



2018 Tennessee State Pepsi Youth Championship Scratch Tournament Rules & Format

1. State Competition: **Tenn Pin Alley (formerly Galaxy Lanes), Columbia, TN 38401**
Friday March 16, 2018, 7pm -- and Saturday March 17, 2018, 9am, Noon, 4pm, 7pm
2. **ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 14, 2018.**
3. **Average as of February 1, 2018**, although this is a scratch tournament, average is for lane assignment purposes.
4. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress and shall be governed by the rules of USBC. Certificate #07225.
5. Competition will be conducted in ten (10) divisions, as per the following chart:

- U8 Boys and Girls - birthdate 8/1/2009 or later
- U10 Boys and Girls - birthdate 8/1/2007 thru 7/31/09
- U12 Boys and Girls - birthdate 8/1/2005 thru 7/31/07
- U15 Boys and Girls - birthdate 8/1/2002 thru 7/31/05
- U20 Boys and Girls - birthdate 8/1/1997 thru 7/31/02

Athletes are not mandated to be USBC Junior Gold Program Members to enter. However, athletes must be program members or be eligible and buy membership prior to advancement to the USBC Junior Gold Championships.

6. One time entry. Everyone who enters league level competition will advance to the state level. **All checks are subject to a \$30.00 return fee.**
7. Advancers out of the league level must remain in the division they qualified in during all subsequent levels. If a bowler advances out of the league level in more than one state/zone, the bowler must declare one state/zone to continue competing before the next competition level. HOWEVER, Tennessee does not run league qualifiers for this tournament. It is run as an open tournament. Anyone who bowls in Tennessee can compete if they are declaring Tennessee as their given state/zone.
8. Participants in any level of competition past the league level in more than one state/zone will result in automatic disqualification.

Division	Cost	Lineage	Expense	Awards	Scholarship
U8, U10	\$26.00	\$7.50	\$4.00	\$1.50	\$13.00
U12, U15, U20	\$26.00	\$9.50	\$4.00	\$1.50	\$11.00

9. Scholarship money will be returned 100%. USBC SMART Program contact: USBC Headquarters, (800) 514-2695. Account #8547.
10. U8 and U10 divisions will bowl three (3) games on the same pair of lanes. Total pins will determine winner.
11. U12, U15 and U20 divisions will bowl three (3) games on the same pair of lanes. The field will be cut to the top **12** bowlers in each division, and these athletes will return Sunday March 18, 2018 to bowl three (3) additional games on the same pair of lanes. All bowlers must sign in before 8:30am. All bowling will begin at 9:00am. Scores from qualifying games will carry over. The top five (5) bowlers in each division with the highest accumulated score will then bowl a TV-Style step-ladder roll-off to determine the winners. In case of a tie for the fifth position of the step-ladder, a one game roll-off will be completed to determine who advances. All accumulated scores from previous rounds of qualifying will be dropped going in to the TV-Style step-ladder roll-off. In case of a tie during the Step-ladder, a 9th & 10th frame roll-off will be conducted until a winner is determined.
12. Bowlers in each division will compete on a sport pattern throughout the tournament. Friday and Saturday squads will have the same pattern.
13. **PARTICIPANT UNIFORM:** 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 for that day. **SHIRT:** Competitors shall provide their own bowling shirt with a collared, V-neck, rib-lined, or banded neckline. 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. Slacks must not contain drawstring waists or elastic bottoms. Slacks must have a zipper and a button to be eligible. Jeans are not permitted. Female participants are required to wear slacks, 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. Jeans and yoga pants are not permitted.

No clothing or bowling equipment with tobacco or alcohol advertising will be allowed. The bowling center is a non-smoking facility. USBC youth bowlers participating in the tournament are not allowed to use tobacco or alcohol during their participation in the tournament.

14. Bowlers will be allowed ten (10) minutes of practice.
15. A bowler 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). A bowler not present and ready to bowl when it is their turn will be credited with a zero (0) for that frame.

16. Only bowlers and tournament officials will be allowed in the settee area.
17. There will be no drinking or eating in the settee area.
18. 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 the tournament or when awards are given out, whichever comes first. 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 after competition ends. Each protest under this rule must be specific in itself.
19. Trophies or plaques and scholarships will be awarded as follows: Top three (3) bowlers in the U8 & U10 divisions, top five (5) bowlers in the U12, U15, & U20 divisions.

Scholarships					
	U8 Boys & Girls	U10 Boys & Girls	U12 Boys & Girls	U15 Boys & Girls	U20 Boys & Girls
1 st	\$75	\$75	\$200	\$300	\$500
2 nd	\$50	\$50	\$150	\$250	\$400
3 rd	\$25	\$25	\$100	\$200	\$300
4 th			\$75	\$150	\$200
5 th			\$50	\$100	\$100

20. Special Awards (U12, U15 and U20 Divisions): **NO EXPENSE PAID TRIP FOR WINNERS TO THE 2018 NATIONAL JUNIOR GOLD CHAMPIONSHIPS.** Top highest finishing boys and girls in the U12, U15 and U20 divisions will earn a paid berth to the 2018 Junior Gold Championships in Dallas, TX. USBC will pay for the U12 (\$100), U15 (\$150) and U20 (\$200) entry fee into the Junior Gold Championships for the champions of U12, U15 and U20 divisions. **This does not include expenses.** If any Junior Gold advancer is unwilling / unable to become a USBC Junior Gold Member or will not attend the championships, the athlete will still retain the state scholarship, but the berth to the championships will be awarded to the next eligible athlete.
21. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Tennessee Pepsi Youth Championships Tournament Committee; Rhonda Shaw, Penny Harris, David Channell, David McGowan, and Charles Manning. The National Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.
22. **Please present each bowler with a copy of these rules. No money will be returned after received by the tournament director.**
23. Make Checks Payable to TENNESSEE STATE BOWLING ASSOCIATION and mail to:

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