



2004 ILLINOIS YOUTH BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIPS STATE RULES and FORMAT

1. This tournament is sanctioned by the Young American Bowling Alliance and shall be governed by the rules of the YABA. The tournament sanction number is **521**.
2. **Participation** in the State Finals is a one-time entry. If an individual qualified and cannot participate in the State competition, replacements will be eligible based on order of finish in the previous Zone competition.

Advancers out of the league level must remain in the division they qualified during all subsequent levels. If a bowler advances out of league level in more than one state/province/zone, the bowler must declare one state/province/zone to continue competing before the next competition level. Participation in any level of competition past the league level in more than one state/province/zone will result in automatic disqualification.

Athletes are not mandated to be Junior Gold Program Members to enter the Scratch Division. However, athletes must be Program Members or be eligible and buy membership prior to advancement to the USA Junior Gold National Bowling Championships.

****Bowlers must show MEMBERSHIP CARD when checking in for this tournament.**

3. **ADVANCEMENT RATIO:** The advancement ratio from **Zone** competition to **State** competition is at least **one (1) for every seven (7)** entries per division, or major fraction thereof, including last place ties. In all cases, **at least three persons per division shall advance** to the State Finals. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all eligible divisions.
4. **STATE COMPETITION** will take place at **LANDMARK LANES in Peoria, Illinois on May 1 and 2, 2004, for ages 12 and Over; and on May 15 and 16 for ages 11 and Under.** Squad times will be ASSIGNED by the State Director. *[***State competition will take place in centers serving Pepsi-Cola products. Only centers serving Pepsi-Cola products are eligible to host the State Finals.]*
5. **THIS SECTION FOR ZONE DIRECTORS ONLY:** **Zone Directors** must submit the names, addresses and telephone number of qualifiers along with the tournament entry fee for all qualifiers to the State Director by February 13, 2004 for the 11 & Under Divisions and March 9, 2004 for the 12 & Over Divisions. The advancing bowlers will be notified by personal letter from the State Director as to date and squad time.
6. Competition shall be conducted in six (6) divisions (based on age as of AUGUST 1, 2003)

Division A	Boys' Handicap – Ages 11 and Under
Division B	Girls' Handicap – Ages 11 and Under
Division C	Girls' Handicap – Ages 12 and Over
Division D	Girls' Scratch – Ages 12 and Over
Division E	Boys' Handicap – Ages 12 and Over
Division F	Boys' Scratch – Ages 12 and Over

7. **FORMAT: Ages 11 & Under** will bowl either May 15th or May 16th bowling three (3) games, staying on the same pair of lanes. The State Director may cancel some squad times if there are not enough bowlers to hold a full squad. Position in standings will be determined by total pins plus handicap. Scholarships for tied positions will be added and divided equally.

AGES 12 & Above will bowl May 1st. Bowlers will bowl two (2) three (3) game blocks, moving after three (3) games. The field will be cut to the top 24 in each division after the six (6) games. Position in standings will be determined by total pins, plus handicap, where applicable.

PINS WILL BE DROPPED AFTER SATURDAY!!

The Top 24 from each division will bowl Sunday, May 2nd and will bowl eight (8) games, moving after each game. Starting lanes will be assigned based on qualifying position and bowlers within each division will all cross the same lanes in the semi-final rounds. If a bowler is not available to bowl in the semi-final round his/her replacement will bowl in the position of the replaced bowler in the schedule grid.

Procedure for calling replacements if missing bowlers on Sunday: Replacement names will be called in order of finish, until 24 bowlers are on the lanes, ready to bowl. Names will be called three (3) times, before advancing to the next name.

Upon the completion of eight (8) games, total score plus handicap, where applicable, will determine the top 5 bowlers in each division.

PINS WILL BE DROPPED AGAIN AFTER THE TOP 24 HAVE BOWLED

The top 5 bowlers in each division will then bowl step-ladder finals to determine the bowlers advancing to the International Finals. Example: the 5th place bowler will bowl the fourth place bowler; winner of that match will bowl the 3rd place bowler, etc.

