



**2016-17 EUROPEAN ZONE USBC
PEPSI YOUTH BOWLING
CHAMPIONSHIPS
LEAGUE SECRETARY INSTRUCTIONS**

1. This championship is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) under sanction #04353 for the Regional Tournament and under sanction #04354 for the EuroZone Final competition. This championship is governed by USBC rules and hosted by the European Zone Tournament Committee.

2. Competition is open to all registered 2016-17 USBC Youth Members. To compete, a bowler must be a regular member of a certified USBC league. League substitutes are allowed to participate if it is their only USBC Youth league. There will be **NO League Level Qualification Rounds** since we will use a **one-to-one ratio from league directly to the next level**.

3. Competition will be conducted in 12 divisions based on the participant's age as listed below. Participation in the wrong age division will lead to automatic disqualification. Bowlers must declare within EACH league if they chose to "opt up" to a higher age division. All bowlers that choose to "opt up" must complete a "WAIVER FORM" prior to the competition. The form is attached.

a. To Regional Level Competition:

- U06 Boys - Girls Bowlers whose birth date is 1Aug10 or later
- U08 Boys - Girls Bowlers whose birth date is 1Aug08 thru 31Jul10
- U10 Boys - Girls Bowlers whose birth date is 1Aug06 thru 31Jul08
- U12 Boys - Girls Bowlers whose birth date is 1Aug04 thru 31Jul06

b. To Zone Level Competition:

- U12 Boys - Girls Top 25% from Regional (if they want to participate)
- U15 Boys - Girls Bowlers whose birth date is 1Aug01 thru 31Jul04
- U20 Boys - Girls Bowlers whose birth date is 1Aug96 thru 31Jul01

ALL PEPSI EVENTS WILL BE CONDUCTED ON A SCRATCH BASIS ONLY.

4. Advancers out of league level must remain in the division they qualified in during all subsequent levels. If an athlete advances out of league level in more than one state/zone, the athlete must declare one state/zone to continue competing before the next competition level.

5. Regional Level Competition will be held on **25 February 2017** at the Liberty Lanes in Lakenheath, United Kingdom (UK) and the Vogelweh Bowling Center in Kaiserslautern, Germany (GE). Those houses outside of either the UK or GE can select whichever location they wish to participate at. The Zone Level Competition will be held on **25-26 March 2017** at the Eifel Lanes Bowling Center in Spangdahlem, Germany.

6. **Entry closing date for Regional Level Competition is 11 February 2017, but emails can be sent anytime after 17 December 2016.** You will email all information on each qualifier to the Tournament Director (jimkramer1947@gmail.com) NLT the closing date. The email will contain the completed Excel Workbook “**Entry Form by Division**” (attached) with information on each qualifier annotated in the appropriate division tab of the spreadsheet. Houses/Leagues with Non-US Military Identification Card bowlers will contact the director for the appropriate action. **The entry closing date for the Zone Level Competition is 11 March 2017, but these entries can be annotated within the spreadsheet submitted for the Regional Level Competition. U12 finalists must decide by this closing date if they wish to participate in the ZONE Level competition for a berth to the Junior Gold Championships and pay the additional entry fees.**

7. League or association secretaries are responsible for submission of the league/association entry information and collection of entry fees; entries from other than these secretaries will not be accepted. Association checks, bank checks or postal money orders in US Dollars are the only method of payment and should be made payable to RheinPfalz Bowling Association (RBA) and preferably mailed NLT 7 days after the closing date. However, you may bring payment to the Regional or Zone Level Competition if that would be easier. I would like to limit receiving cash payments.

8. Divisions are based on the participant’s age as previously outlined. **Athletes must choose the division in which they will compete.** Athletes are not mandated to be USBC Junior Gold members to enter the U12, U15, and U20 divisions. **However, athletes must be Junior Gold Program Members or be eligible and buy membership prior to advancement to the Junior Gold Championships.** Athletes will be required to provide identification with proof of age at check in (military identification cards or passports are acceptable).

