



## 2018 Pepsi Championships & Handicap Scholarship Singles State Youth Bowling Championships Information



### What you need to do to register, Step by Step

1. Read all of the information sent to you, this includes the rules (separate sheet) and dress code (on the back of this page).
2. Verify that all the information in the cover letter is correct.
3. Complete your tournament registration online as follows:
  - a. Go to [www.bowlpa.org](http://www.bowlpa.org) and click on the link **2018 Pepsi or Handicap Singles Registration**
  - b. Complete all sections that are requested and submit the form, you will see a confirmation page if everything was entered as requested.
  - c. To actually submit the registration, press the confirm button at the bottom, you may also print this page for your records.
  - d. You will then receive a thank you message and an email will be sent to the address entered on the form (providing a valid email address was entered).
4. How to verify that you are registered and for what squad time?
  - a. Go to [www.bowlpa.org](http://www.bowlpa.org) and click on the link **Confirmed Pepsi or Handicap Singles Registrations**
  - b. An alphabetical listing will appear with squad time assigned next to it.
  - c. This not an automatic process, please allow a few days for your name to appear.
5. Please bring your membership card along to present at check-in

<b>Hotel Accommodations</b>		
Hotel	Rate/Code	Distance/Time to Center
<b>Best Western Plus Reading Inn &amp; Suites (Headquarters Hotel)</b> 2299 Lancaster Pike Shillington PA 19607 Phone: 610-777-7888	\$89 Code: 2018 Pepsi	2.4 miles/6 Minutes
Crown Plaza Hotel 1741 Paper Mill Rd Wyomissing PA 19610 Phone: 610-236-4335	\$110.00	4.4 miles/8 Minutes
Days Inn 910 Woodland Rd. Reading PA 19610 Phone: 610-374-1500	\$72.00	4.2 mile/7 minutes

## Bowling Schedule

Saturday & Sunday May 5-6, 2018

All Divisions will bowl at: [Berks Lanes](#), 3190 Shillington Rd, Sinking Springs PA 19608, Ph: 610-678-8044  
Squads for all divisions: (This schedule is tentative and may change based on entries)  
Bowlers Select squad time. squads assigned on first come first serve basis.

Squad 1 - Saturday May 5	9:00 AM
Squad 2 - Saturday May 5	12:00 PM
Squad 3 - Saturday May 5	3:00 PM
Squad 4 - Sunday May 6	9:00 AM
Squad 5 - Sunday May 6	12:00 PM
Squad 6 - Sunday May 6	3:00 PM

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### Tournament Dress Code For all Levels of Competition

(This dress code must be shown to all participants)

***All clothing must be loose fitting, cover all undergarments and have no holes.***

Acceptable clothing: Shirts must have sleeves. Pants must be full length.



Youth participants will not wear apparel or use bowling equipment depicting alcohol, tobacco, gambling, an illegal substance or inappropriate language/gestures during competition.

No electronic devices may be worn during competition.

Penalty: First offense will result in a verbal warning and apparel change or removal of equipment. Failure to comply will cause the bowler's scores to be disqualified and the bowler to be removed from the competition.

### Pepsi & Handicap Singles Tournament State Final FAQ's

1. How many games/days to have to bowl?  
A. Three games for each tournament you are entered in. You only have to bowl on one day, unless you are bowling in both tournaments and decide to bowl one event on each day.
2. Is there an entry fee for the state finals?  
A. NO – the state association pays for the bowling fees at the state level. The bowler only pays a single-entry fee at the prior level of competition, Districts.
3. Are any of my travel expenses reimbursed by the State Association?  
A. NO - Travel, lodging and meal expenses are not reimbursed by the state.
4. May I change my squad time?  
A. YES – If the need arises you may request a change in the squad time you selected, please check for availability before doing so, do not assume that lanes will be available if you just show up.
5. Must I present my Membership Card at tournament check-in?  
A. YES –All bowlers must present their Membership Card at Check-in. If you do not have yours, you can print one from [www.bowl.com](http://www.bowl.com)

Use find a member, enter your name, then select your name. In the upper right corner there will be an icon to re-print your membership card. Bowlers without proper membership shall be disqualified.