8. **ENTRY FEE** for all divisions is \$10.00
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| Expenses: | \$10.00 |
| Awards | -0- |
| Scholarships | -0- |
| Lineage | -0- |
| TOTAL: | \$10.00 |

9. **ENTRY CLOSING DATE: APRIL 8, 2004** - Bowlers are required to submit the \$10.00 entry fee along with their **INDIVIDUAL AVERAGE RECORD SHEET** for the season as of **MARCH 1, 2004**. ** An individual average record (or summary) sheet, NOT standing sheets, **must be submitted for each league (including travel leagues)** the bowler has bowled in for the 2003-2004 season. *Composite averages will not be permitted.* Bowlers not submitting ALL individual record sheets will be DISQUALIFIED.

An **AFFIDAVIT** form will be mailed to each bowler who, in turn, then must do the following:

- Have coaches sign to verify average for all leagues bowled.
- Fill in all personal information
- Return copy of each league Individual Average Record Sheet

The Individual Average Record Sheets as well as the Affidavit and \$10 entry fee must be returned by **APRIL 8, 2004**. DO NOT bring to the tournament. **If all documents and entry fee are not postmarked by April 8th, the bowler will lose their spot.** Replacements will be called after April 8th to fill the spot. Once a replacement bowler has been obtained, the original entrant cannot be placed back into the tournament.

10. **STATE AVERAGE:** Bowlers will use their highest current average, in any league, as of **March 1, 2004**, with a minimum of nine (9) games. If the minimum has not been met, the bowler must present an Individual Average Record sheet closest to the date of competition.

Averages must be verified by a copy of an Individual Average Record Sheet, thus confirming entrant's attendance at the State Finals, by April 8, 2004. See paragraph 9, above, for all documents that must be mailed to the State Director by that date.

11. **DRESS CODE:** All bowlers must wear suitable attire.

What You CANNOT Wear

- No clothing depicting sex, tobacco products or alcoholic beverages
- No hats/caps/headgear
- No denim, fleece, parachute material, or spandex
- No jeans, shorts, skirts, skorts, warm-up suits or clothes with drawstrings at the waist or elastic/velcro at the ankles

What You CAN Wear

- T-shirts with bowling center name/league sponsor name or current year Pepsi Zone tournament shirt (Saturday Only for the 12 & Over Divisions)
- Shirts with a "fold-down" collar; all shirts must be tucked in
- Boys and Girls will be required to wear trousers / dress slacks.

Dress Code at the State Finals will be strictly enforced. Coaches are asked to review the dress code for State Finals with bowlers.

12. No substitutes will be permitted once the athletes have started tournament play; however, replacements may be used for bowlers not present 30 minutes prior to squad time as stated in Rule #2. Replacements will be called in the order of finish from the zone reports for 2003-2004. Replacements must be from the same Zone as the "no-show" bowler. **Once a replacement has been made, the original bowler cannot be placed back into the tournament.**
13. No tobacco products or consumption of alcoholic beverages by guests or athletes shall be allowed on the concourse or in the settee area, only in designated areas.
14. Advertisements on apparel or bowling equipment depicting alcohol, tobacco, gambling or inappropriate language/gestures during tournament competition will not be allowed and may result in disqualification from the tournament.
15. Competitors shall be allowed ten (10) minutes of practice on their starting pair. No practice will be allowed when moving lanes. NOTE: Exception to this rule for the Top 5 Match Game Format. The next advancing bowler may take two (2) practice balls on the set before score is kept. Warm-up lanes are also available for the top 5 bowlers during the match play. Extreme exceptions shall be determined by the tournament director and any committee members present.
16. If no replacement has been made, bowlers arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then bowled. Frames missed shall be credited with a zero. Frames may not be made-up. A bowler not present to bowl when it is his/her turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
17. Handicap shall be 90% of the difference between the bowlers average and 200.
18. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
19. All ties to determine position in standings during any phase of the Ages 12 & Over Divisions Finals, including last-place ties for advancement to the International Finals, will be broken immediately by a one-game roll off. If a tie still exists, it will be broken by a 9th and 10th frame roll-off, plus 1/10 of handicap per frame, where applicable.
20. 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. Questionable errors shall be decided upon by the tournament director and any committee members present. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the tournament director within 48 hours. Each protest under this rule must be specific in itself.

