



# CONGRATULATIONS !

## You are a finalist in the Illinois Pepsi Youth Bowling Championships!

Enclosed you will find the required forms and information needed to attend the State Finals, including the following:

- Entry Form
- Squad Reminder Form/Dress Code Information
- Shirt Order Form-*If you wish to order a Pepsi USBC State Finals shirt, you **MUST** return the Shirt Order Form to IL Pepsi Championships no later than **March 31, 2021**. See shirt order form for details.*
- State Rules and Format

Please read all documents in this packet carefully. **THE DRESS CODE WILL BE ENFORCED; BOWLERS NOT IN COMPLIANCE *WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO BOWL UNTIL THEY ARE IN PROPER ATTIRE.***

You **MUST** return the following items to State Director Darlene Baker:

- Completed Entry Form** showing your signature, parent signature.
- \$25 or \$30 entry fee** made payable to **IL State USBC**. **Please write bowler's name on the check memo line.**
- Optional shirt order:** Make payment payable to **IL State USBC**. *May be sent with entry, but please write two different checks.*

**MAIL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO:** **IL USBC PEPSI CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**Darlene Baker**  
**PO Box 138**  
**Mahomet, IL 61853**

Phone: (217) 840-1030

E-mail: [dar.baker930@gmail.com](mailto:dar.baker930@gmail.com)

***THE ABOVE ITEMS MUST BE POSTMARKED **BY APRIL 7, 2021**.*** Please send the entry, entry fee and shirt order (if a shirt is desired) in the US Mail. ***It is NOT necessary to use 'overnight' or 'priority' mail to send these. Within the state we get mail within a day or two at the worst. Please save your money and just send regular first class mail.***

See you at the State Finals in April at:

**Spare Time Lanes**  
2870 N Jasper St  
Decatur, IL 62526  
<https://www.sparetimelanes.net>  
217-875-3141

- Need hotel??** ***Due to lack of use and complaints that hotels can be obtained for less money on your own .... you are on your own. Feel free to use any of the INTERNET services to book your hotels.***

ILLINOIS PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS  
STATE QUALIFYING INFORMATION

To be held at: Spare Time Lanes, 2870 N Jasper St, Decatur, IL 62526



**Printed Form from email**

**MUST BE POSTMARKED BY: APRIL 12, 2021**



***Your scheduled bowling squad time is:***

***SEE EMAIL***

Check-in opens **one and a half (1½ ) hours** before your squad time. Bowlers **MUST** be in **FULL COMPLIANCE** with this tournament's **DRESS CODE** at **check-in**. Bowlers not in compliance **will not** be allowed to bowl without change to proper attire. Bowlers only will be allowed in the check-in room so make sure he/she has his/her USBC card.

PLEASE NOTE THE FORMAT FOR THESE DIVISIONS. Bowlers in the U8 and U10 divisions will bowl three games only. Scores from all squads in each division will be combined to determine the final standings. Bowlers in the U12 divisions will bowl four games on Saturday and the top 16 in each division (boys and girls) will advance to the Sunday semi finals.

Please read each section carefully. **The email that you received must be FULLY COMPLETED; SIGNATURES are REQUIRED** where indicated. *Incomplete entries will not be processed.*

It is the **BOWLER'S** and **PARENT/GUARDIAN'S RESPONSIBILITY** to mail a signed copy of the email form with payment. I understand that I should **READ ALL ATTACHED RULES and POLICIES** and will ensure that my bowler will be in **COMPLIANCE** with this tournament's **DRESS CODE** and **follow all other rules/policies as stated within these documents.**

BE ADVISED IF THIS FORM IS NOT RETURNED BY DATE INDICATED OR INFORMATION IS MISSING TO VERIFY COMPLIANCE WITH THE IL PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS RULES, DISQUALIFICATION MAY OCCUR!

