level of competition (State Finals) will take place as follows:
- **U8, U10 and U12 Divisions – Western Bowl, Champaign April 14-16, 2023**
 - **U15 and U18 Divisions – Don Carter Lanes, Rockford May 5-7, 2023**
24. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Illinois Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee. The IL Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.

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