

LA. Commercial Center Invitation to Host a Youth State Tournament

On behalf of nearly 3000 USBC Youth Members across the state of Louisiana,

we invite your bowling center to consider bidding to host one of our premier state youth tournaments and the US Open. The following requirements are for your information and consideration.

The following sites are selected by the delegates and directors attending the Louisiana USBC Youth Association (LA Youth) annual meeting (usually the 3rd or 4th Saturday in July). The proprietor or designee from the center bidding must be in attendance at the meeting to present the bid.

LA USBC Youth Association State Championship Tournament (State Tour)

Conducted by: Louisiana USBC Youth Assoc Board of Directors Dates: First 2 or 3 weekends in March, 2 or 3 shifts each day

Minimum Lane Requirement: 32 Lanes

Additional Information: This site is chosen a year and ½ in advance and no center is allowed to host the event 2 years in a row.

Louisiana USBC Youth Match Games Tournament (Match Games)

Conducted by: Louisiana USBC Youth Assoc Board of Directors Dates: 3rd or 4th weekend in July, daytime Saturday and Sunday

Minimum Lane Requirement: 24 Lanes

Additional Requirements: Must help secure meeting site (hotel or otherwise) for Saturday night annual association delegates meeting.

The following sites are selected by the Proprietors at the annual Louisiana Bowling Proprietors Association (LBPA) annual meeting usually held in late July or early August of each year. The proprietor or designee from the Center that is bidding must be in attendance at the meeting to present the bid.

Louisiana Grand Prix Singles Tournament (Grand Prix)

Conducted by: Foundation of LBPA

Dates: 3rd or 4th weekend in January, day & night Saturday and Sunday daytime

Minimum Lane Requirement: 32 Lanes

Additional Requirements: LBPA and Grand Prix Scholarship

Program current member

Pepsi USBC Youth Championships – Louisiana State Finals (Pepsi Tour)

Conducted by: Louisiana USBC Youth Assoc Board of Directors Dates: Weekend in April, day & night Saturday and daytime Sunday

Minimum Lane Requirement: 32 Lanes

Additional Requirements: LBPA member with current BPAA-Pepsi program contract. Must have current season youth league.

Qubica-AMF / BPAA Family and Adult / Youth Tournament (Family Tour)

Conducted by: LBPA Tournament Committee

Dates: Weekend in May, Saturday and Sunday daytime

Minimum Lane Requirement: 24 Lanes

Additional Requirements: LBPA current member

US Open

Conducted by: LBPA Tournament Committee

Dates: Saturday in December or January

Minimum Lane Requirement: 24 Lanes

Additional Requirements: LBPA current member

We ask all centers before bidding for these tournaments offer and/or be prepared for the following:

Once a weekend(s) is agreed upon, the whole house will be reserved for the Saturdays and Sundays as stated above. This may or may not include a Friday night shift. Competition will usually be completed by 9PM on Saturday and 6PM on Sunday. Lanes can and will be released once all entries are in and participation is known.

A tournament office with a telephone, tables, electrical outlets, internet access, and chairs. A lounge area is difficult to work in as youth tournaments will have children in the tournament office. The telephone may also be used after bowling is finished on Saturday evening so participants may call to see if they qualified for the Sunday finals.

Providing concourse space and tables for check-in and selling of fund raiser items or raffles. We will try to notify you in advance of the fund raiser items to try to avoid conflicts in what the center sells. Also, whereas most youth bowling events draw a lot of spectators, we will work with you to brainstorm the best possible scenario in accommodating all participants with seating and as many spectators as possible without causing overcrowding or hazardous.

Lane monitors need to be provided for every 4-6 lanes for youth tournaments, on each shift. Their responsibilities will include observing lanes for foul, scoring and machinery problems, recording and turning in scores, facilitating the moving of lanes between games, proper names or initials on scorer, and notifying tournament officials if rules are not being followed. You may need to solicit help from your local USBC Men, Women and Youth associations, area coaches and other bowling centers to have enough help. Knowledge of the house's automatic scoring system is imperative.

Youth director or management to serve as a liaison between the tournament officials and the bowling center and/or lane monitors to communicate needs and lane problems resolved.

Lane conditions to be negotiated between bowling center and tournament director. The lanes may need to be redressed during the middle of days with heavy play. Also, proper working foul lights are important to the success of any smooth running youth tournament.

We will ask your indulgence in furnishing us with a \$2.50 lineage rate that includes warm-up shots before each session. We also ask that you provide the youth bowlers bowling shoes and light weight bowling balls at no charge. Any variance in this lineage price would need to be approved by the board of directors conducting the event.

You should be well prepared at your concession for heavy business. We will also ask to run a tab for our volunteer tournament workers to eat while they are working. This and the lineage will be paid for at the end of each weekend.

We will solicit your help in selecting a host hotel for the tournament participants. Your suggestions of ones that are reasonably priced and may offer comp rooms for some of our tournament workers would be appreciated.

Bids for all of these tournaments must be submitted in writing by June 30 of each year, to the La. USBC Youth Assoc. Manager and the bids for the US Open Tournament must be sent to the LBPA Executive Director. Thank you for your interest in hosting these bowling events.

We look forward to working with you.