

## **RULES - STATE LEVEL – VIRGINIA**



1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (#05444) and shall be governed by USBC rules.
2. Dates of LEAGUE qualifying are November 3 – 16, 2013 and January 19 – February 1, 2014. Advancement from LEAGUE is a one time entry. If an individual who qualified cannot participate in the STATE LEVEL competition, replacements will be eligible based on order of finish in LEAGUE competition.
3. Advancement ratio from LEAGUE competition to the STATE LEVEL competition is at least one (1) for every ten (10) entries per - division, or major fraction thereof, including last-place ties. The base number for each division is the number of league members that would have participated in that division. In all cases at least one person per division shall advance. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all eligible divisions.
4. **Advancers out of the LEAGUE LEVEL must remain in the division they qualified in during the STATE LEVEL. If a bowler advances out of LEAGUE LEVEL in more than one state/zone, the bowler must declare one state/zone to continue competing before the next competition level. Participation in any level of competition past the LEAGUE LEVEL in more than one state/zone will result in automatic disqualification.**
5. Competition will take place at: AMF Hanover Lanes, 7317 Bell Creek Road, Mechanicsville, Virginia. Telephone Number: 804-559-2600. Dates April 26, 27; May 3, 4; May 10, 11. Squad times will be 10:00am and 2:00pm each day.
6. Entry closing date is 18 March 2014. Tournament entry form containing qualifiers' names, averages and birthdates; coaches' addresses and telephone numbers must be submitted to the tournament director by this date.
7. Divisions are based on the participant's date of birth.

<input type="checkbox"/> U8 Boys	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2005 or later	<input type="checkbox"/> U8 Girls
<input type="checkbox"/> U10 Boys	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2003 thru 7/31/05	<input type="checkbox"/> U10 Girls
<input type="checkbox"/> U12 Boys	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2001 thru 7/31/03	<input type="checkbox"/> U12 Girls
<input type="checkbox"/> U15 Boys	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/1998 thru 7/31/01	<input type="checkbox"/> U15 Girls
<input type="checkbox"/> U20 Boys	Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/1993 thru 7/31/98	<input type="checkbox"/> U20 Girls

**Athletes must choose the division in which they will compete. Athletes must be Junior Gold Members or be eligible and buy membership prior to advancement to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships.\*\*\*** Competition shall be conducted in **ALL** divisions:

8. The tournament format shall be:
  - **Divisions U8, and U10:** Bowlers will bowl three (3) games on the same pair of lanes.
  - **Divisions U12, U15 and U20:** Bowlers will bowl six (6) games in two 3-game blocks switching lanes for each block.
  - Total pinfall only will determine winners in each division.

### **9. Entry fee is: U8 and U10 Divisions:**

Lineage	\$9.75
Expenses	\$0.50
Scholarships	<u>\$7.75</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18.00</b>

### **U12, U15 and U20 Divisions:**

Lineage	\$19.50
Expenses	\$ 2.00
Scholarships	<u>\$ 8.50</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 30.00</b>

Scholarship fees shall be returned 100% to the bowlers. **Scholarships will be held in SMART - Account Number 8551.**

10. All bowlers must wear suitable attire. **Wearing of the "official USBC Youth Jersey" is encouraged. No hats/caps allowed. Bowling shirts must have sleeves and must meet the waist band of the bowler's shorts, skirt or slacks. If wearing shorts or skirt they must be at least half way to the knee – no short shorts. No smoking by guests or athletes in the bowling center in accordance with Commonwealth of Virginia law.**
11. No substitutes will be permitted **once athletes have started tournament play**; however, replacements may be used for bowlers

not present ten (10) minutes prior to the squad time as stated in Rule 2. **Replacements must be from order of finish from LEAGUE LEVEL (i.e. the same window, same league and same center as the “no-show” bowler. They must follow the order of advancement within that window/league.)**

12. Competitors shall be allowed ten (10) minutes of practice time on their starting pair.
13. If no replacement has been made, bowlers arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. Missed frames shall be credited with a zero. **Frames may not be made-up.** A bowler not present to bowl when it's their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
14. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
15. Ties for positions involving scholarships will remain; awards will be combined and divided equally among the tying bowlers.
16. 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 or 30 minutes after the completion of competition. Questionable errors shall be decided upon by the tournament director. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the tournament director within 72 hours of the infraction. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
17. Symbolic awards will not be given.
18. Scholarships will be awarded as follows: 1st place in each division plus additional awards based on one award for every 20 STATE LEVEL entries per division, or major fraction thereof. Minimum scholarship for division champions will be \$150. Scholarship awards will be given in ALL divisions.
19. **The first place winners of the U12, U15 and U20 Divisions for both Girls and Boys will advance to the 2014 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships on July 12-18, 2014 in Buffalo, NY. They must be USBC Junior Gold members to advance to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships. Bowlers without a current Junior Gold membership must purchase a USBC Junior Gold membership prior to July 1, 2014. USBC will waive the \$200 (U20), \$150 (U15) and \$100 (U12) entry fee for the athletes. 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 2015 to represent the United States in national and international competition. If the U12, U15 or U20 Division Champion is unwilling or unable to become a USBC Junior Gold member they will not advance to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships. However, the athlete will still retain the state scholarship, but the berth to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships will be awarded to the next eligible athlete. Virginia State Pepsi USBC Youth Championships will provide partial payment of travel expenses based on available funds, with a maximum of \$200. Payment amount will be announced at the State Finals.**  
**If an athlete cannot advance or has won a spot in the North Pointe Junior Gold Championship through a previous qualifier, the athlete retains his/her scholarship, but the berth will be granted to the next eligible bowler. Also if an athlete has won a spot through a previous qualifier, he/she retains the stipend. If the athlete already has a stipend they would retain the higher stipend amount, they are NOT allowed to earn multiple stipends. The stipend, in this case, would go to the next eligible athlete.**
20. Eligible advancers must agree to bowl in the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships, 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.
21. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Virginia State Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee. The National Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.

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