

2018 California Pepsi Championships Tidbits

- x To date, the Pepsi Youth Championships nationwide has awarded more than \$6 million in scholarships — it is estimated that at least \$500,000 in scholarships will be awarded nationwide this season alone. ***By conducting the league level competition you are giving your bowlers an opportunity to help finance their college education. California awarded \$40,000 in scholarships last year and has awarded over \$943,000 since 1998.***
- x The Pepsi USBC Youth Championships begins at the league level. The tournament is open to all USBC Youth bowlers (Basic and Standard). USBC Youth membership brings many unique opportunities for athletes:
 - Compete for FREE at the league level of competition.
 - Compete with other youth of the same age for scholarships.
 - U8 and U10 division champions (scratch) at the District Finals will earn scholarships and a single entry (\$80 value) into all four events of the California Youth State Championships to be held **July 2018 in Nowalk**. First Place finishers in the U12, U15 & U20 divisions (scratch) will earn \$50 scholarships, berths into the 2018 Diddy Watts Youth State Singles Challenge Semi-Finals (Aug 2018; Rancho Bowl, Santa Maria) and will qualify to the State Finals.
 - Six FREE berths are available for the U12, U15 and U20 Division Champions (Boys/Girls) into the **2018 USBC Junior Gold Championships on July 14-21, 2018 in Dallas, TX** at the State Finals
- x **The CA PEPSI USBC LEAGUE HANDBOOK is available online only at CalUSBC.com.** This handbook contains information and worksheets needed to conduct the league level competition. The District and State Finals rules are enclosed in this packet. Please make sure that all Coaches and bowlers read this information.
- x **League-level qualifying is FREE!** Qualifying windows are **November 4-17, 2017** and **January 13-26, 2018**. If your youth league has a bye during this time, contact your District Director and let them know that you need to shift your dates either one week earlier or one week later. All USBC certified youth bowlers should have a chance to participate in one of the largest scholarship tournaments in California! League level qualifying uses scratch scores.
- x California will run a separate **HANDICAP division** at the District Finals – EVERYONE WILL BE ENTERED. This handicap division will be optional at the State Finals. **Handicap: 100% of 210.**
- x Champions, scholarship placement and Junior Gold berths (6) are determined by total scratch pinfall per division at the State Finals. State qualifiers must register their squad time online March 30 through April 13.
- x Contact your local District Director if you need any help with completing the Pepsi paperwork. (The enclosed **PINK sheet** contains tournament info, locations and fees for your district). Check your district number on the back of the cover letter and make sure you have the correct District Finals tournament information for your center.
- x Turn in your **FEBRUARY 10** and **FALL/WINTER LEAGUE ENDING league sheets** to your District Director along with Pepsi worksheets, summary sheet and fees. We also need your USBC membership listings so that we can verify current membership before they bowl in the District Finals. Memberships are not sold on-site.
- x Fees and paperwork for the District Finals are due **FEBRUARY 18**. Turn in your November qualifying paperwork by **DECEMBER 31** to lock in your squad times (no fee required for the Dec deadline)!
- x To help award more scholarship dollars, there is going to be a **\$10 ON-SITE ENTRY FEE** for those competing in the State Finals in May.

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