

OCTOBER 2016

Dear League Supervisor/League Level Coordinator;

Based on last year's success, the optional Handicap divisions will again be available to all STATE LEVEL entrants in all age divisions.

Bowlers will continue to qualify for the STATE LEVEL as in the past based on their scratch scores at the League Level. If they opt to bowl at the STATE LEVEL, bowlers will be able to also enter the optional handicap divisions by paying an additional fee. The tournament is still ALL scratch in ALL divisions to determine STATE LEVEL qualifiers. See the STATE LEVEL rules for additional details. Contact me with any questions, hopefully this year the confusion has dropped regarding the optional handicap event.



Scholarships will be awarded at the STATE LEVEL in ALL divisions. Over \$20,000 in scholarships were awarded in last year's tournament. Make sure your bowlers have their opportunity for this year's scholarships.

The STATE LEVEL champions in the U12, U15 and U20 divisions will receive a paid entry into the 2017 Junior Gold Championships conducted July 15-22, 2017 in Cleveland, Ohio. Champions of the optional handicap divisions will NOT receive an entry to the 2017 Junior Gold Championships. A travel stipend will be available to the Junior Gold qualifiers. See the State Rules for additional details.

League qualifying will be in accordance with USBC rules included with your league kit. *In case you didn't get the league kit; you can download the league level handbook and other information at either <http://vastateusbc.com/youth/> or <http://www.bowl.com/pepsiyouth/>. Make sure your bowlers initial the worksheet forms confirming their birth dates, divisions and they are provided with a copy of all level rules. Qualifying windows for your league qualifying are as follows:*

NOVEMBER WINDOW: November 6 - 19, 2016 FEBRUARY WINDOW: Jan 22 – Feb 04, 2017

If you need to adjust these dates because of weather or other events at your center, please feel free to do so.

Enclosed are your copies of the format and rules for the STATE LEVEL competition of the 2017 VIRGINIA STATE PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS. Also, enclosed is a checklist with the November Qualifiers Form to help you schedule your events and the STATE QUALIFIERS form to list your qualifiers for the STATE LEVEL.

Return the STATE QUALIFIERS Forms **(one form per league)** and STATE LEVEL fees to me as soon as **possible after the end of the February qualifying period. Fees are \$18.00 for Divisions U8 and U10 and \$30.00 for Divisions U12, U15 and U20. Optional handicap event fee is \$10.00. The STATE LEVEL deadline for submitting qualifiers is March 13, 2017. All entries must be postmarked by March 13, 2017.**

The STATE LEVEL competition will be held at AMF Hanover Lanes, 7317 Bell Creek Road, Mechanicsville, Virginia. Dates will be April 22, 23, 29, 30, May 6 and 7, 2017. Squad times will be 10:00am and 2:00pm each day.

If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely yours,

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