**Please keep this reminder:** IL Pepsi USBC Youth Championships State Finals bowling time.

**Your Squad Date/Time is: SEE EMAIL FOR SQUAD TIME**

You will be bowling at:

**Spare Time Lanes**  
2870 N Jasper St  
Decatur, IL 62526

**To ensure a smooth check-in, be sure to do the following:**

1. **Bring your Membership Card;** If you need a copy go to [www.bowl.com](http://www.bowl.com), go to "find a member", find yourself, and click on the reprint card icon. If you have the bowl.com app on your phone you can also show us your card via that media.
2. Be dressed in compliance with the State Dress Code.
3. Check-in area opens 1½ hours prior to your assigned squad.
4. **Parents are NOT allowed to enter the check-in area unless requested by a tournament official.**

# **===== DRESS CODE =====**

## **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!!!**

**FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULT IN NOT BEING ALLOWED TO BOWL!!!**

### **What You CAN Wear**

- T-shirts with bowling center name/league sponsor name, Pepsi Zone tournament shirt or USBC youth jersey [NOTE: collared or other 'jersey type' shirts are required on Sunday for finals.]
- Shirts with a "fold-down" collar similar to golf or polo shirts or mock collar [NOTE: collared or mock collar shirts are required on Sunday for finals.]
- Boys may wear slacks, jeans or "walking/golf style shorts. Slacks must not contain drawstring waists or elastic bottoms.
- Girls may wear slacks, jeans, skirts, culottes, skorts or walking shorts. All skirts, culottes, skorts, or walking shorts must be no shorter than one-half the distance from the inseam to the top of the knee in length and/or no shorter than the fingertips when the arms are at their sides while standing.

**If you order a Pepsi State Finals collared shirt, you will receive it when you check in**

### **What You CANNOT Wear**

- No hats/caps/headgear/iPod, etc.
- No fleece, parachute material, or spandex.
- No **yoga** pants, warm-up suits or clothes with drawstrings at the waist and/or elastic/velcro at the ankles or pants with holes in them.
- 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. Any shorts/skorts/skirts/cullottes must not be shorter than one half of the distance from the inseam to the top of the knee and/or no shorter than the fingertips when the arms are hanging naturally at the sides while standing.
- No chains on clothing while bowling.
- No leather clothing including jackets while bowling.
- No clothing with advertising depicting sex, tobacco products, gambling, alcoholic beverages, or inappropriate language/gestures. Current Bowling manufacturer apparel is acceptable.

**Dress Code at the State Finals will be strictly enforced; any exceptions to the dress code must be approved by the tournament management *prior* to arriving at finals.**

**TOURNAMENT LANE CONDITIONS:** We will not be announcing the lane condition or posting any patterns. Simply put, it will NOT be an 'easy' house pattern....nor will it be a super difficult "SPORT" complying pattern. Let your ball tell you what is out there. Please do not ask us or the house personnel what the pattern is as we will not tell (and might be irritated if you take up our time to discuss as there will be no discussion on this matter). If available, we will post the pattern/graph after the tournament is over.

## Order your 2021 IL Pepsi USBC Youth State Finals polo shirt

The 2021 State Finalist shirt is a polo (with collar) shirt with Illinois Pepsi USBC Youth Championships State Finals embroidered on the left front. The material is Moisture Wicking Polyester. All Men's, Women's and Youth sizes are available in **DAWN BLUE.**



If you would like to order the Illinois YBC Pepsi State Finals collared shirt:

  Complete the form below

  Include a check made payable to **Illinois State USBC**

[Separate check from entry, please]

(\$25.00 for youth sizes-Adult XL; \$27.00 for sizes 2XL-3XL)

  Mail your order form and check to: IL USBC PEPSI CHAMPIONSHIPS  
Darlene Baker  
PO Box 138  
Mahomet, IL 61853

  Orders must be **received** by **MARCH 31, 2021. Please plan accordingly.**

Your shirt will be available for pick-up at the time you check in for the tournament.  
Shirts not picked up will be subject to shipping costs.

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Shirt Description: Polo (collared) Shirt embroidered with Illinois Pepsi USBC Youth Championships State Finals

Please circle youth or adult size desired

Sizes:	Youth:	Medium (10-12)	Large (14-16)	Cost: \$25.00
	Womens:	Small      Medium      Large      X-Large		
	Mens:	Small      Medium      Large      X-Large		

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Womens:	XX-Large    XXX-Large	Cost: \$27.00
Mens:	XX-Large    XXX-Large	

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Make Check/Money Order payable to: **Illinois State USBC**

Bowler Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Bowling Squad Date & Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this order form to: IL USBC Pepsi Championships, PO Box 138, Mahomet, IL 61853. You may combine this order in with your ENTRY FORM envelope.

**MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MARCH 31, 2021**



# 2020-21 ILLINOIS PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

## STATE RULES and FORMAT

This tournament is certified by the USBC and shall be governed by the rules of the USBC.

**DIVISIONS:** Competition will be held in the following divisions. ALL competition will be on a scratch basis. **Bowlers MUST compete at the state tournament in the same division they qualified through at the league level.**

- U8 Division – Boys/Girls – Birth date is 8/1/2012 or later
- U10 Division – Boys/Girls – Birth date is 8/1/2010 through 7/31/2012
- U12 Division – Boys/Girls – Birth date is 8/1/2008 through 7/31/2010
- U15 Division – Boys/Girls – Birth date is 8/1/2005 through 7/31/2008
- U18 Division – Boys/Girls – Birth date is 8/1/2002 through 7/31/2005

**Participation** in the State Finals is a one-time entry. If an individual qualified and cannot participate in the State competition, replacements will be eligible based on order of finish in the previous Zone competition.

Advancers out of the league level must remain in the division they qualified during all subsequent levels. If a bowler advances out of league level 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 level in more than one state/zone will result in automatic disqualification from both tournaments.

**ADVANCEMENT RATIO:** The advancement ratio from **Zone** competition to **State** competition is **one (1) for every five (5) entries** per division, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties. In all cases, **at least six persons per division shall advance** to the State Finals from each division in each zone tournament. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all divisions.

**STATE COMPETITION** will take place at

- U15, and U18 Divisions – 4 Seasons Bowling Center in Freeport on May 7 or 8 (qualifying) and May 9, 2021 (for those qualifying for the Semi Finals).
- U12 Divisions – Spare Time Lanes in Decatur on April 23 or 24 (qualifying) and April 25, 2021 (for those that qualify for the Semi Finals).
- U8 and U10 Divisions – Spare Time Lanes in Decatur on April 23, 24 or 25, 2021.
- Squad times at the State Tournament will be assigned by the State Director.
- Competition shall be conducted in ten (10) divisions as listed in Rule 2.

ENTRY FEE for all divisions is:	<b>U 8 and U 10 Divisions</b>	<b>U 12 Division</b>	<b>U15 and U18 Divisions</b>
	Expense \$25.00	Expense \$30.00	Expense \$40.00
	TOTAL: \$25.00	TOTAL - \$30.00	TOTAL: \$40.00

**ENTRY CLOSING DATE:** MARCH 27, 2021 for U8, U10 and U12 divisions and April 10, 2021 for U15, and U18 Divisions.

Paperwork will be emailed to each bowler who, in turn, then must do the following:

- Verify and supply all personal information requested on the personal information form
- Return verification form and entry fees to the State Director by the deadlines indicated in Rule 7.



## **TOURNAMENT FORMAT:**

**U8 and U10 Divisions** will bowl either April 23, 2021, April 24, 2021 or April 25, 2021, bowling three (3) games, staying on the same pair of lanes. Position in standings will be determined by total scratch pinfall. Scholarships for tied positions will be added and divided equally.

### **U12 Division**

- Qualifying rounds will bowl April 23, 2021 or April 24, 2021.
- Qualifying round will consist of four games, moving after two (2) games.
- The field will be cut to the top **16 girls and top 16 boys** after qualifying for the Semi Finals. All ties for the final spot(s) will advance.
- Semi Final round will consist of four (4) games on April 25, 2021 at 8:30 AM. Position in standings will be determined by total scratch pins. **QUALIFYING PINFALL WILL BE CARRIED FORWARD TO SEMI FINALS.**
- Upon the completion of four semi final games, total score (8 games) will determine the top 4 bowlers in each division that will qualify for the match play final round. PINFALL WILL BE CARRIED OVER INTO THE MATCH PLAY FINALS.
- The top 4 bowlers in each division will then bowl four games of match play following a USBC round robin schedule. Twenty (20) bonus pins will be awarded to the winner of each game. Ties will each receive 10 bonus pins. The first and last rounds will be based on position (first round based on 8 game position, fourth game based on position after three games of match play).
- The final standings will be based on the total of the 12 games bowled plus bonus pins earned during the match play round.