# PENNSYLVANIA STATE PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

## STATE LEVEL RULES



1. The Pepsi USBC Youth Championships is certified by the United States Bowling Congress and governed by USBC rules.
2. The Pennsylvania State USBC Youth will conduct two qualifying windows. The qualifying windows and closing dates for entries are as follows: **1st Window:** November 4 through November 17, 2017; **2nd Window:** January 6 through January 19, 2018; **Replacements must advance from the same league and window based on order of finish.**
3. Advancement ratio from the previous competition (District) to State competition is at least one (1) for every eight (8) entries per division, including last place ties. In all cases at least one person per division shall advance. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all eligible divisions. (An entry is defined as a bowler within the division, whether they have bowled during the two week window or not.) Examples: 1 to 8 - Advance 1; 9 to 16 - Advance 2; 17 to 24 - Advance 3
4. Advancers out of 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/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. **Bowlers must declare at the time of their first qualifying window within EACH league if they choose to "opt up" to a higher age division. All bowlers that choose to "opt up" MUST COMPLETE an "OPT UP" Form PRIOR to competition.**
5. State competition will take place in Reading, PA on May 5-6, 2018 at Berks Lanes, 3190 Shillington Rd, Sinking Springs PA 19608, Phone: 610-678-8044. (A 48 lane facility)
6. Entry closing date is May 1, 2018. All bowlers will select their squad time and pay entry fees via on-line electronic registration via the State Associations Web Site. State finalists will receive instructions and information from the state tournament director by mail/email.
7. Competition will be conducted in 12 divisions based on the participant's age as listed below.

DIVISION	CODE	BIRTH DATE INFO	CODE	DIVISION
U8 Boys	U8B	Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2009 or later	U8G	U8 Girls
U10 Boys	U10B	Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2007 thru 7/31/2009	U10G	U10 Girls
U12 Boys	U12B	Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2005 thru 7/31/2007	U12G	U12 Girls
U15 Boys	U15B	Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2002 thru 7/31/2005	U15G	U15 Girls
U17 Boys	U17B	Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/2000 thru 7/31/2002	U17G	U17 Girls
U20 Boys	U20B	Bowlers whose birth date is 8/1/1997 thru 7/31/2000	U20G	U20 Girls

**\*There is no requirement of Junior Gold membership to enter U12, U15, U17 & U20 Division!**

8. All divisions shall bowl three (3) games. Results will be determined by total pin fall in each division.
9. **ENTRY FEES: NONE**
10. All bowlers must wear suitable attire as per the State USBC Youth Tournament Dress Code. **All clothing must cover all undergarments and have no holes.** Acceptable clothing: Shirts must have sleeves. Pants must be full length. Youth participants will not wear apparel or use bowling equipment depicting alcohol, tobacco, gambling, an illegal substance or inappropriate language/gestures during competition. No electronic devices may be worn during competition. Penalty: First offense will result in a verbal warning and apparel change or removal of equipment. Failure to comply will cause the bowler's scores to be disqualified and the bowler to be removed from the competition.

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## STATE LEVEL RULES (cont.)

11. No substitutions will be permitted once athletes have started tournament play however replacements may be used for bowlers not present 15 minutes prior to their scheduled squad time. **Replacements must be from order of finish from prior level of competition, Districts.**
12. Competitors shall be allowed up to 10 minutes of practice on their starting lanes.
13. If no replacement has been made, bowlers arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. Frames missed shall be credited with a zero (0). Bowlers not present to bowl when it is his/her turn shall be credited with a zero for that frame.
14. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
15. Ties for scholarship positions, scholarship monies for affected positions will be combined and divided equally. Example: 4th place tie, 4<sup>th</sup> is \$300 and 5<sup>th</sup> is \$200, each bowler will receive \$250. Ties in the Divisions affecting Junior Gold finalists only, will be broken by a one game roll-off. Should a tie still exist, it will be broken with an additional 9th and 10th frame roll-off, until a winner is determined.
16. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the State Tournament Director no later than 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 to the State Tournament Director within 72 hours or before the awards are presented. Each protest under this rule must be specific in itself.
17. Symbolic awards will be awarded for every one in eight entries per division at the State Level.
18. Scholarships will be awarded for every one in eight entries per division at the State Level. The State Pepsi YBC Tournament Committee will determine the scholarships awarded. Total scholarship dollars offered based on participation. All scholarships offered are managed by the USBC SMART fund.
19. The first-place winners of the U12, U15, U17 and U20 Divisions for both Girls and Boys will advance to the 2018 Junior Gold Championships. They must be USBC Junior Gold members to advance to the Junior Gold Championships. Bowlers without a current Junior Gold membership must purchase a Junior Gold membership prior to July 1. USBC will waive the entry fees for these athletes. All U.S. citizens are vying for a spot on USBC Junior Team USA 2018 to represent the United States in national and international competition. If the U12, U15, U17 and U20 Division Champion is unwilling or unable 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.  
  
Eligible 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/zone level. Replacements will incur all costs associated with changing the airline ticket, if applicable. If the eligible advancer decides not to attend the Junior Gold Championships, the state/zone scholarship won may be withdrawn. This decision will be made by the state/zone tournament committee.
20. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Pennsylvania State Pepsi USBC Youth Championship Tournament Committee. This Pepsi USBC Youth Championship Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.

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