

# TOURNAMENT OVERVIEW AND SCHEDULE

The Pepsi USBC Youth Championships begins with league level qualifying. Bowling centers with certified USBC Youth leagues are automatic qualifying sites. Since qualifying begins during league level, there is no entry fee at this level. League level qualifying will be between Oct. 1, 2016 and Feb. 28, 2017. **Please note: The league level window includes October to accommodate high school leagues. Please contact your state/zone Pepsi tournament director if your league needs to take advantage of a window earlier than the one specified by your state/zone.**



Qualifying competition is held in divisions based on the bowler's date of birth as of the dates below:

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| ⇒U8 Boys  | Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2008 or later     | ⇒ U8 Girls  |
| ⇒U10 Boys | Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2006 thru 7/31/08 | ⇒ U10 Girls |
| ⇒U12 Boys | Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2004 thru 7/31/06 | ⇒ U12 Girls |
| ⇒U15 Boys | Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2001 thru 7/31/04 | ⇒ U15 Girls |
| ⇒U20 Boys | Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/1996 thru 7/31/01 | ⇒ U20 Girls |

Winners in these divisions will advance to the state/zone competition with some earning scholarships.

The U12, U15 and U20 Division Champions from the state/zone finals will receive a berth from USBC into the 2017 Junior Gold Championships to be held July 15-22, 2017 in Indianapolis, IN. USBC will waive the \$200 (U20), \$150 (U15) and \$100 (U12) entry fee for the U12, U15 and U20 division champions. There the bowlers will compete for additional scholarships available to all athletes at the Junior Gold Championships. **All advancers must be Junior Gold program members or be eligible and purchase a membership prior to the championships.**

## ***YOUR STATE/ZONE PEPSI TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DATES***

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| <b>OCT. 1, 2016-FEB. 28, 2017</b> | League level qualifying will take place.<br>Qualifying window dates are determined by the state/zone Pepsi Tournament Committee and listed in the rules and information. Consult BOWL.com for the Pepsi Tournament Director in each state/zone or see this handbook if you have not received the rules for your specific state/zone. |
| <b>MARCH 1-APRIL 30, 2017</b>     | Center and sectional qualifying will take place (if applicable in your specific state/zone). Contact the Pepsi Tournament Director for your state/zone in case of questions (see BOWL.com for the list of directors).  |
| <b>MARCH 1-MAY 31, 2017</b>       | State/zone competition will take place.  |
| <b>MAY-JUNE 1, 2017</b>           | USBC sends confirmation e-mails to state/zone advancers to Junior Gold Championships.  |
| <b>JUNE 1, 2017</b>               | Deadline for USBC's receipt of information on state/zone advancers to Junior Gold Championships.   |
| <b>JULY 15 – 22, 2017</b>         | 2017 Junior Gold Championships – Cleveland, OH.  |
| <b>JULY 13 – 30, 2017</b>         | bowling.com Youth Open Championships – Cleveland, OH.  |