### **U15 and U18 Divisions**

- Qualifying rounds will bowl May 7 or 8, 2021.
- Qualifying round will consist of six games, moving after three (3) games.
- The field will be cut as follows:
  - U15 Boys Division - top 25
  - U15 Girls Division - top 15
  - U18 Boys Division - top 17
  - U18 Girls Division - top 12
- Semi Final round will consist of five (5) games on May 9, 2021 at 8:30 AM. Semi Final Position standings will be determined by total scratch pins. **QUALIFYING PINFALL WILL BE CARRIED FORWARD TO SEMI FINALS.**
- Upon the completion of five semi final games, total score (11 games) will determine the top 6 bowlers in each division that will qualify for the match play final round. PINFALL WILL BE CARRIED OVER INTO THE MATCH PLAY FINALS.
- The top 6 bowlers in each division will then bowl six games of match play following a USBC round robin schedule. Twenty (20) bonus pins will be awarded to the winner of each game. Ties will each receive 10 bonus pins. The first and last rounds will be based on position (first round based on 14 game position, sixth game based on position after five games of match play).
- The final standings will be based on the total of the 17 games bowled plus bonus pins earned during the match play round.

**NOTE: If at the conclusion of the Semi Final Round in all divisions there is a tie for the last advancing spot (6<sup>th</sup> place for U15/U18 Divisions and 4<sup>th</sup> place for U12 Divisions) a 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll-off will be immediately held to determine the advancer. If bowlers are still tied after the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll off bowlers will bowl 'sudden death single balls at a full rack until the tie is broken. Ties for other positions prior to match play will be broken by the last single non tied game bowled during the Sunday semi finals.**



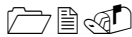
No substitutes will be permitted once the athletes have started tournament play; however, replacements may be used for bowlers not present 30 minutes prior to squad time. Replacements will be called in the order of finish from the zone reports for 2020-21. Replacements in order must be called and decline before continuing down the list. Replacements must be from the same Zone as the "no-show" bowler. Tournament management is not obligated to make those calls when a paid for bowler is not present. **Once a replacement has been made, the original bowler cannot be placed back into the tournament.**



The State Tournaments will be contested on a non 'house shot' condition as determined by the State Pepsi Director. The condition will not be disclosed until after the tournament is completed.



No tobacco products, vaping or consumption of alcoholic beverages by guests or athletes shall be allowed on the concourse or in the settee area. No alcohol, tobacco products or vaping may be used by competitors while competition is in progress. No smoking or vaping will be allowed within the bowling center (Illinois State Law) or within 15 feet of any entrances.



**DRESS CODE:** Bowlers are required to wear suitable attire in good repair (i.e. no holes) while bowling in ISUSBC Youth Championship Tournaments. Bowling shoes must be worn. Participants in the ISUSBC Youth Championship Tournaments must be neat in both clothing and personal grooming and meet the following dress code rules:

#### **What You CAN Wear**




- All competitors must wear a shirt with a "butterfly" collar or mock collar. Mock collar must be a minimum of  $\frac{3}{4}$  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.
- T-shirts will be allowed provided they are those that have the bowling center, are a USBC or local association provided jersey or one purchased at our sales table (in zone or at the state tournament). T-Shirts as described earlier in this rule may be worn ONLY during qualifying rounds for the U12, U15 and U18 Divisions.
- During the Sunday Semi Finals and Finals bowlers in the U12, U15 and U18 Divisions **must** wear a shirt with a "butterfly" or mock or collar or a USBC Youth Jersey as stated above or bowling 'jersey'.
- Male participants may wear slacks, jeans or "walking/golf style shorts. Slacks must not contain drawstring waists or elastic bottoms.
- Femal participants may wear slacks, jeans, skirts, capris, skorts or walking shorts. All skirts, capris, skorts, or walking shorts must be below the competitor's fingertips when they are standing with their arms hanging loosely at their side.




#### **What You CANNOT Wear or Use**




- Clothing depicting sex, gambling, tobacco products or alcoholic beverages. Bowling Manufacturers official shirts are acceptable.
- Hats/caps/headgear.
- Spandex, Yoga Pants, sweatpants, pants with draw strings, pants with holes in them and those made out of parachute-like material.
- Chains on clothing.
- Leather clothing including jackets while bowling.
- No electronic devices of any sort will be allowed in the bowling area.




- 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. Any shorts/skort/skirts/culottes shorter than the fingertips when the arms are hanging naturally at the sides while standing.