9. Tournament Format:

a. Athletes will be allowed 10 minutes of practice on their starting lanes. In case of lane breakdown during practice athletes will be allowed to finish their 10 minutes of practice. If lane breakdown occurs during competition there will be 2 practice balls per lane authorized. Athletes arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame being bowled. Missed frames will not be made up and shall be credited with a zero. An athlete not present to bowl when it is their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.

b. **Regional Level Competition (UK and GE):**

- 1) U6 Division will bowl two (2) games on one pair of lanes.
- 2) U8, U10, and U12 Divisions will bowl three (3) games on one pair of lanes.

c. **Zone Level Competition:**

- 1) U12 Division finalists that wish to compete will bowl four (4) games on only one day. They will not change lanes but will bowl all games on the same pair of lanes.

- 2) U15 and U20 Divisions will bowl five (5) games each day for two days. A total of 10 games will be bowled, and bowlers will move one pair of lanes to the right after each game.
- 3) Ties for the first qualifying position will result in a one-game roll-off.

d. Side Tournaments: All these tournaments are open to **any** USBC sanctioned youth and there is **NO** dress code for these tournaments.

1) Adult/Youth Scotch Doubles. This tournament will be held after the Regional Level Competition at both the Vogelweh Bowling Center and the Liberty Lanes. Price for this event is \$30 per team and all proceeds will be distributed to the youth in the form of SMART scholarship as a ratio of 1:5. The oil pattern used will be a regular house pattern.

2) 9-Pin No-Tap Ice Breaker. This tournament will be held on the Friday evening before the Zone Level Competition at the Eifel Lanes. The cost is \$25 per individual for a three (3) game series. All proceeds will be distributed to the youth in the form of SMART scholarship at a ratio of 1:5. The oil pattern for this tournament will be used on the lanes Saturday.

3) Adult/Youth Baker Style Tournament. This tournament will be held on Saturday after the first day of bowling at the Zone Level Competition. The cost is \$45 for the team of one (1) adult and two (2) youth bowlers. All proceeds from this tournament will be distributed to the youth in the form of SMART scholarship to the youth in the final 5 teams. The oil pattern for this tournament will be used on the lanes Sunday.

10. Entry fees are:

U6		U8, U10, and U12		U15 and U20		U12 (from Regional)	
Lineage	\$3.00	Lineage	\$ 4.50	Lineage	\$ 15.00	Lineage	\$6.00
Expenses	\$4.50	Expenses	\$ 4.50	Expenses	\$ 4.50	Expenses	\$4.50
Scholarship	\$22.50	Scholarship	\$ 31.00	Scholarship	\$ 40.50	Scholarship	\$9.50
Total	\$30.00	Total	\$ 40.00	Total	\$ 60.00	Total	\$ 20.00

a. Scholarship fees will be returned 100% to the athlete. Scholarship funds will be forwarded and maintained in the SMART Program at USBC, the contact information is as follows: toll free 1-800-514-2695 (extension 8292). **SMART Account Number is 8557.**

b. ENTRY FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.

11. Only athletes, tournament officials and scorekeepers will be allowed in the settee area.

12. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the Tournament Committee immediately. The tournament committee shall decide upon questionable errors. **All other protests must be submitted in writing to the tournament director before the awards are presented.** Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself. The tournament will not be delayed if at all possible.

13. Symbolic special awards will be awarded for scores from the entire tournament and given as follows:

<u>REGIONAL's</u>	<u>FINAL's (ZONE LEVEL)</u>
U6, U8, U10,& U12 (Boys and Girls)	U12, U15, and U20 (Boys and Girls)
High Game ((\$25 SMART Award)	High Game (\$25 SMART Award)
	High 5 Game Series (\$50 SMART Award)

NOTE: The same bowler will not receive both special awards. High Series award will have precedence.

