

2025 NH STATE PEPSI CHAMPIONSHIP RULES AND FORMAT

1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress and shall be governed by USBC rules. Competition is open to all 2024-25 USBC Youth members in good standing. To compete, a bowler must be a regular member of a certified USBC league and not be under suspension at the time of qualifying. League substitutes may participate if it is their only USBC Youth league. NH State High School bowlers are eligible if they are 2024-2025 USBC Youth members. USBC Collegiate members are eligible if they are 2024-2025 USBC Youth members, bowl in a USBC Youth league. Must not have violated USBC Rule 400.
2. There is no entry fee at the league level. Bowling centers having 2024-2025 USBC certified leagues are automatic league level qualifying sites.
3. Competition will be conducted in 10 divisions based on the participant's age as listed below. **Athletes must choose the division in which they will compete.** Participation in the wrong age division will lead to automatic disqualification. Bowlers must stay in the given division in that particular league throughout the entire window.

⇒U8 Boys	Bowlers whose birthdate is between 8/1/2016 or later	⇒U8 Girls
⇒U10 Boys	Bowlers whose birthdate is between 8/1/2014 thru 7/31/16	⇒U10 Girls
⇒U12 Boys	Bowlers whose birthdate is between 8/1/2012 thru 7/31/14	⇒U12 Girls
⇒U15 Boys	Bowlers whose birthdate is between 8/1/2009 thru 7/31/12	⇒U15 Girls
⇒U18 Boys	Bowlers whose birthdate is between 8/1/2006 thru 7/31/09	⇒U18 Girls

4. Advancement from league level to the state requires a bowler to complete 3 games (or 2 games if bowl only 2 games per session) in their league during any one day of either window. Qualifying windows Oct. 1, 2024 – Nov. 30, 2024 and Jan 18, 2025 – Feb. 22, 2025. **Pre-bowled or post-bowled** scores may not be used for advancement. League advancement is a onetime entry.
5. **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 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.**
6. Awards and scholarship fees will be returned 100% to the bowlers. Scholarship money will be held in SMART account number **8534**. Entry fees as follows:

	<u>U8 & U10</u>		<u>U12, U15, U18</u>
Lineage	\$ 11.25	Lineage	\$22.50
Expenses	\$ 1.00	Expenses	\$ 1.00
Scholarship	<u>\$ 12.75</u>	Scholarship	<u>\$ 16.50</u>
	Total \$ 25.00		Total \$ 40.00

7. State competition will take place at Meyers Maple Lanes, Claremont, NH. Check-in at 9:30 am with tournament start at 10:00 am. All age divisions will bowl on Saturday.
8. Entry closing/received date is April 9, 2025. Tournament entry form containing qualifier's name, address, telephone and e-mail along with appropriate fees. **DEADLINES WILL BE ADHERED TOO; LATE SUBMITTALS WILL DISQUALIFY THOSE ATHLETES FROM COMPETING.**
9. Bowlers in U8 and U10 shall bowl three (3) games. Bowlers in U12, U15, U18 shall bowl (6) games across four (4) lanes. Total pin-fall will determine the winners.
10. Entrants are expected to wear suitable attire and will be required to change if attire is deemed inappropriate by tournament management and the decision will be final. Examples of **acceptable attire**:
 - **Collared shirts, mock-turtle necks, performance crew and plain colored tee-shirts**
 - **Dress slacks and jeans in good condition**
 - **Shorts, skirts and skorts with finished bottom (NO FREYED HEMLINES) when worn at the waist 3-3½ inches above the knee.**

Examples of **prohibited attire** including but not limited to:

- **Head gear – (allowed for medical reasons only)**
- **Tank tops, halter tops, bare midriffs, spaghetti strap tops, etc.**
- **Workout attire, bib overalls, jeans not neat, clean or in good condition (no torn jeans)**
- **Attire depicting alcohol, tobacco or gambling, an illegal substance or inappropriate language/gestures may not be worn in accordance with Rule 301b.**

11. **NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES OR USE THEREOF WILL BE PERMITTED WHILE COMPETING. Such actions are cause for disqualification. NO SMOKING by guests or bowlers on the concourse or in the settee area, only in designated areas.**

Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area. This will be strictly enforced. There will be no alcoholic beverages, foul language or gambling allowed on the concourse by the adults.

