

Dear League Supervisor/League Level Coordinator;

New division this year. USBC has added the U17 Divisions to this year's tournament. Like the U12, U15 and U20 divisions, the U17 division champions will advance to the National Junior Gold tournament.

The optional Handicap divisions will again be available 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 the 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.

Scholarships will be awarded at the STATE LEVEL in ALL divisions. Almost **\$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, U17, and U20 divisions will receive a paid entry into the 2019 Junior Gold Championships conducted July 13-20, 2019 in Detroit, Michigan. Champions of the optional handicap divisions will NOT receive an entry to the 2019 Junior Gold Championships. A travel stipend will be available to the Junior Gold qualifiers. See the State Level 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 4 - 17, 2018 FEBRUARY WINDOW: Jan 20 – Feb 2, 2019

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 2019 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 \$19.00 for Divisions U8 and U10 and \$32.00 for Divisions U12, U15, U17 and U20. Optional handicap event fee is \$10.00. The STATE LEVEL deadline for submitting qualifiers is March 18, 2019. All entries must be postmarked by **March 19, 2019**.**

The STATE LEVEL competition will be held at AMF Hanover Lanes, 7317 Bell Creek Road, Mechanicsville, Virginia. Dates will be April 27 and 28, and May 4, 5, 11 and 12, 2019. Squad times will be 10:00am and 2:00pm each day.

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

Sincerely yours,

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