Score monitors will ask an adult to help watch for rule errors and to stop play instantly. The Tournament Director will be called, along with committee members present, to make the call on any rulings.
21. Symbolic awards will be given as follows: Pins will be given to all State participants. Plaques will be given to the top 5 (stepladder finals) in the 12 and Over Divisions. Plaques will be given to the top 8 in the 11 and Under Divisions.
22. Minimum guaranteed scholarships will be given as follows:

First Place (all divisions)	\$1,000.00
Second Place (all divisions)	\$ 750.00
Third Place (all divisions)	\$ 500.00
Fourth Place (all divisions)	\$ 450.00
Fifth Place (all divisions)	\$ 400.00

Any remaining monies will be awarded on a ratio of 1 to 10, by divisions. Scholarships will be held in the S.M.A.R.T. Program, ATTN: Ed Gocha, 5301 S. 76th, Greendale, WI 53129, telephone number: 1-800-514-2695, extension 3343.

23. **The first place winners of the 12 and above Girls' and Boys' Scratch Divisions will advance to the 2004 USA Junior Gold National Championships July 10-16 in Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas. They must be Junior Gold Program Members to advance (The advancer must meet the 175 or higher average for males or 165 average or higher for females and have a Gold membership or purchase a Gold membership prior to the championships.) YABA will pay for their \$125 entry fee into the USA Junior Gold Championships. These athletes will then still compete for \$15,000 in scholarships earmarked just for Pepsi YBC advancers, plus approximately \$50,000 in scholarships available to all athletes at the championships, as well as other prizes and awards. (No travel reimbursement or stipend will be provided for these athletes by YABA.) All U.S. citizens are vying for a spot on Junior TEAM USA to represent the United States in national and international competition. If the Scratch Division Champion is unwilling/unable to become a Junior Gold Program Member and will not advance to the Championships, the athlete will still retain the state scholarship, but the berth to the Championships will be awarded to the next eligible athlete. The Illinois YBC will also pay an additional entry fee (\$125) to advance the second eligible athlete meeting the Junior Gold membership requirement in each of the Boys' Scratch and Girls' Scratch divisions. The Illinois YBC Tournament will provide up to \$500.00 toward travel expenses to the first place winner in each of the Boys' Scratch and Girls' Scratch divisions as well as the additional boys' scratch and girls' scratch advancers.**

The first place winner in each of the 12 and above divisions of the Boys' and Girls' Handicap will advance to the 2004 Pepsi Youth Bowling Championships international finals being conducted in Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas on July 19-21, 2004. Advancement to the finals is an expense paid trip for the athlete only, except for finalists representing military commands of the European, Far Eastern and the Caribbean Zones. These finalists are responsible for their traveling expenses to reach the continental United States border. **Airfare arrangements will be made by each athlete within stated guidelines and parameters. A stipend will be provided to each athlete on site for housing and meal expenses.** Winners are not confirmed as international finalists until they receive a confirmation letter from YABA. **Advancers will be required to accompanied by a parent, guardian or coach. The international finals will no longer be providing chaperones.**

24. Additional berths to the International Finals will be given as follows:
- Two (2) girls' handicap.....sending a total of **three (3)** to international finals
 - Four (4) boys' handicap.....sending a total of **five (5)** to international finals
25. Finalists advancing out of the 12 and above Boys' and Girls' Handicap Divisions from the state level are eligible for either Division I or II at the international finals. These finalists will be ranked by their adjusted average in their respective gender category. Divisions I and II are created by the split at the middle adjusted average point. Finalists will then only compete against those in their respective division.
26. The entering average for athletes at the Pepsi International Finals may be adjusted if the finalist's average at the state competition was more than ten (10) pins higher than his or her year-end average. The state competition average is figured from the first six scratch games bowled (not including tiebreakers or step-ladders). Previous Coca-Cola Youth Bowling Championships or Pepsi Youth Bowling Championships competition averages will also be used in figuring the entering average at the 2004 International Finals.
27. Finalists must agree to bowl in the international finals 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. If the advancer decides not to attend the international finals, the state scholarship won may be withdrawn. This decision will be made by the Illinois Youth Bowling Championships Tournament Committee, based on the reasons for not attending the international finals.
28. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Illinois Youth Bowling Championships Tournament Committee. Failure to abide by any rules and regulations will lead to disqualification from this event. The IL YBC Tournament Committee and/or the National Pepsi-Cola Youth Bowling Championships Tournament Committee reserve the right to accept or deny any participant.

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