12. No substitutes will be permitted. Replacements may be used for bowlers not present 15 minutes prior to squad time. **Replacement must have bowled 3 or 2 games during a window from the same league and same center as the “no show” bowler.**

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. 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 will be credited with a zero for that frame.

14. There will be no bowling practice prior to the start of the tournament. Bowlers will be allowed two (2) practice balls on each of their starting lanes.

15. Ties shall be broken by a one game roll-off. Should a tie still exist, it will be broken by an additional 9th and 10th frame roll-off. *(Refer to Rule 326a.)*

16. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the Tournament Director 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 to the Tournament Director within 72 hours of the infraction. Under this rule, each protest must be specific-in-itself.

17. Symbolic awards will be given.

18. The top one (1) bowler in both the U12, U15, U18 divisions for both boys and girls at the state competition with the highest scratch score will earn a berth to the Junior Gold/Pepsi Youth Championships to be held July 11-19, 2025 in Green Bay Wisconsin. Bowlers are not required to have a minimum average or be a Junior Gold Program member to enter the U12, U15, U18 divisions at the local level of qualifying for the Pepsi USBC Youth Championships. However, to receive the berth, the bowler must be a USBC Youth Standard member and USBC Junior Gold program member prior to the Junior Gold Championships. **If the winner is not eligible or a bowler as already earned a berth for the championships, he/she will still retain all awards from the state, but the next eligible bowler will receive the berth to the Junior Gold Championships.**

19. Advancers to the Junior Gold/Pepsi Youth Championships 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. Replacements will incur all costs associated with changing the airline ticket, if applicable.

20. Failure to abide by any rules and regulations will lead to disqualification from this event. The Pepsi USBC Youth Championships National Tournament Committee reserves the right accept or reject any participant.

21. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the NH State Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee and the Pepsi USBC Youth Championships National Tournament Committee. All decisions are final.

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2025 NH State Pepsi Championship

Saturday, April 12, 2025

Maple Lanes Claremont NH 603-542-2400

Check In 9:30 am Start Time 10:00 am

Entry Closing/Receive Date: April 9, 2025

Bowler's Name _____ Membership ID _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Bowler/Parent email _____

DOB _____ Graduation Year _____ Bowling Center _____

League _____ High School _____

View tournament rules at nhstateusbc.com/home.html

ALL DIVISIONS ARE SCRATCH

Check Gender with Proper Age Division

U8	Bowlers whose birthdate is between 8/1/2016 or later	B <input type="checkbox"/>	G <input type="checkbox"/>
U10	Bowlers whose birthdate is between 8/1/2014 thru 7/31/2016	B <input type="checkbox"/>	G <input type="checkbox"/>
U12	Bowlers whose birthdate is between 8/1/2012 thru 7/31/2014	B <input type="checkbox"/>	G <input type="checkbox"/>
U15	Bowlers whose birthdate is between 8/1/2009 thru 7/31/2012	B <input type="checkbox"/>	G <input type="checkbox"/>
U18	Bowlers whose birthdate is between 8/1/2006 thru 7/31/2009	B <input type="checkbox"/>	G <input type="checkbox"/>

To qualify you must bowl 3 games (or 2 if applicable) during one league session of either the October 1 to November 30, 2024 or January 18 to February 22, 2025 windows.

Fees	U8 / U10	U12 / U15 / U18
Lineage	\$ 11.25	\$ 22.50
Expense	1.00	1.00
Scholarship	12.75	16.50
Total	\$ 25.00	\$ 40.00

Signatures: Bowler _____ Parent/Guardian _____

League Official/Coach _____ Phone _____

ENTRY MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED. INCOMPLETE ENTRY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Entry Closing/Receive Date: April 9, 2025

Make check payable to: NH Steering Committee Fees Enclosed \$ _____

Mail to: Catherine Maloney, Tournament Director
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