**Dress Code at the State Finals will be strictly enforced. Any Exceptions to the above must be approved by the tournament management prior to check-in. Coaches are asked to review the dress code for State Finals with bowlers.**




   Competitors shall be allowed ten (10) minutes of practice on their starting pair. Practice will begin 10 minutes prior to the scheduled squad starting time. No practice will be allowed when moving lanes. Extreme exceptions shall be determined by the tournament manager if a breakdown lasts more than 15 minutes in accordance with USBC Rules.

   Bowlers arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then bowled. Frames missed shall be credited with a zero. Frames may not be made-up. A bowler not present to bowl when it is his/her turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.




   Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.




   Bowling balls must meet all USBC specifications as defined in the latest edition of the Equipment Specifications and Certification Manual. It is the player's responsibility to ensure all equipment is eligible for competition. Only balls that are on the USBC approved list and are product registered are allowed in competition. Tournament Staff reserves the right to check equipment for compliance at any time. **Bowlers must use the bowling balls in such a manner that they comply with the Equipment Specifications. No balance holes are permitted. All holes drilled must be used for gripping purposes on every delivery. No more than three (3) ounces of weight on any halves of the ball. Failure to properly use the equipment will be ball removed from competition for 1<sup>st</sup> violation, forfeiture of game for 2<sup>nd</sup> violation and disqualification for 3<sup>rd</sup> violation.**

   Altering the surface of a bowling ball by the use of abrasives, cleaners or polish is prohibited during competition (**defined as when the first ball is thrown for score in the whole squad**). In addition, no substance may be placed on the outer surface of the bowling ball. The outer surface of the bowling ball may only be cleaned with a dry towel once the bowler has begun competition, with the exception of Isopropyl Rubbing Alcohol during the pandemic. Penalty for any infraction of this rule or any USBC Rule 18 infraction will be the immediate removal of that bowling ball for the duration of competition. Repeat offences may be cause for forfeiture of the game (i.e. zero for the game).

   Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the tournament manager no later than the start of the next block. Questionable errors shall be decided upon by the tournament manager and any committee members present. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the tournament manager within 72 hours. Each protest under this rule must be specific in itself.

   Symbolic awards will be given as follows: Lapel pins will be given to all State participants.

   There is NO guaranteed first prize. Prizes will be based on a percentage basis in a ratio of one scholarship for every five paid entrants. At a minimum, each bowler advancing to Sunday bowling (for U12, U15 and U18 divisions) will receive a scholarship prize. Total prize funds for each division will be proportional to the number of participants in each division including any excess over expenses collected for the state tournament in that division. Any SMART unassigned funds used to supplement the prize fund will also be based on the proportional number of entries in each division. ALL prizes will be deposited into the USBC SMART fund in accordance with their rules.

   The first place winners of the U12, U15 and U18 Divisions will advance to the 2021 USBC Junior Gold Championships July, 2021 to be held in the Indianapolis area provided they have not already qualified for the 2021 USBC Junior Gold Championships through another tournament. If this is the case the highest finishing bowler in that division who has not already earned a spot in the 2021 Junior Gold Championships will be awarded the spot.

Each advancer must be a USBC Junior Gold Program Member to advance. Those qualifiers who are not USBC Junior Gold members at the time of qualifying MUST purchase a USBC Junior Gold membership prior to June 8. IBC Youth will waive the \$200 (U18), \$150 (U15), and \$100 (U12) entry fee for these athletes. These athletes will compete for additional scholarships available to all athletes at the Junior Gold Championships, as well as other prizes and awards. All U.S. citizens are vying for a spot on USBC Junior Team USA 2022 to represent the United States in national and international competition. If the U12, U15 or U18 Division Champion is unwilling 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.

*The Illinois State USBC will also provide up to \$500.00 toward travel expenses for the 2021 USBC Junior Gold Championships to the first place finisher in each division. To receive the full stipend the bowler/parents must submit receipts totaling at least \$500 in expenses incurred for the tournament trip for the bowler. Those submitting lesser receipts will receive the lesser amount. If this bowler does not attend the 2021 Junior Gold Championships the stipend will be awarded to the highest finisher that does attend.*



All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Illinois Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee. Failure to abide by any rules and regulations may lead to disqualification from this event.

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All Results will be posted on the IL USBC Youth website: [www.ilusbcyouth.org](http://www.ilusbcyouth.org)