14. Scholarships will be awarded to the **top 25%** within each of the 12 divisions.

15. All USBC rules are in effect during the tournament. **Smoking and drinking is not authorized by competitors during tournament competition at any time (whether bowling or not), within or around the Bowling Centers.** Parents and guests are permitted to smoke outside the bowling centers, but **no one can drink alcohol during competition.**

16. Displays of unsportsmanlike conduct by athletes will be basis for disqualification. Unsportsmanlike conduct by spectator will result in the removal of that spectator from the bowling center. Parents are asked to refrain from being overzealous during the youth competition.

17. League Secretaries **WILL ENSURE** that all bowlers are aware of the Dress Code written in the Bowlers Instructions and as stated below:

The established **Dress Code** must be strictly adhered to during competition as well as **during awards presentations.** The dress code shall be as follows:

a. Athletes must wear a collared shirt (plain t-shirts are not acceptable) or the USBC or League Youth Jersey. All shirts must have finished sleeves for all competition. Only full-length pants/slacks that cover the stomach area, and must also be belted at the waist will be allowed for all males and females during all competition. Females may also wear skirts, culottes, skorts, or walking shorts that are no shorter than the fingertips when the arms are at their sides while standing. All apparel worn by bowlers shall be loose fitting and NOT made of denim, fleece or Lycra/spandex-like material. **NO jeans of any color, bib overalls, yoga pants, Capri pants, scooters, warm-up suits or clothes with elastic at the ankles will be allowed.**

b. Apparel must be in good repair (no holes, tears, frays, etc) and must not display any obscene gestures, profanity, tobacco/alcohol advertisements, or graphic/offensive material. No writing on or defacing of the bowling shirts will be permitted at any time.

c. No head covering or sunglasses can be worn during competition (hats, caps or bandanas).

d. No cell phones, headphones, or electronics of any kind can be used in the bowlers' area during competition.

e. **Only the U6, U8, U10, and U12 bowlers during "REGIONAL" competition are allowed to wear jeans.**

18. Athletes not accompanied to the regional or zone finals by a parent or legal guardian are required to complete and bring a medical power of attorney giving the athlete's escort legal authority to seek medical attention for the athlete. The Tournament Committee will also need a phone number (preferably a mobile) for at least one coach or the league secretary present during the tournament in case of emergency requirements in the evenings.

19. Winners in the U12, U15, and U20 divisions advancing stateside are responsible for completing registration requirements located on USBC Junior Gold Tournament web-site (<http://www.bowl.com/>).

The top one (1) bowler in the U12, U15, and U20 divisions from both boys and girls with the highest scratch score will earn a berth to the 2017 Junior Gold Championships to be held July 15-22, 2017 in Cleveland, Ohio. The six bowlers must be a USBC Youth Standard Member and USBC Junior Gold program member prior to the Junior Gold Championships. **All advancers must be Junior Gold program members or be eligible and purchase a membership prior to the championships. These athletes will compete for additional scholarships available to all athletes at the championships, as well as other prizes and awards. 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 Division Champion is unwilling to become a USBC Junior Gold member and declines attending the Championships, the athlete will still retain the scholarship, but the berth to the Championships will be awarded to the next eligible bowler or the designated alternate replacement. This also applies if the winner already has a berth for the Junior Gold Championships from a prior tournament.

20. Eligible advancers **must agree** to bowl in the Junior Gold Championships and provide flight confirmation NLT 31 May 2017, or failing to do so, agree to waive all rights to attend the championships and will refund any ancillary funding provided for travel to the championships. The designated alternate replacement from their division at the zone level will attend and must therefore also be a Junior Gold program member. The replacement will incur all costs associated with travel arrangements.

21. The European Zone Tournament Committee and the Pepsi USBC Youth Championship National Tournament Committee shall determine all matters not covered by these rules and regulations. The Pepsi USBC Youth Championship National Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.

European Zone Tournament Committee: Members from the RheinPfalz and UK Anglo-American USBC Associations

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